# Stephenson Wholesale Co., Inc. dba W Indian Nation Wholesale Co.

# **EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK**

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#### Welcome

Welcome to **Stephenson Wholesale!** We are delighted that you have chosen to join our organization and hope that you will enjoy a long and successful career with us. As you become familiar with our culture and mission, we hope you will take advantage of opportunities to enhance your career and further **Stephenson Wholesale's** goals.

You are joining an organization that has a reputation for outstanding leadership, innovation, and expertise. Our employees use their creativity and talent to invent new solutions, meet new demands, and offer the most effective services/products in the industry. With your active involvement, creativity, and support, **Stephenson Wholesale** will continue to achieve its goals. We sincerely hope you will take pride in being an important part of **Stephenson Wholesale** 's success.

Please take time to review the policies contained in this handbook. If you have questions, feel free to ask your supervisor or to contact the Human Resources Department.

#### **OUR MISSION:**

WE **EMPOWER** OUR CUSTOMERS'

FINANCIAL SUCCESS THROUGH OUR

PEOPLE, PRODUCTS AND SERVICES

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# **Employment at Will**

Employment at **Stephenson Wholesale** is on an at-will basis unless otherwise stated in a written individual employment agreement signed by the President of the company.

This means that either the employee or the company may terminate the employment relationship at any time, for any reason, with or without notice.

Nothing in this employee handbook is intended to or creates an employment agreement, express or implied. Nothing contained in this or any other document provided to the employee is intended to be, nor should it be, construed as a contract that employment or any benefit will be continued for any period of time. In addition, no company representative is authorized to modify this policy for any employee or to enter into any agreement, oral or written, that changes the at-will relationship.

Any salary figures provided to an employee in annual or monthly terms are stated for the sake of convenience or to facilitate comparisons and are not intended and do not create an employment contract for any specific period of time.

Nothing in this statement is intended to interfere with, restrain, or prevent concerted activity as protected by the National Labor Relations Act. Such activity includes employee communications regarding wages, hours, or other terms or conditions of employment.

Stephenson Wholesale employees have the right to engage in or refrain from such activities.

# **Equal Opportunity and Commitment to Diversity**

# **Equal Opportunity**

**Stephenson Wholesale** provides equal employment opportunities to all employees and applicants for employment without regard to race, color, ancestry, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, religion, age, disability, gender identity, results of genetic testing, or service in the military. Equal employment opportunity applies to all terms and conditions of employment, including hiring, placement, promotion, termination, layoff, recall, transfer, leave of absence, compensation, and training.

**Stephenson Wholesale** expressly prohibits any form of unlawful employee harassment or discrimination based on any of the characteristics mentioned above. Improper interference with the ability of other employees to perform their expected job duties is absolutely not tolerated.

Any employees with questions or concerns about equal employment opportunities in the workplace are encouraged to bring these issues to the attention of the Human Resources Director. The Company will not allow any form of retaliation against individuals who raise issues of equal employment opportunity. If an employee feels he or she has been subjected to any such retaliation, he or she should bring it to the attention of the HR Manager.

Retaliation means adverse conduct taken because an individual reported an actual or perceived violation of this policy, opposed practices prohibited by this policy, or participated in the reporting and investigation process described below. "Adverse conduct" includes but is not limited to:

- (1) shunning and avoiding an individual who reports harassment, discrimination or retaliation;
- (2) express or implied threats or intimidation intended to prevent an individual from reporting harassment, discrimination or retaliation; or
- (3) denying employment benefits because an applicant or employee reported harassment, discrimination or retaliation or participated in the reporting and investigation process.

Complaints of discrimination should be filed according to the procedures described in the Harassment and Complaint Procedure.

# Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Reasonable Accommodation

To ensure equal employment opportunities to qualified individuals with a disability, **Stephenson Wholesale** will make reasonable accommodations for the known disability of an otherwise qualified individual, unless undue hardship on the operation of the business would result Employees who may require a reasonable accommodation should contact the Human Resources Department.

# **Commitment to Diversity**

**Stephenson Wholesale** is committed to creating and maintaining a workplace in which all employees have an opportunity to participate and contribute to the success of the business and are valued for their skills, experience, and unique perspectives. This commitment is embodied in company policy and the way we do business at **Stephenson Wholesale** and is an important principle of sound business management.

# **Harassment and Complaint Procedure**

Sexual and other unlawful harassment is a violation of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Title VII), as amended, as well as many state laws. Harassment based on a characteristic protected by law, such as race, color, ancestry, national origin, gender, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, religion, age, disability, veteran status, or other characteristic protected by state or federal law, is prohibited. It is **Stephenson Wholesale**'s policy to provide a work environment free of sexual and other harassment. To that end, harassment of **Stephenson Wholesale**'s employees by management, supervisors, coworkers, or nonemployees who are in the workplace is absolutely prohibited. Further, any retaliation against an individual who has complained about sexual or other harassment or retaliation against individuals for cooperating with an investigation of a harassment complaint is similarly unlawful and will not be tolerated. **Stephenson Wholesale** will take all steps necessary to prevent and eliminate unlawful harassment.

**Definition of Unlawful Harassment.** "Unlawful harassment" is conduct that has the purpose or effect of creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive work environment; has the purpose or effect of substantially and unreasonably interfering with an individual's work performance; or otherwise adversely affects an individual's employment opportunities because of the individual's membership in a protected class.

Unlawful harassment includes, but is not limited to, epithets; slurs; jokes; pranks; innuendo; comments; written or graphic material; stereotyping; or other threatening, hostile, or intimidating acts based on race, color, ancestry, national origin, gender, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, religion, age, disability, veteran status, or other characteristic protected by state or federal law.

**Definition of Sexual Harassment.** While all forms of harassment are prohibited, special attention should be paid to sexual harassment. "Sexual harassment" is generally defined under both state and federal law as unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature where:

- Submission to or rejection of such conduct is made either explicitly or implicitly a term or condition of any individual's employment or as a basis for employment decisions; or
- Such conduct has the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with an individual's work performance or creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive work environment.

Other sexually oriented conduct, whether intended or not, that is unwelcome and has the effect of creating a work environment that is hostile, offensive, intimidating, or humiliating to workers may also constitute sexual harassment.

