

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

JOHN DEJOSEPH, an individual, on behalf of himself and all others similarly situated; GINA MARTINEZ, an individual, on behalf of herself and all others similarly situated; EDWARD GOULDING, an individual, on behalf of himself and all others similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

MICHAELS STORES, INC., a Delaware corporation; and  
DOES 1 through 100, inclusive,

Defendants.

CASE NO. CV07-1489-GW (JWJx)

Hon. George H. Wu  
Courtroom 10

**CLASS ACTION**

**NOTICE OF DECERTIFICATION OF  
CLASS ACTION**

TO: ALL PRESENT AND FORMER STORE MANAGERS OF MICHAELS STORES, INC. ("MICHAELS STORES") WHO WERE EMPLOYED AT ANY TIME AS STORE MANAGERS IN CALIFORNIA ON OR AFTER MAY 10, 2002.

The plaintiffs in this lawsuit allege that Michaels Stores improperly classified its California store managers as "exempt" from California's overtime and meal break requirements. Michaels Stores denies the plaintiffs' allegations. On October 30, 2008, you were mailed a notice explaining that the Court had certified a class action with respect to the plaintiffs' overtime claims, as to "all present and former store managers of Michaels Stores, Inc. who were employed at any time as store managers in California on or after May 10, 2002."

The purpose of this current notice is to inform you that the Court has now decertified the class. **Therefore, this case is no longer a class action, you are no longer a member of a class, and the named plaintiffs are no longer pursuing claims on your behalf. Also, unless you have retained counsel on your own, you are no longer represented by legal counsel in connection with this lawsuit. The statute of limitations on individual claims is also no longer tolled, and therefore individual claims may be precluded if they are not brought in a timely fashion.**

Further information about this notice or the lawsuit may be obtained by writing, calling, or e-mailing counsel for the named plaintiffs or counsel for Michaels Stores at:

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If you are a current store manager for Michaels, you cannot be retaliated against for proceeding with an individual action.

You may view the Court files in this case by visiting the United States District Court for the Central District of California, located at 312 N. Spring Street, Los Angeles, California 90012.

**PLEASE DO NOT WRITE OR CONTACT THE COURT FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THIS LAWSUIT.**

Dated: June 8, 2009

Hon. George H. Wu  
Judge of the United States District Court