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Shea Stokes & Carter Prevails in Its Defense of California Restaurant Chain in \$100 Million Class Action Wage and Hour Case

Shea Stokes & Carter ALC has succeeded in obtaining a favorable ruling from the Orange County, California, Superior Court that reduced a multi-million dollar case against its client, Pick Up Stix, to a value of less than \$200,000.

In *Shields v. Pick Up Stix*, general managers and assistant general managers of the California restaurant chain filed a class action claiming that they were misclassified as exempt employees and seeking damages for unpaid overtime, unpaid meal breaks and expenses. The case, filed on behalf of approximately 300 putative class members, sought \$100 million in damages.

Through innovative defense strategies in discovery and on motions for summary judgment, Shea Stokes & Carter obtained a ruling in Pick Up Stix's favor that eliminated the claims of all but 5 plaintiffs, significantly reducing the clients' exposure to liability and the value of plaintiffs' claims.

Shea Stokes & Carter serves clients in more than 35 states. It is one of the most highly regarded labor and employment firms in the U.S., representing clients in the hospitality industry on a national level. Shea Stokes & Carter is also a leader in defending class action and high-exposure litigation and in effective management of complex litigation. The firm has offices in Atlanta, Ithaca, New York, Los Angeles, Orange County, and San Diego (www.sheastokes.com)

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