While it is not possible to list all those additional circumstances that may constitute sexual harassment, the following are some examples of conduct that, if unwelcome, may constitute sexual harassment depending on the totality of the circumstances, including the severity of the conduct and its pervasiveness:

- Unwanted sexual advances, whether they involve physical touching or not;
- Sexual epithets, jokes, written or oral references to sexual conduct, gossip regarding one's sex life, comments about an individual's body, comments about an individual's sexual activity, deficiencies, or prowess;
- Displaying sexually suggestive objects, pictures, or cartoons;
- Unwelcome leering, whistling, brushing up against the body, sexual gestures, or suggestive or insulting comments;
- Inquiries into one's sexual experiences; and
- Discussion of one's sexual activities.

All employees should take special note that, as stated above, retaliation against an individual who has complained about sexual harassment and retaliation against individuals for cooperating with an investigation of sexual harassment complaint is unlawful and will not be tolerated at **Stephenson Wholesale.** 

**Complaint Procedure.** Any employee who believes he or she has been subject to or witnessed illegal discrimination, including sexual or other forms of unlawful harassment, is requested and encouraged to make a complaint. You may complain directly to your immediate supervisor or department manager, the HR director, or any other member of management with whom you feel comfortable bringing such a complaint. Similarly, if you observe acts of discrimination toward or harassment of another employee, you are requested and encouraged to report this to one of the individuals listed above.

No reprisal, retaliation, or other adverse action will be taken against an employee for making a complaint or report of discrimination or harassment or for assisting in the investigation of any such complaint or report. Any suspected retaliation or intimidation should be reported immediately to one of the persons identified above.

All complaints will be investigated promptly and, to the extent possible, with regard for confidentiality.

If the investigation confirms conduct contrary to this policy has occurred, **Stephenson Wholesale** will take immediate, appropriate, corrective action, including discipline, up to and including immediate termination.

# **Conflicts of Interest and Confidentiality**

#### **Conflicts of Interest**

**Stephenson Wholesale** expects all employees to conduct themselves and company business in a manner that reflects the highest standards of ethical conduct, and in accordance with all federal, state, and local laws and regulations. This includes avoiding real and potential conflicts of interests.

Exactly what constitutes a conflict of interest or an unethical business practice is both a moral and a legal question. **Stephenson Wholesale** recognizes and respects the individual employee's right to engage in activities outside of employment which are private in nature and do not in any way conflict with or reflect poorly on the company.

It is not possible to define all the circumstances and relationships that might create a conflict of interest. If a situation arises where there is a potential conflict of interest, the employee should discuss this with a manager for advice and guidance on how to proceed. The list below suggests some of the types of activity that indicate improper behavior, unacceptable personal integrity, or unacceptable ethics:

- 1. Simultaneous employment by another firm that is a competitor of or supplier to **Stephenson Wholesale.**
- 2. Carrying on company business with a firm in which the employee, or a close relative of the employee, has a substantial ownership or interest.
- 3. Holding a substantial interest in, or participating in the management of, a firm to which the company makes sales or from which it makes purchases unless such an arrangement is approved by the President or CEO.
- 4. Borrowing money from customers or firms, other than recognized loan institutions, from which our company buys services, materials, equipment, or supplies.
- 5. Accepting substantial gifts or excessive entertainment from an outside organization or agency.
- 6. Speculating or dealing in materials, equipment, supplies, services, or property purchased by the company.
- 7. Participating in civic or professional organization activities in a manner that divulges confidential company information.
- 8. Misusing privileged information or revealing confidential data to outsiders.
- 9. Using one's position in the company or knowledge of its affairs for personal gains.

10. Engaging in practices or procedures that violate antitrust laws, commercial bribery laws, copyright laws, discrimination laws, campaign contribution laws, or other laws regulating the conduct of company business.

#### **Confidential Information**

The protection of confidential business information and trade secrets is vital to the interests and success of **Stephenson Wholesale**. Confidential information is any and all information disclosed to or known by you because of employment with the company that is not generally known to people outside the company about its business.

An employee who improperly uses or discloses trade secrets or confidential business information will be subject to disciplinary action up to and including termination of employment and legal action, even if he or she does not actually benefit from the disclosed information.

All inquiries from the media must be referred to the Company President.

This provision is not intended to, and should not be interpreted to, prohibit employees from discussing wages and other terms and conditions of employment if they so choose.

# **Employment Relationship**

# **Employment Classification**

In order to determine eligibility for benefits and overtime status and to ensure compliance with federal and state laws and regulations, **Stephenson Wholesale** classifies its employees as shown below. **Stephenson Wholesale** may review or change employee classifications at any time.

**Exempt.** Exempt employees are paid on a salaried basis and are not eligible to receive overtime pay.

**Nonexempt.** Nonexempt employees are paid on an hourly basis and are eligible to receive overtime pay for overtime hours worked.

**Regular, Full-Time.** Employees who are not in a temporary status and work a minimum of 30 hours weekly and maintain continuous employment status. Generally, these employees are eligible for the full-time benefits package and are subject to the terms, conditions, and limitations of each benefits program.

**Regular, Part-Time.** Employees who are not in a temporary status and who are regularly scheduled to work fewer than 30 hours weekly, but at least 20 hours weekly, and who maintain continuous employment status. Part-time employees are eligible for some of the benefits offered by the company.

#### Work Week and Hours of Work

The standard workweek is from Monday 12:00 a.m. until Friday 11:59 p.m. and generally consists of 40 work hours. Office hours are 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., with a 30 or 60 minute lunch break. Individual work schedules may vary depending on the needs of each department.

#### **Meal and Rest Breaks**

Employees are entitled to a 60-minute unpaid meal break each day. If a nonexempt employee is required to work through a meal break, he or she will be paid for the 60-minute period. Employees are usually given two 15-minute rest periods each day. Meal and rest breaks will be scheduled by the department supervisor or manager.

#### **Time Records**

All nonexempt employees are required to complete accurate weekly time reports showing all time actually worked. These records are required by governmental regulations and are used to calculate regular and overtime pay. At the end of each week, the employee and his or her supervisor must sign the time report attesting to its correctness before forwarding it to the Payroll department.

#### Overtime

When required due to the needs of the business, you may be asked to work overtime. Overtime is actual hours worked in excess of 40 in a single workweek. Nonexempt employees will be paid overtime compensation at the rate of one and one half their regular rate of pay for all hours over 40 actually worked in a single workweek. Paid leave, such as holiday, PTO, bereavement time, and jury duty does not apply toward work time. All overtime work must be approved in advance by a supervisor or manager.

