

Stepan Mekhitarian v. Deloitte & Touche et al.

United States District Court, Central District of California, Case No. CV07-0412 DSF (MANx)

“[T]his is a case where either all or at least a substantial part of it is appropriate for class treatment.... And considering the number of people in this class and unlike many class actions, there are real dollars here that are involved.... [There are] some real concerns about whether these employees are properly classified....”

~ U.S. District Judge Dale S. Fischer, September 29, 2008.

And with those words, Judge Fischer handed anyone who worked as a Tax Associate or Tax Senior in Deloitte’s California **Lead Tax Services** group from December 11, 2002 to the present¹ some truly great news regarding potential overtime pay.

HOWEVER, because she considers the stakes involved in this case so significant, Judge Fischer wants class representatives who can *“adequately represent these good, hard working, over-worked [employees], perhaps over-worked without the appropriate pay.”* So, in layman’s terms, although the Judge has ruled that the Plaintiff has satisfied almost every requirement necessary for this case to proceed as a class action, she will not allow it to go forward unless and until new class representatives step forward as lead plaintiffs.²

BUT, there is not a lot of time to present new class representatives to the Court. As Judge Fischer said, “This needs to get moving. This is an ’07 case. . . . I will expect within 45 days of today [September 29, 2008] that we will have another motion [on or before November 13, 2008].”

SO, here’s the challenge: For this case to proceed as a class action, the Court requires that new class representatives must step forward. Judge Fischer framed it this way, *“You have all sorts of people out there. There is a ton of them.”*

IF you (or anyone you know who worked in LEAD TAX SERVICES) are willing to accept that challenge to represent the class, please email Armond@MarcarianLaw.us with your telephone number and the Plaintiff’s Co-Lead Attorney will contact you with complete details. Even if you are unsure and would simply like more information, please contact us – there is no obligation. If you prefer, please call Armond Marcarian at (818) 995-8787 OR William Harris at (818) 990-1999.

The Court’s clock is running – November 13 is fast approaching – ***please call or email for more information today.***

¹ Excluding the period of time that any Tax Associate or Tax Senior was licensed as a CPA or an attorney.

² Judge Fischer actually commented that the Plaintiff’s moving papers were “very well done”. Because of the size and importance of this case, the Judge is requiring one or more new plaintiffs.

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