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IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF PHILADELPHIA COUNTY
FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA
TRIAL DIVISION – CIVIL

STEVEN BOWER, on behalf of
himself, and all others similarly situated,

Plaintiff,

v.

BRODART CO.,

Defendant.

FEBRUARY TERM, 2024

NO. 03296

CLASS ACTION

Control No. 25082299

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R. POSTELL
COMMERCE PROGRAM

ORDER

AND NOW, this 30th day of December, 2025, upon consideration of Plaintiff's unopposed Motion for Preliminary Approval of Class Action Settlement, the Settlement Agreement and Release (the "Settlement Agreement") entered into between plaintiff and defendant which is attached to the Motion as Exhibit 1, and the proposed Notices of Class Action Settlement (the "Notices") attached to the Settlement Agreement as Exhibits A and B, and the proposed Claim Form attached to the Settlement Agreement as Exhibit C, it is **ORDERED** that the Motion is **GRANTED**, the class settlement is preliminarily approved, and:

1. The following class (the "Settlement Class") of approximately 1,814 people is certified, pursuant to Pennsylvania Rules of Civil Procedure 1708-1710, for the sole purpose of settlement:

All individuals residing in the United States whose Workers' Compensation audit files, containing their unredacted Social Security numbers, were compromised in the Data Breach discovered by Brodart Co. in October 2023.

2. Cassandra P. Miller of Strauss Borelli PLLC shall serve as Class Counsel and, as such, shall represent the interests of plaintiff and all Settlement Class members in all future proceedings in this action.

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3. Named plaintiff Steven Bower is appointed as Class Representative of the Settlement Class defined in paragraph 1 above.
4. Simpluris is appointed as the "Settlement Administrator." By accepting this assignment, the Settlement Administrator subjects itself to this Court's jurisdiction.
5. On or before January 20, 2026, defendant shall provide to the Settlement Administrator the contact information for the Settlement Class members as set forth in Paragraph 50 of the Settlement Agreement.
6. The proposed Short Form and Long Form Notices and Claim Form are approved with the modifications set forth below:
 - a. On page 2 of the Short Form Notice, the paragraph following "How do I receive a benefit?" shall read as follows: "You may submit a Claim Form online at [www.\[SettlementWebsite\].com](#), or, you can download the Claim Form from the Settlement Website and mail it to the Settlement Administrator, or you may call or email the Settlement Administrator to receive a paper copy of the Claim Form. **Claims must be submitted online or postmarked by [Claims Deadline].**"
 - b. On page 2 of the Short Form Notice, the second to last sentence of the paragraph following "What if I don't want to participate in the Settlement?" shall read as follows: "... If you want to object to the Settlement, you may mail an objection by **[Objection Deadline]** to the Settlement Administrator. ..."
 - c. On page 2 of the Long Form Notice, the first sentence of the paragraph describing how to object to the settlement shall read as follows: "If you do not opt out of the Settlement, you may object to it by mailing to the Settlement Administrator your objection stating why you don't like the Settlement. ..."

- d. On page 8 of the Long Form Notice, at the end of Section 16 describing how to object to the settlement, the court's address shall be omitted and the last sentence shall read as follows: "To be considered by the Court, you must mail your objection to the Settlement Administrator by **[OBJECTION DATE]**."
7. On or before February 6, 2026, the Settlement Administrator shall mail, email, and otherwise disseminate the Notice of Class Action Settlement to the Settlement Class members in the manner described in Paragraphs 50-52 of the Settlement Agreement.
8. The Settlement Class members should mail their objections to the settlement, if any, to the Settlement Administrator postmarked no later than April 10, 2026. Settlement Class members should NOT be directed to file their objections directly with the Court. Class Counsel shall file copies of any such objections of record in connection with the motion for final approval of the settlement.
9. The putative Settlement Class members should mail their requests for exclusion from the Settlement Class, if any, to the Settlement Administrator postmarked no later than April 10, 2026.
10. The Settlement Class members should submit their Claim Forms electronically through the class website, or they should mail their Claim Forms to the Settlement Administrator postmarked, no later than May 8, 2026.
11. On or before July 8, 2026, Class Counsel shall file a motion for final approval of the settlement, which shall include the following:
- a. an affidavit regarding the sending of notice;
 - b. a list of class members who requested exclusion from the settlement;

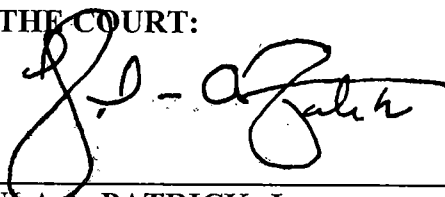
- c. a list of class members who objected to the settlement, copies of all objections received, and the parties' responses to any objections;
- d. the number of Claim Forms submitted, the number deemed deficient by the Settlement Administrator, and the number of deficiency determinations appealed by the submitting person(s);
- e. the total value of all claims to be paid by defendant in connection with the submitted Claim Forms, including the cost of the one year of three-bureau credit monitoring with \$1 million in identity theft insurance to be provided to each claimant who requested it;
- f. support for the requested attorney's fees and costs to be paid in connection with the settlement; and
- g. a plan for disbursement of any *cy pres* funds in accord with Pa. R. Civ. P. 1716.

12. A virtual Final Approval Hearing will be conducted via Zoom on July 16, 2026, at 9:30 a.m.¹ At the Final Approval Hearing, the Court will consider the parties' arguments in favor of final approval of the settlement, will consider any objections, and may hear argument from any individual who wishes to be heard.

¹ Counsel and all interested persons should use the following Zoom link to attend the hearing: <https://zoom.us/j/2031203072?pwd=Z3VhaDdGREEzY2lST0FWNDh4ZkNSZz09>

13. The Court may continue the Final Approval Hearing without further written notice to the class members, but the Settlement Administrator must provide notice of any rescheduled hearing date to any Settlement Class member who filed an objection.

BY THE COURT:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. A. Patrick", written over a horizontal line.

PAULA A. PATRICK, J.