# **Deductions from Pay/Safe Harbor Exempt Employees**

The Company does not make improper deductions from the salaries of exempt employees and complies with the salary basis requirements of the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA). Employees classified as exempt from the overtime pay requirements of the FLSA will be notified of this classification at the time of hire or change in position.

**Permitted deductions.** The FLSA limits the types of deductions that may be made from the pay of an exempt employee. Deductions that are permitted include:

- Deductions that are required by law, e.g., income taxes;
- Deductions for employee benefits when authorized by the employee;
- Absence from work for one or more full days for personal reasons other than sickness or disability;
- Absence from work for one or more full days due to sickness or disability if the deduction is made in accordance with a bona fide plan, policy or practice of providing compensation for salary lost due to illness;
- Offset for amounts received as witness or jury fees, or for military pay; or
- Unpaid disciplinary suspensions of one or more full days imposed in good faith for workplace conduct rule infractions.

During the week an exempt employee begins work for the company or during the last week of employment, the employee will only be paid for actual hours worked. In addition, an employee may be paid only for hours worked during a period when the employee is using unpaid leave under the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA).

**Improper deductions.** If an employee classified as exempt believes that an improper deduction has been taken from his or her pay, the employee should immediately report the deduction to the Payroll Department. The report will be promptly investigated and if it is found that an improper deduction has been made, the company will reimburse the employee for the improper deduction.

# **Paychecks**

**Stephenson Wholesale**'s pay period for all employees is weekly on Friday. If pay day falls on a federal holiday, employees will receive their paycheck on the preceding workday. Paychecks are directly deposited into your checking and/or savings accounts. If the employee does not have a checking account, they will be issued a payroll debit card.

#### **Access to Personnel Files**

Employee files are maintained by the Payroll department and are considered confidential. Managers and supervisors may only have access to personnel file information on a need-to-know basis. Personnel file access by current employees and former employees upon request will generally be permitted within 3 days of the request unless otherwise required under state law. Personnel files are to be reviewed in the Payroll department. Employee files may not be taken outside the department. Representatives of government or law enforcement agencies, in the course of their duties, may be allowed access to file information.

# **Employment of Relatives and Domestic Partners**

Relatives and domestic partners may be hired by the company if (1) the persons concerned will not work in a direct supervisory relationship, and (2) the employment will not pose difficulties for supervision, security, safety, or morale. For the purposes of this policy, "relatives" are defined as spouses, children, siblings, parents, or grandparents. A "domestic partnership" is generally defined as a committed relationship between two individuals who are sharing a home or living arrangements.

Current employees who marry each other or become involved in a domestic partnership will be permitted to continue employment with the company provided they don't work in a direct supervisory relationship with each other, create a financial conflict or otherwise pose difficulties as mentioned above. If employees who marry or live together do work in a direct supervisory relationship with each other, the company will attempt to reassign one of the employees to another position for which he or she is qualified if such a position is available. If no such position is available, the employees will be permitted to determine which one of them will resign from the company.

# Separation from Employment

In all cases of voluntary resignation (one initiated by the employee), employees are asked to provide a written notice to their supervisors at least 10 working days in advance of the last day of work. The 10 days must be actual working days. Holidays and paid time off (PTO) will not be counted toward the 10-day notice. Employees who provide the requested amount of notice will be considered to have resigned in good standing and generally will be eligible for rehire.

In most cases, the Supervisor will conduct an exit meeting on or before the last day of employment to collect all company property, and to discuss final pay. If applicable, information

regarding benefits continuation through the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (COBRA) will be sent to the employee's home address.

Should it become necessary because of business conditions to reduce the number of employees or work hours, this will be done at the discretion of the company.

# **Workplace Safety**

# **Drug-Free and Alcohol-Free Workplace**

It is the policy of **Stephenson Wholesale** to maintain a drug- and alcohol-free work environment that is safe and productive for employees and others having business with the company.

The unlawful use, possession, purchase, sale, distribution, or being under the influence of any illegal drug and/or the misuse of legal drugs while on company or client premises or while performing services for the company is strictly prohibited. **Stephenson Wholesale** also prohibits reporting to work or performing services under the influence of alcohol or consuming alcohol while on duty or during work hours. In addition, the company prohibits off-premises abuse of alcohol and controlled substances, as well as the possession, use, or sale of illegal drugs, when these activities adversely affect job performance, job safety, or the Company's reputation in the community.

To ensure compliance with this policy, substance abuse screening may be conducted in the following situations:

**Pre-employment:** As required by the company for all prospective employees who receive a conditional offer of employment.

**For Cause:** Upon reasonable suspicion that the employee is under the influence of alcohol or drugs that could affect or has adversely affected the employee's job performance.

**Random:** As authorized or required by federal or state law.

**Post-Accident: Stephenson Wholesale** will limit post-accident drug tests to situations where drug use likely contributed to the incident and for which a drug test can accurately show impairment caused by drug use.

Compliance with this policy is a condition of employment. Employees who test positive or who refuse to submit to substance abuse screening will be subject to termination. Notwithstanding any provision herein, this policy will be enforced at all times in accordance with applicable state and local law.

Any employee violating this policy is subject to discipline, up to and including termination, for the first offense.

# **Smoke-Free Workplace**

Smoking is not allowed in the warehouse or offices at any time. "Smoking" includes the use of any tobacco products (including chewing tobacco and snuff), electronic smoking devices, and ecigarettes.

Smoking is only permitted during break times in designated areas. Employees using these areas are expected to dispose of any smoking debris safely and properly.

# **Workplace Violence Prevention**

**Stephenson Wholesale** is committed to providing a safe, violence-free workplace for our employees. Due to this commitment, we discourage employees from engaging in any physical confrontation with a violent or potentially violent individual or from behaving in a threatening or violent manner. Threats, threatening language, or any other acts of aggression or violence made toward or by any employee will not be tolerated. A threat may include any verbal or physical harassment or abuse, attempts to intimidate others, menacing gestures, stalking, or any other hostile, aggressive, and/or destructive actions taken for the purposes of intimidation. This policy covers any violent or potentially violent behavior that occurs in the workplace or at company-sponsored functions.

All **Stephenson Wholesale** employees bear the responsibility of keeping our work environment free from violence or potential violence. Any employee who witnesses or is the recipient of violent behavior should promptly inform their supervisor, manager, or the Human Resources Department. All threats will be promptly investigated. No employee will be subject to retaliation, intimidation, or discipline as a result of reporting a threat in good faith under this guideline.

