

## **SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND RELEASE**

This Settlement Agreement and Release (“Settlement Agreement” or “Agreement”) is entered into by and between Khalid Rast (“Plaintiff”), individually and on behalf of the Participating Settlement Class Members (as defined in Paragraph 37), and Fitzgerald Wealth Management, LLC (“FWM” or “Defendant”) (collectively the “Parties”), in the action *Khalid Rast v. Fitzgerald Wealth Management, LLC* (Case No. CV2025-024424) filed on or about July 11, 2025, in the Superior Court of the State of Arizona, Maricopa County (the “Action”). The Settlement Agreement is intended by the Parties to fully, finally, and forever resolve, discharge, and settle the Action and the Released Claims (as defined in Paragraph 27), upon and subject to the terms and conditions below.

### **RECITALS**

WHEREAS, on July 11, 2025, Plaintiff filed a Complaint against Defendant in Superior Court of the State of Arizona, Maricopa County related to a cybersecurity incident that began on or around April 29, 2025 (the “Data Incident”) affecting Defendant;

WHEREAS, Defendant filed a motion to dismiss on December 1, 2025, which sought full dismissal of Plaintiff’s Class Action Complaint, including on standing grounds;

WHEREAS, while the motion to dismiss was pending, the Parties agreed to engage in informal discovery, exchanging information necessary to evaluate their respective settlement positions;

WHEREAS, after weeks of arms’-length negotiations between experienced counsel, the Parties reached agreement on the material terms of this Agreement;

WHEREAS, Defendant denies the allegations and causes of action pled in the Action and otherwise denies any liability to Plaintiffs and Settlement Class Members in any way;

WHEREAS, this Agreement is for settlement purposes only, and nothing in this Agreement shall constitute, be construed as, or be admissible in evidence as any admission of the validity of any claim or fact alleged by Plaintiff in this Action or in any other pending or subsequently filed action, or of any wrongdoing, fault, violation of law, or liability of any kind on the part of Released Parties or admission of the validity or lack thereof of any claim, allegation, or defense asserted in this Action or any other action.

NOW, THEREFORE, in exchange for the mutual promises and valuable consideration provided for in this Agreement, the Parties agree to a full, complete, and final settlement and resolution of the Action and any and all Released Claims (including Unknown Claims), subject to Court approval, on the following terms and conditions:

### **DEFINITIONS**

In addition to terms defined elsewhere in this Agreement, the following defined terms shall have the meanings set forth below:

1. “Aggregate Cap” means the maximum amount to be paid by Defendant under this Settlement Agreement for payment claims for Ordinary Losses, Extraordinary Losses, Reimbursement of Lost Time, and for the Alternative Cash Payment, which is no more than Two-Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (250,000). For the avoidance of doubt, the maximum Defendant will pay, excluding settlement administration, service award, and attorneys’ fees is Two-Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000).

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3. “Approved Claim” means the complete and timely submission of a Claim Form by a Participating Settlement Class Member that has been approved by the Settlement Administrator subject to the Claims Review Process.

4. “Alternative Cash Payment” means the cash payment of \$50.00 that Settlement Members can claim as set forth in Paragraph 42(b).

5. “Claim Form” means the form(s) Participating Settlement Class Members must submit to be eligible for Credit Monitoring Services, Ordinary Losses, Extraordinary Losses, Lost Time, and/or the Alternative Cash Payment claims under the terms of the Settlement, which form is attached hereto as **Exhibit C**, or form(s) approved by the Court substantially similar to **Exhibit C**. Class members shall swear and affirm under the laws of the United States and under penalty of perjury that the information supplied in the claim form and any documents submitted with the claim form are true and correct to the best of his or her knowledge or recollection.

6. “Claims Deadline” means the date by which all Claim Forms must be postmarked (if mailed) or submitted (if filed electronically) to the Settlement Website to be considered timely and shall be set as a date ninety (90) days after the Notice Deadline. The Claims Deadline shall be clearly set forth in the Preliminary Approval Order, as well as in the Notice and the Claim Form.

7. “Claims Period” means the period of time during which Settlement Class Members may submit Claim Forms, which will end ninety (90) days after the Notice Deadline.

8. “Claims Review Process” means the process for reviewing and determining whether claims are valid as set forth in Paragraph 45.

9. “Court” means Superior Court of the State of Arizona, Maricopa County.

