

## Two Former Employees Are Suing Danny Meyer Over Unpaid Wages

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Danny Meyer's [plan to eliminate tipping](#) has just started to [take hold](#), and it looks like it's going to be a [huge success](#). But there's some lingering drama: Two former [Gramercy Tavern](#) bussers, Uzzol Siddiky and Kawsar Maruf, are suing Meyer's Union Square Hospitality Group, claiming they weren't properly compensated.

Both workers received a lower minimum wage of \$5 per hour — given to staff who benefit from tips — but because they had to share their tips, they claim they should have received \$8.75 per hour. They're demanding to recover their unpaid minimum wages, "retained gratuities" from private events, as well as damages and attorney's fees. Also, Siddiky and Maruf have filed this as a class-action suit, to represent more than 100 employees.

Union Square Hospitality has responded gracefully, saying through a spokesperson, "We have always cared deeply about cultivating a strong employee-first culture, and we will review this matter thoroughly."