

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF  
CALIFORNIA

Pembrick v. Loyal Source Government Services, LLC

Pembrick · No. 3:24-cv-01524-RBM-DEB · Decided August 22, 2025

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the Southern District of California granted the parties’ joint stipulation to remand a representative PAGA action to the San Diego Superior Court. The court also ordered each party to bear its own attorneys’ fees and costs related to removal and remand.

CASE DETAILS

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| COURT                 | United States District Court for the Southern District of California                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| WRITING FOR THE COURT | Ruth Bermudez Montenegro                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| JURISDICTION          | United States District Court for the Southern District of California                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| DECIDED               | August 22, 2025                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| DOCKET                | 3:24-cv-01524-RBM-DEB                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| DISPOSITION           | remanded                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| PROCEDURAL POSTURE    | Defendant removed a representative California Private Attorneys General Act action from state court. After the parties entered into a settlement and jointly stipulated to remand, the district court granted the joint motion and remanded the action. |
| PRECEDENTIAL VALUE    | unpublished district court order                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

TOPICS

- civil procedure
- subject matter jurisdiction
- arbitration
- employment law

PRACTICE AREAS

- civil procedure
- employment law

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

- Whether the parties' joint stipulation and request for remand should be granted after settlement of the removed action.

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Monique Pembrick brought a representative action seeking civil penalties under California's Private Attorneys General Act on behalf of herself and similarly situated individuals. Loyal Source Government Services, LLC removed the action to federal court, where the parties subsequently reached a settlement and jointly requested remand.

## PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Plaintiff filed a PAGA representative action in the San Diego Superior Court on July 22, 2024. Defendant removed the action on August 27, 2024, and later moved to compel arbitration; the court denied that motion on July 28, 2025. Following settlement, the parties jointly requested remand, which the court granted.

## DISPOSITION

remanded

## REMAND INSTRUCTIONS

The action is remanded to the Superior Court of the State of California, County of San Diego. Each party shall bear its own attorneys' fees and costs relating to removal and remand.

## CASES CITED

- Crowder v. Sprouts Farmers Mkt., LLC, No. 23-CV-00140-H-JLB, 2023 WL 2258324, at \*1 (S.D. Cal. Feb. 27, 2023)