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### **Castle, Petersen & Krause, LLP Receives Final Approval to a Class-Wide, \$38 Million Settlement on Behalf of Individuals Employed at 24 Hour Fitness**

NEWPORT BEACH, Calif.-- March 10, 2006 -- Castle, Petersen & Krause, LLP, a California law firm specializing in wage and hour class actions, announced today that on Jan. 27, 2006, the United States District Court granted final approval to a class-wide, \$38 million settlement on behalf of approximately 50,000 individuals employed at 24 Hour Fitness locations throughout California.

Under the settlement approved by the court, 24 Hour Fitness will pay up to \$38 million to resolve claims alleging violations of the law for, among other things: (1) failing to pay overtime wages to certain managers at 24 Hour Fitness, (2) failing to pay hourly club employees for all hours worked, including overtime hours worked, (3) failing to provide mandatory meal and rest breaks, (4) improper deduction of earned commissions and bonus wages, and (5) requiring employees to pay for and maintain uniforms at their own costs. This global settlement resolved the claims contained in seven separate class action lawsuits filed against 24 Hour Fitness.

The plaintiffs' class was collectively represented by Gregory G. Petersen of the law firm of Castle, Petersen & Krause, LLP; Rene Barge of the law firm Spiro, Moss, Barness, Harrison & Barge LLP; James M. Trush of the Trush Law Office; Greg K. Hafif of the Law Offices of Herbert Hafif, and Larry A. Sackey of the Law Offices of Larry A. Sackey.

#### **About Castle, Petersen & Krause, LLP**

The law firm of Castle, Petersen & Krause, LLP, headquartered in Newport Beach, CA, specializes in labor and employment law and litigation, and business litigation. The firm's areas of focus within labor and employment include civil rights, labor relations, contract negotiations, disciplinary actions, Fair Labor Standards Act ("FLSA"), discrimination, retaliation, wage and hour issues, and wrongful termination. Castle, Petersen & Krause has a near 30-year history of representing law enforcement officers and their associations in contract negotiations, disciplinary actions, civil rights claims, and class actions related to FLSA and wage and hours matters. The firm also has a history of success in recovering overtime wages from public and private employers through FLSA class action claims, including recent cases against the City of Los Angeles and companies in the hospitality and fitness industries. Additionally, Castle, Petersen & Krause provides its clients counsel in the areas of construction defect, intellectual property, product liability and first and third party insurance litigation, as well as personal injury claims. More information on Castle, Petersen & Krause can be found at [www.cpk-law.com](http://www.cpk-law.com).