Any individual engaging in violence against the company, its employees, or its property will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. All acts will be investigated, and the appropriate action will be taken. Any such act or threatening behavior may result in disciplinary action up to and including termination.

**Stephenson Wholesale** prohibits the possession of weapons on its property at all times. Additionally, while on duty, employees may not carry a weapon of any type. Weapons include, but are not limited to, handguns, rifles, automatic weapons, and knives that can be used as weapons (excluding pocketknives, utility knives, and other instruments that are used to open packages, cut string, and for other miscellaneous tasks), martial arts paraphernalia, stun guns, and tear gas. Any employee violating this policy is subject to discipline up to and including dismissal for the first offense.

The company reserves the right to inspect all belongings of employees on its premises, including packages, briefcases, purses and handbags, gym bags, and personal vehicles on company property. In addition, **Stephenson Wholesale** may inspect the contents of lockers, storage areas, file cabinets, desks, and work stations at any time and may remove all Company property and other items that are in violation of Company rules and policies.

# **Commitment to Safety**

Protecting the safety of our employees and visitors is the most important aspect of running our business.

All employees have the opportunity and responsibility to contribute to a safe work environment by using common sense rules and safe practices and by notifying management whenever he or she feels that safety issues are present. All employees are encouraged to partner with management to ensure maximum safety for all.

In the event of an emergency, notify the appropriate emergency personnel by dialing 9 for an outside line, then dial 911 to activate the medical emergency services.

#### **Cellular Phones**

With the exception of supervisors and management, cell phone usage must be confined to the break room only. Use of cell phones or earbuds will not be tolerated in the warehouse or office areas due to safety/distraction concerns. Anyone caught using a cellphone in prohibited areas will be subject to discipline.

# **Emergency Closings**

**Stephenson Wholesale** will always make every attempt to be open for business. In situations in which employees are concerned about their safety, management may advise supervisors to notify their departments that the office is not officially closed, but anyone may choose to leave the office if he or she feels as if they're in danger as a result of the emergency event or circumstances.

If the office is officially closed during the course of the day to permit employees to leave early, nonexempt employees who are working on-site as of the time of the closing will be paid for a full day. If you leave earlier than the official closing time, you will be paid only for actual hours worked, or you can take PTO time. Exempt employees will be paid for a normal full day but are expected to complete their work at another time.

# **Workplace Guidelines**

# **Attendance Objective**

Regular attendance and punctuality by nonexempt staff are important elements in our efforts to maintain high levels of productivity and achieve our goals. Reassigning staff or revising schedules to accommodate absences/tardiness burdens all team members. However, we recognize that nonexempt staff occasionally become ill, need to miss work or are unavoidably late.

#### Absences

Attendance records for nonexempt staff will be reviewed each week. Five points will be assessed for each "unauthorized" absence. An unauthorized absence occurs when the employee's supervisor/department has not been properly notified that an employee will be late or absent.

An absence occurs when an employee misses one or more consecutive scheduled workdays for a single reason.

# **Punctuality**

Employees are expected to report for work on time. Tardiness for nonexempt staff will be reviewed and points assessed for each day of work the employee does not report as scheduled. The employee will be given one point for arriving no later than 15 minutes after his or her scheduled starting time, and three points for arriving between 15 minutes and two hours late. Employees who are more than two hours late in reporting for work will accumulate five points. In addition, a nonexempt employee will be docked pay for tardiness of 15 or more minutes.

Absence	Points	Explanation
1-14 minutes	1	Tardy
15 minutes - 2 hours	3	Late
Over 2 hours	5	Unauthorized absence

# **Disciplinary Action**

Employees will be subject to disciplinary action when the total points accumulated from unauthorized absences and tardiness reach the following levels during any **six-month** period.

Points	Corrective Action
10 points	Verbal warning
20 points	Written warning
30 points	Termination

# No-Call/No-Show

All employees must inform their department of absences/lateness whenever possible. Staff members who fail to contact their department cause others to take on additional duties, which leads to an overall loss in productivity. An employee who fails to notify his or her department of any absence in accordance with the department's policy will be subject to corrective action as follows:

- First failure to notify of absence—written warning.
- Second failure to notify of absence—termination.

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Employees who are absent for two consecutive days without notifying their departments will be presumed to have abandoned/resigned their positions.

#### **Chronic Absence or Tardiness**

Employees receiving corrective action under this policy are expected to improve their attendance/punctuality. Failure to improve and sustain improvement may result in the employee's receiving additional correction, up to and including termination. Employees who are chronically unable or unwilling to attend work regularly present a hardship to other employees and customers. Thus, any employee who within the past year has received two corrective actions of the same type will be subject to the next level of correction for future periods of absence.

#### **Job Performance**

Communication between employees and supervisors or managers is very important. Discussions regarding job performance are ongoing and often informal. Employees should initiate conversations with their supervisors if they feel additional ongoing feedback is needed.

# **Outside Employment**

Employees are permitted to work a second job as long as it does not interfere with their job performance with **Stephenson Wholesale**. Employees with a second job are expected to work their assigned schedules. A second job will not be considered an excuse for poor job performance, absenteeism, tardiness, leaving early, refusal to travel, or refusal to work overtime or different hours.

If outside work activity causes or contributes to job-related problems, it must be discontinued, or the employee may be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including termination.

#### **Dress and Grooming**

**Stephenson Wholesale** provides a casual yet professional work environment for its employees. Even though the dress code is casual, it is important to project a professional image to our customers, visitors, and coworkers. All employees are expected to dress in a manner consistent with good hygiene, safety, and good taste. Please use common sense.

Any questions or complaints regarding the appropriateness of attire should be directed to the Human Resources department. Decisions regarding attire will be made by the Human Resources department and not by individual departments or managers.

# Social Media Acceptable Use

**Stephenson Wholesale** encourages employees to share information with co-workers and with those outside the company for the purposes of gathering information, generating new ideas, and learning from the work of others. Social media provide inexpensive, informal, and timely ways to participate in an exchange of ideas and information. However, information posted on a website is available to the public and, therefore, the company has established the following guidelines for employee participation in social media.

**Note:** As used in this policy, "social media" refers to blogs, forums, and social networking sites, such as Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn, YouTube, Instagram, and SnapChat, among others.