10. “Credit Monitoring Services” means the credit monitoring services described in Paragraph 1, which includes two (2) years of one-bureau credit monitoring.

11. “Data Incident” means the cybersecurity incident affecting Defendant that began on or around April 29, 2025.

12. “Defendant’s Counsel” means Mullen Coughlin LLC.

13. “Effective Date” means the day after the entry of the Final Approval Order, and the occurrence of all of the following events: (i) the settlement pursuant to this Settlement Agreement is finally approved by the Court; (ii) the Court has entered a Judgment (as that term is defined herein); and (iii) the time to appeal or seek permission to appeal from the Judgment has expired or, if appealed, the appeal has been dismissed in its entirety, or the Judgment has been affirmed in its entirety by the court of last resort to which such appeal may be taken, and such dismissal or affirmance has become no longer subject to further appeal or review. Notwithstanding the above, any order modifying or reversing any attorneys’ fee award or service award made in this case shall not affect whether the Judgment is “Final” as defined herein or any other aspect of the Judgment.

14. “Fee Award and Costs” means the amount of attorneys’ fees and reimbursement of Litigation Costs and Expenses awarded by the Court to Settlement Class Counsel in satisfaction of any request or claim for payment of attorneys’ fees, costs, and litigation expenses in connection with this Action.

15. “Final Approval Hearing” means the hearing to be conducted by the Court to determine the fairness, adequacy, and reasonableness of the Settlement and enter a judgment to be approving the Settlement Agreement, approving the Fee Award and Costs, and approving Service Awards to the Class Representatives.

16. “Final Approval Order and Judgment” means an order and judgment substantially in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit E** that the Court enters, which finally approves the Settlement Agreement, certifies the Settlement Class, dismisses the Action with prejudice, and otherwise satisfies the settlement-related provisions of the Arizona Rules of Civil Procedure and is consistent with all material provisions of this Agreement.

17. “Litigation Costs and Expenses” means costs and expenses incurred by Settlement Class Counsel and their law practices in connection with commencing, prosecuting, and settling the Action.

18. “Notice” means direct notice of the proposed class action Settlement to be provided to Settlement Class Members, that the Parties will ask the Court to approve in connection with the motion for preliminary approval of the Settlement, and which is to be provided substantially in the forms attached hereto as **Exhibit A** (“Short Form Notices”) and **Exhibit B** (“Long Form Notice”).

19. “Notice Deadline” means the last day by which Notice must be issued to the Settlement Class Members and will occur no later than thirty (30) days after entry of the Preliminary Approval Order.

20. “Notice and Administrative Expenses” means all of the expenses incurred in the administration of this Settlement, including, without limitation, all expenses or costs associated with providing Notice to the Settlement Class, locating Settlement Class Members, performing National Change of Address search(es) and/or skip tracing for undeliverable notices, processing claims, determining the eligibility of a person to be a Settlement Class Member, and administering, calculating and distributing payments to Settlement Class Members who submit valid Claim

Forms. Notice and Administrative Expenses also include all reasonable fees and expenses incurred by the Settlement Administrator in administering the terms of this Agreement.

21. “Objection Deadline” is the last day on which a Settlement Class Member may file a written objection to the Settlement or the application for a Fee Award and Costs, which will be 60 days after the Notice Deadline. The postmark date shall constitute evidence of the date of mailing for these purposes.

22. “Opt Out” means a Settlement Class Member (i) who timely submits a properly completed and executed Request for Exclusion, (ii) who does not rescind that Request for Exclusion prior to the Opt-Out Deadline, and (iii) as to which there is not a successful challenge to the Request for Exclusion.

23. “Opt-Out Deadline” is the last day on which a Settlement Class Member may postmark a Request for Exclusion, which will be 60 days after the Notice Deadline. The postmark date shall constitute evidence of the date of mailing for these purposes.

24. “Ordinary Losses” means unreimbursed, documented expenses and fees actually incurred or spent as a result of the Data Incident between April 29, 2025, and the Claims Deadline, including, without limitations and by way of example losses associated with fraud or identity theft, professional fees including attorneys’ fees, accountants’ fees, and fees for credit repair services; costs associated with freezing or unfreezing credit with any credit reporting agency; credit monitoring costs that were incurred on or after mailing of the notice of Data Incident, through the date of claim submission; and miscellaneous expenses such as notary, fax, postage, copying, mileage, and long-distance telephone charges. The maximum amount any one Settlement Class Member may recover for Ordinary Losses is \$400.00, made under penalty of perjury. Ordinary Losses must be supported by third-party documentation, as discussed in Paragraph 42(a).

