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United States District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri Grants Nationwide Conditional Class Action Certification in Lawsuit Against GC Services, L.P.

Kansas City, MO – This action is the result of two lawsuits, one filed in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri filed by Stueve Siegel Hanson LLP and Weinhaus & Potashnick and one in the District Court for the Southern District of West Virginia brought by Cochran, Cherry, Givens, Smith, Lane & Taylor and the Law Offices of P. Jacobs, that were consolidated into one action in the Eastern District of Missouri.

On October 6, 2010, the Court granted conditional certification to a class of call center workers employed by GC Services L.P. and GC Services Corporation (GC Services) at their call center facilities located across the country, excluding California. The Court's certification order applies to all current and former employees who have staffed dedicated telephone lines at GC Services call centers in the United States, excluding California, at any time in the last three years. The Court, in conditionally certifying this case, also authorized notice be sent to the call center workers employed during the class period informing them of the lawsuit and their right to join.

In granting certification, the Court found that "Plaintiffs have come forward with substantial allegations that they and the other members of the proposed collective action were victims of a single decision, policy or plan to deprive them of compensation, namely, that they were required to perform some work, including but not limited to booting up their computers and logging into one or more computer software programs, without getting paid for it."

The lawsuit alleges that GC Services has consistently violated federal wage and hour laws by failing to pay its call center employees all earned wages and overtime and by failing to accurately record all time worked pre-shift and post-shift and over their unpaid lunch breaks.

The work duties that the GC Services workers allege that they have not been paid for include:

- booting up and logging in to computer terminals;
- accessing a variety of computer applications and programs; and
- skip tracing, as well as other tasks integral and indispensable to their primary job duties.

Stueve Siegel Hanson LLP represents plaintiffs and defendants nationwide in complex business disputes on a contingency basis.

Weinhaus & Potashnick represents employees in unlawful employment practice claims.

The Cochran Firm serves as plaintiffs' counsel in a number of class actions and mass torts, including employment, environmental, and pharmaceutical cases.

The Law Offices of Pat Jacobs represents individuals in West Virginia on a variety of cases including employment and social security disability.