**Off-duty use of social media.** Employees may maintain personal websites or weblogs on their own time using their own facilities. Employees must ensure that social media activity does not interfere with their work. In general, the company considers social media activities to be personal endeavors, and employees may use them to express their thoughts or promote their ideas.

**On-duty use of social media.** Employees may engage in social media activity during work time provided it is directly related to their work, approved by their manager, and does not identify or reference company clients, customers, or vendors without express permission. The company monitors employee use of company computers, including employee blogging and social networking activity.

**Respect.** Demonstrate respect for the dignity of the company, its owners, its customers, its vendors, and its employees. A social media site is a public place, and employees should avoid inappropriate comments. For example, employees should not divulge **Stephenson Wholesale's** confidential information such as trade secrets, client lists, or information restricted from disclosure by law on social media sites. Similarly, employees should not engage in harassing or discriminatory behavior that targets other employees or individuals because of their protected class status or make defamatory comments. Even if a message is posted anonymously, it may be possible to trace it back to the sender.

**Post disclaimers.** If an employee identifies himself or herself as a company employee or discusses matters related to the company on a social media site, the site must include a disclaimer on the front page stating that it does not express the views of the company and that the employee is expressing only his or her personal views. For example: "The views expressed on this website/Weblog are mine alone and do not necessarily reflect the views of my employer." Place the disclaimer in a prominent position and repeat it for each posting expressing an opinion related to the company or the company's business. Employees must keep in mind that if they post information on a social media site that is in violation of company policy and/or federal, state, or local law, the disclaimer will not shield them from disciplinary action.

**Competition.** Employees should not use a social media to criticize the company's competition and should not use it to compete with the company.

**Confidentiality.** Do not identify or reference company clients, customers, or vendors without express permission. Employees may write about their jobs in general but may not disclose any confidential or proprietary information. For examples of confidential information, please refer to the confidentiality policy. When in doubt, ask before publishing.

**New ideas.** Please remember that new ideas related to work or the company's business belong to the company. Do not post them on a social media site without the company's permission.

**Trademarks and copyrights.** Do not use the company's or others' trademarks on a social media site, or reproduce the company's or others' material without first obtaining permission.

**Legal.** Employees are expected to comply with all applicable laws, including but not limited to, Federal Trade Commission (FTC) guidelines, copyright, trademark, and harassment laws.

**Discipline.** Violations of this policy may result in discipline up to and including immediate termination of employment.

*Note:* Nothing in this policy is meant to, nor should it be interpreted to, in any way limit your rights under any applicable federal, state, or local laws, including your rights under the National

Labor Relations Act to engage in protected concerted activities with other employees to improve or discuss terms and conditions of employment, such as wages, working conditions, and benefits.

#### **Bulletin Boards**

All required governmental postings are posted on the boards located in the employee entryway and next to the time clock. These boards may also contain general announcements and financial/health care information concerning employees.

Employees may submit to Human Resources notices of general interest for posting on the break room bulletin board, such as for-sale notices; recreational-type announcements and/or club functions (e-mail should not be used for the aforementioned); postcards; expressions of gratitude or sympathy; and notices looking for/offering carpools, tickets, roommates, or pets. The CFO and Human Resources approves, posts, and takes down all notices. All notices posted by employees will be removed after 2 weeks unless otherwise stipulated. The company reserves the right to refuse permission to post or to take down any announcement.

# Computers, Internet, Email, and Other Resources

The company provides a wide variety of communication tools and resources to employees for use in running day-to-day business activities. Whether it is the telephone, voice mail, fax, scanner, Internet, intranet, e-mail, text messaging, or any other company-provided technology, use should be reserved for business-related matters during working hours. All communication using these tools should be handled in a professional and respectful manner.

Employees should not have any expectation of privacy in their use of company computer, phone, or other communication tools. All communications made using company-provided equipment or services including email and internet activity, are subject to inspection by the company. Employees should keep in mind that even if they delete an email, voicemail or other communication, a copy may be archived on the company's systems.

Employee use of company-provided communication systems, including personal e-mail and internet use, that are not job-related have the potential to drain, rather than enhance, productivity and system performance. You should also be aware that information transmitted through e-email and the internet is not completely secure or may contain viruses or malware, and information you transmit and receive could damage the company's systems as well as the reputation and/or competitiveness of the company. To protect against possible problems, delete any e-mail messages prior to opening that are received from unknown senders and advertisers. It also is against company policy to turn off antivirus protection software or make unauthorized changes to system configurations installed on company computers. Violations of this policy may result in termination for a first offense.

The company encourages employees to use e-mail only to communicate with fellow employees, suppliers, customers, or potential customers regarding company business. Internal and external e-mails are considered business records and may be subject to federal and state recordkeeping requirements as well as to discovery in the event of litigation. Be aware of this possibility when sending e-mails within and outside the company.

All use of company-provided communications systems, including e-mail and internet use, should conform to our company guidelines/policies, including but not limited to the Equal Opportunity, Harassment, Confidential Information, and Conflicts of Interest. So for example, employees should not engage in harassing or discriminatory behavior that targets other employees or individuals because of their protected class status or make defamatory comments. Similarly, employees should not divulge confidential information such as trade secrets, client lists, or information restricted from disclosure by law on social media sites.

Because e-mail, telephone and voice mail, and internet communication equipment are provided for company business purposes and are critical to the company's success, your communications may be accessed without further notice by Information Technology department administrators and company management to ensure compliance with this guideline.

The electronic communication systems are not secure and may allow inadvertent disclosure, accidental transmission to third parties, etc. Sensitive information should not be sent via unsecured electronic means.

Office telephones are for business purposes. While the company recognizes that some personal calls are necessary, these should be kept as brief as possible and to a minimum. Personal use of the company's toll-free numbers is strictly prohibited. Abuse of these privileges is subject to corrective action up to and including termination.

The company reserves the right to monitor customer calls to ensure employees abide by company quality guidelines and provide appropriate levels of customer service. Employees working in sales and customer service will be subject to telephone monitoring and e-mail. Should the subject matter of any telephone conversation become personal while monitoring is taking place, monitoring of the call will immediately be discontinued.

Nothing in this policy is designed to interfere with, restrain, or prevent employee communications regarding wages, hours, or other terms and conditions of employment as protected under the National Labor Relations Act. Employees have the right to engage in or refrain from such activities.