25. “Participating Settlement Class Member” means a Settlement Class Member who does not submit a valid Request for Exclusion prior to the Opt-Out Deadline, as set forth in Paragraph 54.

26. “Personal Information” includes, but is not limited to, first, middle, and last names; and Social Security numbers. The term “Personal Information” is not intended here, nor should it be viewed as, having any bearing on the meaning of this term or similar term in any statute or other source of law beyond this Agreement, or how the Parties may use the term in other circumstances.

27. “Preliminary Approval Order” means an order directing issuance of Notice to Settlement Class Members, determining that the Court will likely be able to approve the Settlement under the Arizona Rules of Civil Procedure, and determining that the Court will likely be able to certify the Settlement Class for purposes of resolving this Action. Such order will include the forms and procedure for providing notice to the Settlement Class, including notice of the procedure for Settlement Class Members to object to or opt-out of the Settlement, and set a date for the Final Approval Hearing, substantially in the form annexed hereto as **Exhibit D**.

28. “Released Claims” means any and all past, present, and future rights, liabilities, actions, demands, damages, penalties, costs, attorneys’ fees, losses, remedies, claims, and causes of action including, but not limited to, any causes of action related to the Data Incident, arising under or premised upon any statute, constitution, law, ordinance, treaty, regulation, or common law of any country, state, province, county, city, or municipality, including 15 U.S.C. §§ *et seq.*, and all similar statutes in effect in any states in the United States; all California and Arizona consumer protection statutes; violations of any federal or state data breach notification statutes; negligence; negligence *per se*; breach of contract; breach of implied contract; breach of fiduciary duty; breach of confidence; invasion of privacy; fraud; misrepresentation (whether fraudulent, negligent or innocent); unjust enrichment; bailment; wantonness; failure to provide adequate notice pursuant to any breach notification statute or common law duty; and including, but not limited to, any and all claims for damages, injunctive relief, disgorgement, declaratory relief, equitable relief, attorneys’ fees and expenses, pre-judgment interest, credit monitoring services, the creation of a fund for future damages, statutory damages, punitive damages, special damages, exemplary damages, restitution, and/or the appointment of a receiver, whether known or unknown, liquidated or unliquidated, existing or potential, accrued or unaccrued, fixed or contingent, direct or derivative, and any other form of legal statutory, or equitable relief that either has been asserted, was asserted, or could have been asserted, by any Settlement Class Member against any of the Released Parties (including, but not limited to, assigned claims and any and all “Unknown Claims”) based on, relating to, concerning or arising out of the Data Incident or the allegations, transactions, occurrences, facts, or circumstances alleged in or otherwise described in the Action. Released Claims shall not include the right of any Settlement Class Member or any of the Released Parties to enforce the terms of the settlement contained in this Settlement Agreement and shall not include the claims of Settlement Class Members who have timely excluded themselves from the Settlement Class consistent with the terms and requirements of this Agreement.

29. “Released Parties” means Defendant, its Broker-Dealer, Registered Investment Advisory firm and any of their affiliated or related entities, and each and every of its past, present predecessors, successors, assigns, parents, subsidiaries, affiliates, divisions, departments, owners, Trustees, and the present and former directors, trustees, officers, employees, members, agents, insurers, reinsurers, shareholders, attorneys, advisors, consultants, representatives, partners, joint venturers, independent contractors, wholesalers, resellers, distributors, retailers, vendors and related or affiliated entities of any nature whatsoever, whether direct or indirect, as well as any and all of Defendant’s predecessors, successors, officers, directors, employees, advisors, vendors, stockholders, partners, agents, attorneys, representatives, insurers, reinsurers, subrogees, assigns, and includes, without limitation, any Person related to any such entities who is, was, or could have been named as a defendant in the Action. Each of the Released Parties may be referred to individually as a “Released Party.”

30. “Releasing Parties” and a “Releasing Party” shall refer, jointly and severally, and individually and collectively, to Plaintiff and Settlement Class Members and their respective past, present, and future heirs, beneficiaries, conservators, executors, estates, administrators, assigns, agents, attorneys, accountants, financial and other advisors, and any other representatives of any of these persons and entities, and any other person purporting to assert a claim on their behalf.