# **Disciplinary Procedure**

The Company expects employees to comply with the Company's standards of behavior and performance and to correct any noncompliance with these standards.

Under normal circumstances, the Company endorses a policy of progressive discipline in which it attempts to provide employees with notice of deficiencies and an opportunity to improve. It does, however, retain the right to administer discipline in any manner it sees fit. This policy does not modify the status of employees as employees-at-will or in any way restrict the Company's right to bypass the disciplinary procedures suggested.

The following steps are suggested in the discipline procedure. All steps should be documented in the employee's personnel file.

Step 1: Informal Discussion. When a performance problem is first identified, the nature of the problem and the action necessary to correct it should be thoroughly discussed with the employee. Managers and Supervisors should document these discussions.

Step 2: Counseling. If a private informal discussion with the employee has not resulted in corrective action, following a thorough investigation, the supervisor should meet with the employee and (a) review the problem, (b) permit the employee to present his or her views on the problem, (c) advise the employee that the problem must be corrected, (d) inform the employee that failure to correct the problem will result in further disciplinary action which may include discharge, and (e) issue a counseling notice to the employee.

Step 3: Reprimand. If satisfactory performance and corrective action are not achieved under Steps I and 2, the supervisor and his or her superior should meet with the employee in private and proceed via (a) through (d) above, and issue a reprimand notice to the employee.

Step 4: Suspension. Supervisors have the authority to temporarily remove employees from the workplace, with or without pay, if approved in advance by the department director and the director of Human Resources. An exempt employee generally may not be suspended without pay for less than a full day, and the suspension must be related to written workplace conduct rules applicable to all employees, e.g., such as a written policy prohibiting sexual harassment or workplace violence.

Step 5: Failure to improve. Failure to improve performance or behavior after the written warning or suspension can result in termination.

The progressive disciplinary procedures described above also may be applied to an employee who is experiencing a series of unrelated problems involving job performance or behavior.

In cases involving serious misconduct, or any time the supervisor determines it is necessary, such as a major breach of policy or violation of law, the procedures contained above may be

disregarded. Typically, the supervisor should suspend the employee immediately (with or without pay) and an investigation of the incidents leading up to the suspension should be conducted to determine if any further action, such as termination, should be taken.

#### Time Off and Leaves of Absence

# **Holidays**

The company observes the following holidays and will pay eligible employees for each:

- Memorial Day
- Independence Day
- Labor Day
- Thanksgiving Day
- Christmas
- New Year's Day

Any additional holidays will be designated by the company at start of each calendar year.

**Holiday pay.** Full-time regular employees are eligible for holiday pay. Hourly employees become eligible after they have been actively with the company for 3 months. Salaried employees may receive holiday pay immediately upon joining the company. Part-time and temporary employees, including summer employees, may be eligible for limited holiday pay.

Holiday pay shall be at the employee's regular straight-time rate, inclusive of shift premiums, times his regularly scheduled hours.

A holiday shall not be considered as hours worked for the purpose of computing overtime.

To receive holiday pay, an eligible nonexempt employee must be at work or taking an approved absence on the work days immediately preceding and immediately following the day on which the holiday is observed. An approved absence is a day of paid time off. If an employee is absent on one or both of these days because of an illness or injury, the company may require verification of the reason for the absence before approving holiday pay.

**Religious observances.** Employees who need time off to observe religious practices or holidays not already scheduled by the company should speak with their supervisor. Employees may also be able to switch a scheduled day with another employee, or take vacation time, or take off unpaid days with permission from their supervisor. The company will seek to reasonably accommodate individuals' religious observances.

# Paid Time Off (PTO)

**Stephenson Wholesale** recognizes the importance of time off from work to relax, spend time with family, and enjoy leisure activities. The company provides paid time off to full-time employees for this purpose and employees are encouraged to take paid time off during the year.

Full-time employees will accrue paid time off according to the following schedule:

Service Period	Paid Time Off Accrual
0 to 3 months service	no pay
3 to 6 months service	10 hours pay
6 to 12 months service	20 hours pay
1 year anniversary	80 hours pay
Every anniversary after the 1st	120 hours pay

Paid Time Off is non-cumulative from year to year.

Paid time off will be paid in half-day or full day increments

Employees may not take paid time off until they actually have earned or accrued the time.

Generally, employees should submit extended paid time off plans to their supervisor at least 2 weeks in advance of the requested PTO date. PTO may be scheduled in increments of ½ of a full work day up to a maximum of 1 week. Managers have the right to designate when some or all of PTO must be taken.

Employees whose employment terminates will be paid for unused paid time off.

# **Family and Medical Leave**

**Stephenson Wholesale** complies with the federal Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA), which requires employers to grant unpaid leaves of absence to qualified workers for certain medical and family-related reasons. The company also abides by any state and local leave laws. The

more generous of the laws will apply to the employee if the employee is eligible under both federal and state laws

Please note there are many requirements, qualifications, and exceptions under these laws, and each employee's situation is different. Contact the Human Resources department to discuss options for leave.

The FMLA requires private employers with 50 or more employees and all public agencies, including state, local, and federal employers, and local education agencies (schools), to provide eligible employees up to 12 weeks of unpaid, job-protected leave in any 12-month period for certain family and medical reasons. The 12-month period is a rolling period measured backward from the date an employee uses any FMLA leave, except for leaves to care for a covered service member with a serious illness or injury. For those leaves, the leave entitlement is 26 weeks in a single 12-month period, measured forward from the date an employee first takes that type of leave.

Basic Leave Entitlement. The FMLA requires covered employers to provide up to 12 weeks of unpaid, job-protected leave to eligible employees for the following reasons: (1) for incapacity due to pregnancy, prenatal medical care, or child birth; (2) to care for the employee's child after birth or placement for adoption or foster care; (3) to care for the employee's spouse, son or daughter, or parent who has a serious health condition; or (4) for a serious health condition that makes the employee unable to work.

Military Family Leave Entitlements. Eligible employees with a spouse, son, daughter, or parent on active duty or called to active duty status in the National Guard or Reserves in support of a contingency operation may use their 12-week leave entitlement to address certain qualifying exigencies. Qualifying exigencies may include addressing issues that arise from (1) short notice of deployment (limited to up to seven days of leave); (2) attending certain military events and related activity; (3) arranging childcare and school activities; (4) addressing certain financial and legal arrangements; (5) attending certain counseling sessions; (6) spending time with covered military family members on short-term temporary rest and recuperation leave (limited to up to five days of leave); (7) attending post-deployment reintegration briefings; (8) arranging care for or providing care to a parent who is incapable of self-care; and (9) any additional activities agreed upon by the employer and employee that arise out of the military member's active duty or call to active duty.

The FMLA also includes a special leave entitlement that permits eligible employees to take up to 26 weeks of leave to care for a covered servicemember during a single 12-month period. A covered servicemember is a current member of the Armed Forces, including a member of the National Guard or Reserves, who has a serious injury or illness incurred in the line of duty on active duty that may render the servicemember medically unfit to perform his or her duties and for which the servicemember is undergoing medical treatment, recuperation, or therapy; or is in outpatient status; or is on the temporary disability retired list.

Benefits and Protections During FMLA Leave. During FMLA leave, the Company will maintain the employee's health coverage under any "group health plan" on the same terms as if the employee had continued to work. Upon return from FMLA leave, most employees will be restored to their original or equivalent positions with equivalent pay, benefits, and other employment terms. However, an employee on FMLA leave does not have any greater right to reinstatement or to other benefits and conditions of employment than if the employee had been continuously employed during the FMLA leave period.

Certain highly compensated key employees also may be denied reinstatement when necessary to prevent "substantial and grievous economic injury" to the Company's operations. A "key" employee is an eligible salaried employee who is among the highest paid ten percent of the Company's employees within 75 miles of the worksite. Employees will be notified of their status as a key employee, when applicable, after they request FMLA leave.

Use of FMLA leave cannot result in the loss of any employment benefit that accrued prior to the start of an employee's leave.

**Employee Eligibility.** The FMLA defines eligible employees as employees who: (1) have worked for the Company for at least 12 months; (2) have worked for the Company for at least 1,250 hours in the previous 12 months; and (3) work at or report to a worksite which has 50 or more employees or is within 75 miles of Company worksites that taken together have a total of 50 or more employees.

**Definition of Serious Health Condition.** A serious health condition is an illness, injury, impairment, or physical or mental condition that involves either an overnight stay in a medical care facility or continuing treatment by a health care provider for a condition that either prevents the employee from performing the functions of the employee's job or prevents the qualified family member from participating in school, work, or other daily activities.

Subject to certain conditions, the continuing treatment requirement may be met by a period of incapacity of more than three consecutive calendar days combined with at least two visits to a health care provider or one visit and a regimen of continuing treatment, or incapacity due to pregnancy, or incapacity due to a chronic condition. Other conditions may meet the definition of continuing treatment.

**Use of Leave.** An employee does not need to use this leave entitlement in one block. Leave can be taken intermittently or on a reduced work schedule when medically necessary. Employees must make reasonable efforts to schedule leave for planned medical treatment so as not to unduly disrupt the employer's operations. Leave due to qualifying exigencies also may be taken on an intermittent or reduced work schedule basis.

**Substitution of Paid Leave for Unpaid Leave.** Employees may choose or employers may require the use of accrued paid leave while taking FMLA leave. Accordingly, the Company requires employees to use any accrued paid vacation, personal, and sick days during an unpaid

FMLA leave taken because of the employee's own serious health condition or the serious health condition of a family member or to care for a seriously ill or injured family member in the military. In addition, the employee must use any accrued paid vacation or personal days (but not sick days) during FMLA leave taken to care for a newborn or newly placed child or for a qualifying exigency arising out of a family member's active duty or call to active duty status in support of a contingency operation. In order to use paid leave for FMLA leave, employees must comply with the Company's normal paid leave procedures found in its Vacation and Sick Leave policies.

**Employee Responsibilities.** Employees must provide 30 days advance notice of the need to take FMLA leave when the need is foreseeable. When 30 days' notice is not possible, the employee must provide notice as soon as practicable and generally must comply with the Company's normal call-in procedures. The Company may delay leave to employees who do not provide proper advance notice of the foreseeable need for leave, absent unusual circumstances preventing the notice.

Employees must provide sufficient information for the Company to determine if the leave may qualify for FMLA protection and the anticipated timing and duration of the leave. Sufficient information may include that the employee is unable to perform job functions, the family member is unable to perform daily activities, the need for hospitalization or continuing treatment by a health care provider, or circumstances supporting the need for military family leave. Employees also must inform the Company if the requested leave is for a reason for which FMLA leave was previously taken or certified. Employees also are required to provide a certification and periodic recertification supporting the need for leave. The Company also may require a second, and if necessary, a third opinion (at the Company's expense) and, when the leave is a result of the employee's own serious health condition, a fitness for duty report to return to work. The Company also may delay or deny approval of leave for lack of proper medical certification.

**Company Responsibilities.** The Company will inform employees requesting leave whether they are eligible under the FMLA. If they are, the notice will specify any additional information required as well as the employees' rights and responsibilities. If employees are not eligible, the Company will provide a reason for the ineligibility.

The Company will inform employees if leave will be designated as FMLA-protected and the amount of leave counted against the employee's FMLA leave entitlement. If the Company determines that the leave is not FMLA-protected, the Company will notify the employee.

**Other Provisions.** Under an exception to the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) in the FMLA regulations, hourly amounts may be deducted for unpaid leave from the salary of executive, administrative, and professional employees; outside sales representatives; certain highly-skilled computer professionals; and certain highly compensated employees who are exempt from the minimum wage and overtime requirements of the FLSA, without affecting the employee's

exempt status. This special exception to the "salary basis" requirements for the FLSA's exemptions extends only to eligible employees' use of FMLA leave.

Employees may not perform work for self-employment or for any other employer during an approved leave of absence, except when the leave is for military or public service or when the Company has approved the employment under its Outside Employment policy and the employee's reason for FMLA leave does not preclude the outside employment.

**Unlawful Acts by Employers.** The FMLA makes it unlawful for any employer (1) to interfere with, restrain, or deny the exercise of any right provided under the FMLA; or (2) to discharge or discriminate against any person for opposing any practice made unlawful by the FMLA or for involvement in any proceeding under or relating to the FMLA.

**Enforcement.** An employee may file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Labor or may bring a private lawsuit against an employer.

The FMLA does not affect any federal or state law prohibiting discrimination or supersede any state or local law or collective bargaining agreement which provides greater family or medical leave rights.