31. “Request for Exclusion” means a writing by or on behalf of a Settlement Class Member in which he or she requests to be excluded from the Settlement Class in the form and manner provided for in the Notice and as described below in Paragraph 54.

32. “Service Award Payment” means compensation awarded by the Court and paid to the Settlement Class Representative in recognition of their role in this Action as set forth in Paragraph 68.

33. “Settlement” means the settlement of the Action by and between the Parties, and the terms thereof as stated in this Settlement Agreement.

34. “Settlement Administrator” means Simpluris, subject to Court approval, an entity jointly selected and supervised by Settlement Class Counsel, Defendant and Defendant’s Counsel, to administer the settlement.

35. “Settlement Class” means All individuals residing in the United States whose Personal Information was compromised in the Data Incident discovered by Fitzgerald Wealth Management, LLC in April 2025. Excluded from the Settlement Class are (i) Defendant (ii) all Settlement Class Members who timely and validly request exclusion from the Settlement Class; (iii) any judges assigned to this case and their staff and family; and (iv) any other person found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be guilty under criminal law of initiating, causing, aiding or abetting the criminal activity occurrence of the Data Incident or who pleads *nolo contendere* to any such charge.

36. “Settlement Class Counsel” means Raina C. Borrelli and Carly M. Roman of Strauss Borrelli PLLC.

37. “Settlement Class List” means the list of the names and current or last known email and/or mailing address information for Settlement Class Members that Defendant used to mail notice of the Data Incident to individuals, to the extent reasonably available, which Defendant shall provide to the Settlement Administrator within fifteen (15) days of entry of the Preliminary Approval Order.

38. “Settlement Class Member” means an individual who falls within the definition of the Settlement Class.

39. “Settlement Class Representative” means Khalid Rast.

40. “Settlement Payment” or “Settlement Check” mean the payment to be made via mailed check or via electronic means (agreed to by the Parties) to a Participating Settlement Class Member pursuant to the claims process set forth in Paragraph 46.

41. “Settlement Website” means the website the Settlement Administrator will establish and use to provide Settlement Class Members with information about the Settlement and relevant case documents and deadlines, as set forth in Paragraph 52.

## SETTLEMENT BENEFITS AND REIMBURSEMENT

42. **Credit Monitoring Services.** All Participating Settlement Class Members shall be offered an opportunity to enroll in Credit Monitoring Services which will include two (2) years of one-bureau credit monitoring.

43. **Cash Benefits.** Defendant will pay Approved Claims for Ordinary Losses, Extraordinary Losses, Lost Time or, in the alternative, Alternative Cash Payments, as described below. Approved Claims for Ordinary Losses, Extraordinary Losses, Lost Time and Alternative Cash Payments are subject to the Aggregate Cap. In the unlikely event that the total Settlement benefits claimed in Paragraph 42 exceed \$250,000, such Approved Claims will be decreased *pro rata* to stay within the maximum \$250,000 cap. Participating Settlement Class Members who submit a valid and timely Claim Form may choose from all applicable claim categories (a) through (c) below or, in the alternative, choose an Alternative Cash Payment.

- a. **Claims for Ordinary Losses** up to a total of \$400.00 per Participating Settlement Class Member upon submission of a valid documented claim and supporting third-party documentation for each item of expenditure claimed. Participating Settlement Class Members with Ordinary Losses must submit documentation supporting their claims. This can include receipts or other documentation not “self-prepared” by the claimant that document the costs incurred. “Self-prepared” documents such as handwritten receipts are, by themselves, insufficient to receive reimbursement, but can be considered to add clarity or support other submitted documentation. A legal guardian for a Participating Settlement Class Member who is under the age of eighteen (18) at the time of claim submission may submit a Minor Claim Form seeking reimbursement of Ordinary Losses on the minor’s behalf. Ordinary Losses would include, without limitation and by way of example: losses associated with fraud or identity theft, professional fees including attorneys’ fees, accountants’ fees, and fees for credit repair services; costs associated with freezing or unfreezing credit with any credit reporting agency; credit monitoring costs that were incurred on or after mailing of the notice of Data Incident, through the date of claim submission; and miscellaneous expenses such as notary, fax, postage, copying, mileage, and long-distance telephone charges.
- b. **Extraordinary Losses.** up to a total of \$3,500.00 per Participating Settlement Class Member upon submission of a valid documented claim and supporting third-party documentation for each item of expenditure claimed. Participating Settlement Class Members with Extraordinary Losses must submit documentation supporting their claims. This can include receipts or other documentation not “self-prepared” by the claimant that document the costs incurred. “Self-prepared” documents such as handwritten receipts are, by themselves, insufficient to receive reimbursement, but can be considered to add clarity or support other submitted documentation. A legal guardian for a Participating Settlement Class Member who is under the age of eighteen (18) at the time of claim submission may submit a Minor Claim Form seeking reimbursement of Extraordinary Losses on the minor’s behalf.

- c. **Lost Time.** FWM will provide up to \$20 per hour for up to four hours (under the individual cap of \$400 Ordinary Losses and \$3,500 Extraordinary Losses) with supporting documentation or narrative statement made under penalty of perjury.
- d. **Alternative Cash Payment.** Participating Settlement Class Members may claim an Alternative Cash Payment of \$50.00 per Settlement Class Member in lieu of claims for Extraordinary Losses, Ordinary Losses, and Lost Time. In other words, if a Settlement Class Member claims the Alternative Cash Payment, they cannot also receive compensation for Ordinary Losses, Extraordinary Losses, or Lost Time. However, Participating Settlement Class Members can claim both the Alternative Cash Payment and Credit Monitoring Services. To receive this benefit, Settlement Class Members must submit a valid claim form, but no documentation is required to make a claim.

44. **Business Practice Commitments.** Defendant will provide a confidential declaration to Settlement Class Counsel describing its information security enhancements since the Data Incident and estimating, to the extent reasonably calculable, the annual cost of those enhancements. The cost of such enhancements will be paid by Defendant separate and apart from all other settlement benefits. To the extent the Court requires this declaration be filed, it shall be filed under seal.

#### **CLAIMS PROCESS AND PAYMENTS TO PARTICIPATING SETTLEMENT CLASS MEMBERS**

45. **Submission of Electronic and Hard Copy Claims.** Settlement Class Members may submit Claim Forms to the Settlement Administrator electronically via the Settlement Website or physically by mail to the Settlement Administrator. Claim Forms must be submitted electronically or postmarked on or before the Claims Deadline. The Settlement Administrator will maintain records of all Claim Forms submitted until the later of (a) one hundred and eighty (180) Days after the Effective Date or (b) the date all Claim Forms have been fully processed in accordance with the terms of this Agreement. Information submitted by Settlement Class Members in connection with Claim Forms shall be deemed confidential and protected as such by the Settlement Administrator, Settlement Class Counsel, and Defendant's Counsel.

46. **Claims Review Process.** The Settlement Administrator shall have the sole discretion and authority to determine whether and to what extent claims for Extraordinary Losses, Ordinary Losses, Lost Time, Alternative Cash Payment, or Credit Monitoring Services are valid.

- a. The Settlement Administrator will verify that each person who submits a Claim Form is a member of the Settlement Class.
- b. The Settlement Administrator will determine that each Claim Form submitted by a Settlement Class Member was submitted during the Claims Period and is timely.