#### Military Leave

**Stephenson Wholesale** supports the military obligations of all employees and grants leaves for uniformed service in accordance with applicable federal and state laws. Any employee who needs time off for uniformed service should immediately notify the Human Resources department and his or her supervisor, who will provide details regarding the leave. If an employee is unable to provide notice before leaving for uniformed service, a family member should notify the supervisor as soon as possible.

Upon return from military leave, employees will be granted the same seniority, pay, and benefits as if they had worked continuously. Failure to report for work within the prescribed time after completion of military service will be considered a voluntary termination.

All employees who enter military service may accumulate a total absence of 5 years and still retain employment rights.

#### **Bereavement Leave**

Employees with more than 3 months' service may take one day of paid bereavement leave upon the death of a member of their immediate family. "Immediate family members" are defined as an employee's spouse, domestic partner, parents, stepparents, siblings, children, stepchildren, grandparent, father-in-law, mother-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, or grandchild. All regular, full-time employees may take up to one (1) day off with pay to attend the funeral of an extended family member (aunts, uncles, and cousins).

The company may require verification of the need for the leave. The employee's supervisor and Human Resources will consider this time off on a case-by-case basis.

Payment for bereavement leave is computed at the employee' regular hourly rate. Time off granted in accordance with this policy shall not be credited as time worked for the purpose of computing overtime.

# **Jury Duty/Court Appearance**

The company supports employees in their civic duty to serve on a jury. Employees must present any summons to jury duty to their supervisor as soon as possible after receiving the notice to allow advance planning for an employee's absence.

Nonexempt employees will be paid for up to 2 weeks of jury duty service at their regular rate of pay minus any compensation received from the court for the period of service. Exempt employees are subject to the same 2-week limitation except that they will also receive pay for any days they serve as a juror or witness in a workweek in which they actually perform work. All employees may use any accrued time off if required to serve more than 2 weeks on a jury.

If an employee is released from jury duty after 4 hours or less of service, he or she must report to work for the remainder of that work day.

Time for appearance in court for personal business will be the individual employee's responsibility. Normally, personal days or vacation days will be used for this purpose.

# **Time Off for Voting**

**Stephenson Wholesale** recognizes that voting is a right and privilege of being a citizen of the United States and encourages employees to exercise their right to vote. In almost all cases, you will have sufficient time outside working hours to vote. If for any reason you think this won't be the case, contact your supervisor to discuss scheduling accommodations

# **Employee Benefits**

**Stephenson Wholesale** recognizes the value of benefits to employees and their families. The company supports employees by offering a comprehensive and competitive benefits program. For more information regarding benefit programs, please contact the Payroll department or contact the Human Resources department.

#### Medical, Dental, and Vision Insurance

Full-time employees working 30 hours or more per week are eligible for insurance on the first of the month following 60 days of service. To keep coverage in force, every insured employee must work a minimum of 30 hours per week.

# **Group Life Insurance**

**Stephenson Wholesale** provides life insurance for full-time employees who are enrolled in the health care plan and work a minimum of 30 hours per week. Employees are eligible for this benefit on the first of the month following 60 days of service. The cost of this coverage is paid for in full by the company.

# **Long-Term Disability**

Long-term disability benefits are offered to full-time employees who are enrolled in the health care plan and are working a minimum of 30 hours per week. If an employee becomes totally disabled and cannot work for an extended period of time, this coverage pays 60 percent of the employee's salary, up to the policy limits. This is a benefit funded by the Stephenson Wholesale.

Long-term disability benefits will run concurrently with FMLA leave and/or any other leave where permitted by state and federal law.

# 401(k) Plan

**Stephenson Wholesale** recognizes the importance of saving for retirement and offers eligible employees a 401(k) plan.

Eligibility, vesting, and all other matters relating to these plans are explained in the SPD that can be obtained from the Payroll department.

# **Workers' Compensation**

Workers' compensation is a "no-fault" system that provides compensation for medical expenses and wage losses to employees who are injured or who become ill because of employment.

**Stephenson Wholesale** pays the entire cost of workers' compensation insurance. The insurance provides coverage for related medical and rehabilitation expenses and a portion of lost wages to employees who sustain an injury on the job. In many cases with doctor approval, the employee will be instructed to return to work on an alternate duty basis.

The company abides by all applicable state workers' compensation laws and regulations.

If an employee sustains a job-related injury or illness, it is important to notify the supervisor and Human Resources immediately. The supervisor will complete an injury report with input from the employee and return the form to the Human Resources department. Human Resources will file the claim with the insurance company. Human Resources will make arrangements and accompany the employee to the company's doctor for examination. In cases of true medical emergencies, the employee will be taken to the nearest emergency room.

Workers' compensation benefits (paid or unpaid) will run concurrently with FMLA leave, if applicable, where permitted by state and federal law. In addition, employees will not be paid vacation or sick leave for approved absences covered by the company's workers' compensation program, except to supplement the workers' compensation benefits such as when the plan only covers a portion of the employee's salary as allowed by state law.

#### EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND RECEIPT

I hereby acknowledge receipt of the employee handbook of **Stephenson Wholesale.** I understand and agree that it is my responsibility to read and comply with the policies in the handbook.

I understand that the handbook and all other written and oral materials provided to me are intended for informational purposes only. Neither it, company practices, nor other communications create an employment contract or term. I understand that the policies and benefits, both in the handbook and those communicated to me in any other fashion, are subject to interpretation, review, removal, and change by management at any time without notice.

I further understand that I am an at-will employee and that neither this document nor any other communication shall bind the company to employ me now or hereafter and that my employment may be terminated by me or the company without reason at any time. I understand that no representative of the company has any authority to enter into any agreement for employment for any specified period of time or to assure any other personnel action or to assure any benefits or terms or conditions of employment, or make any agreement contrary to the foregoing, except as agreed to in any employment contract agreement that preceded the date of this document.

I also understand and agree that this agreement may not be modified orally and that only the president of the company may make a commitment for employment. I also understand that if such an agreement is made, it must be in writing and signed by the president of the company.

Employee's Name in Print
Signature of Employee
Date Signed by Employee

TO BE PLACED IN EMPLOYEE'S PERSONNEL FILE

# **Receipt of Harassment Policy**

I have read and I understand the Company's Harassment Policy.		
Employee's Name in Print		
Signature of Employee		
Date Signed by Employee		

TO BE PLACED IN EMPLOYEE'S PERSONNEL FILE