- c. The Settlement Administrator will verify that the claimant has provided all third-party documentation or information needed to complete the Claim Form, including any documentation required to support claims for compensation under Paragraph 42 above.
- d. The Settlement Administrator will determine to what extent documentation for Extraordinary Losses or Ordinary Losses reflects losses actually and reasonably incurred and that were more likely than not caused by the Data Incident.
- e. In determining whether claimed Extraordinary Losses or Ordinary Losses are more likely than not caused by the Data Incident, the Settlement Administrator will consider (i) the timing of the alleged loss and whether it occurred on or after April 29, 2025; (ii) whether the alleged loss for the specific Participating Settlement Class Member, involved the types of information for that individual that may have been affected in the Data Incident; (iii) the explanation of the Participating Settlement Class Member as to why the alleged loss was caused by the Data Incident; and (iv) other factors the Settlement Administrator reasonably finds to be relevant.
- f. The Settlement Administrator is authorized to contact any Participating Settlement Class Member (by e-mail, telephone, or U.S. mail) to seek clarification regarding a submitted claim prior to making a determination as to its validity.
- g. No decision of the Settlement Administrator shall be deemed to constitute a finding, admission, or waiver by Defendant as to any matter of fact, law, or evidence having any collateral effect on any proceedings in any forum or before any authority.
- h. To the extent the Settlement Administrator determines that a timely claim Extraordinary Losses, Ordinary Losses, Lost Time, Credit Monitoring Services, or the Alternative Cash Payment by a Settlement Class Member is deficient in whole or in part, the Settlement Administrator shall notify the Settlement Class Member of the deficiencies and provide the Settlement Class member twenty-one (21) days to cure the deficiencies. If the Settlement Administrator subsequently determines that the Participating Settlement Class Member has not cured the deficiencies, the Settlement Administrator will notify the Participating Settlement Class Member within ten (10) days of that determination. The Settlement Administrator may consult with the Parties in making these determinations.
- i. If a Participating Settlement Class Member receives notice that the Settlement Administrator has determined that the deficiencies it identified have not been cured, the Participating Settlement Class Member may request an appeal in writing, including any supporting documents. The appeal must be submitted within twenty-one (21) days of the Settlement Administrator sending the notice. In the event of an appeal, the Settlement Administrator shall provide the Parties with all relevant documentation regarding the appeal. The Parties will confer regarding the appeal. If they agree on a disposition of the appeal, that disposition will be final and non-appealable. If they cannot agree on disposition of the appeal, the dispute will be submitted to the

Settlement Administrator for final, non-appealable disposition. In reaching disposition, the Settlement Administrator is authorized to communicate with counsel for the Parties separately or collectively.

**47. Payment.**

- a. Five (5) days after the Effective Date, and after final determinations have been made with respect to all claims submitted during the Claims Period pursuant to the Claims Review Process, the Settlement Administrator shall provide the Parties an accounting of all Approved Claims for Extraordinary Losses, Ordinary Losses, Lost Time Credit Monitoring Services, or the Alternative Cash Payment, and also provide funding instructions to Defendant. Within twenty (20) days of the Effective Date, Defendant or its representative shall transmit the funds needed to pay Approved Claims for Extraordinary Losses or Ordinary Losses, Lost Time, Credit Monitoring Services, or the Alternative Cash Payment in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.
- b. Payments issued by the Settlement Administrator for Approved Claims for Extraordinary Losses, Ordinary Losses, Lost Time, or the Alternative Cash Payment shall be issued in the form of a check, or via electronic means (through means agreed to by the Parties) and sent as soon as practicable after the Settlement Administrator receives the funds described in Paragraph 46(a).
- c. All Participating Settlement Class Members who fail to submit a valid Claim Form for any benefits under this Agreement within the time frames set forth herein, or such other period as may be ordered by the Court, shall be forever barred from receiving any payments or benefits pursuant to the Settlement, but will in all other respects be subject to and bound by the provisions of this Agreement, including but not limited to the releases contained herein, and the Final Approval Order and Judgment.

**48. Timing.** Settlement Checks shall bear the legend that they expire if not negotiated within ninety (90) days of their issue date.

**49. Returned Checks.** For any Settlement Check returned to the Settlement Administrator as undeliverable, the Settlement Administrator shall, within thirty (30) days after the check is returned to the Settlement Administrator as undeliverable, send an e-mail and/or telephone that Participating Settlement Class Member to obtain updated address information. Any replacement Settlement Checks issued to Participating Settlement Class Members shall remain valid and negotiable for sixty (60) days from the date of issuance and thereafter will automatically be canceled and deemed void if not cashed by the Participating Settlement Class Members within that time.

**50. Voided Checks.** In the event a Settlement Check becomes void, the Participating Settlement Class Member to whom that Settlement Check was made payable will forfeit the right to payment and will not be entitled to payment under the Settlement, and the Agreement will in all other respects be fully enforceable against the Participating Settlement Class Member. No later than one hundred and twenty (120) days after the issuance of the last Settlement Check, the

Settlement Administrator shall take all steps necessary to stop payment on any Settlement Checks that remain uncashed.

### **SETTLEMENT CLASS NOTICE**

51. **Timing of Notice.** Within fifteen (15) ) days after entry of the Preliminary Approval Order, Defendant shall provide the Settlement Class List to the Settlement Administrator. The Settlement Administrator shall disseminate the Short Form Notice to Settlement Class Members for whom it has a valid email address or mailing address by the Notice Deadline. The Settlement Administrator shall make the Long Form Notice and Claim Form available to Settlement Class Members on the Settlement Website.

52. **Form of Notice.** Notice shall be disseminated via postcard through First Class U.S. mail to Settlement Class Members on the Settlement Class List. Notice shall also be provided on the Settlement Website. The Notice mailed to Settlement Class Members will consist of a Short Form Notice in a form substantially similar to that attached hereto as **Exhibit A** and shall include a tear-off claim form. The Settlement Administrator shall have discretion to format the Short Form Notice in a reasonable manner to minimize mailing and administrative costs. Before Notices are mailed or emailed, Settlement Class Counsel and Defendant's Counsel shall first be provided with a proof copy (reflecting what the items will look like in their final form) and shall have the right to inspect the same for compliance with the Settlement Agreement and any orders of the Court. For Notices sent via postcard that are returned as undeliverable, the Settlement Administrator shall use reasonable efforts (e.g., skip trace) to identify an updated mailing address and resend the postcard notice if an updated mailing address is identified. A reminder notice will be sent 30 days before the Claim Deadline if the claim rate is under 2% as of 45 days before the Claim Deadline. In addition, the Long Form Notice and Claim Form approved by the Court may be adjusted by the Settlement Administrator in consultation and agreement with the Parties, as may be reasonable and necessary and not inconsistent with such Court approval.

53. **Settlement Website.** The Settlement Administrator will establish the Settlement Website as soon as practicable following entry of the Preliminary Approval Order, but prior to dissemination of the Notice. The URL of the Settlement Website shall be agreed upon by Settlement Class Counsel and Defendant. The Settlement Website shall contain relevant documents, including, but not limited to, the Long Form Notice, the Claim Form, this Agreement, Plaintiff's motion for preliminary approval of the Settlement, the Preliminary Approval Order, Plaintiff's motion for an award of attorneys' fees, costs and expenses, and service awards, and the operative complaint in the Action. The Settlement Website shall also include a toll-free telephone number, e-mail address, and mailing address through which Settlement Class Members may contact the Settlement Administrator directly. Class Members shall be able to submit claims online via the Settlement Website or mailed to the Settlement Administrator. The Settlement Website shall contain the deadlines for filing a claim, objection, or opt-out requests, and the date of the Final Approval Hearing. The Settlement Website shall not include any advertising and shall remain operational until at least sixty (60) days after all Settlement Payments have been distributed.

54. **Cost of Notice and Administration.** Defendant will pay for the Notice and Administrative Expenses, which will be paid separately from costs associated with providing the

Settlements benefits in Paragraphs 41–42. The costs of Notice and Administrative Expenses will be subject to a not to exceed amount. An initial up-front amount, to be determined by the Settlement Administrator, shall be paid to the Settlement Administrator to cover the initial notice and administration costs, within twenty (20) days after the Court issues a Preliminary Approval Order. The Settlement Administrator shall provide an invoice, payment instructions, and a properly completed and duly executed IRS Form W-9, along with any other necessary forms, to Defendant within five (5) days of the entry of the Preliminary Approval Order.

### **OPT-OUTS AND OBJECTIONS**

55. **Opt-Outs.** The Notice shall explain the procedure for Settlement Class Members to exclude themselves or “opt-out” of the Settlement by submitting a Request for Exclusion to the Settlement Administrator postmarked no later than the Opt-Out Deadline. The Notice also must state that any Settlement Class Member who does not file a timely Request for Exclusion in accordance with this Paragraph will lose the opportunity to exclude himself or herself from the Settlement and will be bound by the Settlement.

- a. The Request for Exclusion must include the name of the proceeding, the individual’s full name, current address, personal signature, and the words “Request for Exclusion” or a comparable statement that the individual does not wish to participate in the Settlement.
- b. No person shall purport to exercise any exclusion rights of any other person, or purport (a) to opt-out Settlement Class Members as a group, in the aggregate, or as a class; or (b) to opt-out more than one Settlement Class Member on a single Request for Exclusion, or as an agent or representative. Any such purported Request(s) for Exclusion shall be void, and the Settlement Class Member(s) who is or are the subject of such purported Request(s) for Exclusion shall be treated as a Participating Settlement Class Member and be bound by this Settlement Agreement, including the Release contained herein, and judgment entered thereon, unless he or she submits a valid and timely Request for Exclusion.
- c. Within seven (7) days after the Opt-Out Deadline, the Settlement Administrator shall provide the Parties with a complete and final list of all Opt-Outs.
- d. All persons who Opt Out shall not receive any benefits or be bound by the terms of this Agreement and shall have no right to object to the Settlement or to participate at the Final Approval Hearing. All Participating Settlement Class Members who do not request to be excluded from the Settlement Class in the manner set forth in Paragraph 53, above, shall be bound by the terms of this Settlement Agreement, including the Release contained herein, and any judgment entered thereon, regardless of whether he or she files a Claim Form or receives any monetary benefits from the Settlement.

56. **Objections.** The Notice shall explain the procedure for Settlement Class Members to object to the Settlement or request for attorneys’ fees and Litigation Costs and Expenses by filing written objections with the Court no later than the Objection Deadline. The written objection

must include (i) the name of the Action; (ii) the Settlement Class Member's full name and current mailing address; (iii) a statement that states with specificity the grounds for the objection, as well as any documents supporting the objection; (iv) the identity of any attorneys representing the objector; (v) a statement regarding whether the Settlement Class Member (or his/her attorney) intends to appear at the Final Approval Hearing; (vi) information identifying the objector as a Settlement Class Member, including proof that the objector is within the Settlement Class (*e.g.*, copy of the Notice or copy of original notice of the Data Incident); and (vii) the signature of the Settlement Class Member or the Settlement Class Member's attorney. The Settlement Class Member shall also send a copy of the written objection to the Settlement Administrator, Settlement Class Counsel, and Defendant's Counsel postmarked or emailed no later than the Objection Deadline. Any Settlement Class Member who does not file a timely and adequate objection in accordance with this Paragraph waives the right to object or to be heard at the Final Approval Hearing and shall be forever barred from making any objection to the Settlement and shall be bound by the terms of the Agreement and by all proceedings, orders, and judgments in the Action, including the Release. The exclusive means for any challenge to the Agreement shall be through the provisions of this Paragraph. Within seven (7) days after the Objection Deadline, the Settlement Administrator shall provide the Parties with all objections submitted.

#### **DUTIES OF THE SETTLEMENT ADMINISTRATOR**

57. **Duties of Settlement Administrator.** The Settlement Administrator shall perform the functions and duties necessary to effectuate the Settlement and as specified in this Agreement, including, but not limited to, the following:

- a. Obtaining the Settlement Class List for the purpose of disseminating Notice to Settlement Class Members;
- b. Causing the Notice Program to be effectuated in accordance with the terms of this Settlement Agreement and orders of the Court;
- c. Performing National Change of Address searches on the Settlement Class List and/or skip tracing on undeliverable notices;
- d. Providing Notice to Settlement Class Members via U.S. mail;
- e. Establishing and maintaining the Settlement Website;
- f. Establishing and maintaining a toll-free telephone line with interactive voice response for Settlement Class Members to call with Settlement-related inquiries, and answering the questions of Settlement Class Members who call with or otherwise communicate such inquiries in a timely fashion;
- g. Responding to any mailed or emailed Settlement Class Member inquiries in a timely fashion;

- h. Reviewing, determining the validity of, and processing all claims submitted consistent with the terms of this Agreement;
- i. Receiving and reviewing Requests for Exclusion and objections from Settlement Class Members. If the Settlement Administrator receives any Requests for Exclusion, objections, or other requests from Settlement Class Members after the deadlines set forth herein, the Settlement Administrator shall promptly provide copies thereof to Settlement Class Counsel and Defendant's Counsel;
- j. Working with the provider of Credit Monitoring Services to receive and send activation codes to Settlement Class Members who submitted valid claims for Credit Monitoring Services after the Effective Date;
- k. After the Effective Date, processing and transmitting Settlement Payments to Settlement Class Members;
- l. Providing weekly or other periodic reports to Settlement Class Counsel and Defendant's Counsel that include information regarding claims, objections, Opt Outs and other data agreed to between Settlement Class Counsel, Defendant's Counsel and the Settlement Administrator;
- m. In advance of the Final Approval Hearing, preparing an affidavit to submit to the Court that: (i) attests to implementation of Notice in accordance with the Preliminary Approval Order; and (ii) identifies each Settlement Class Member who timely and properly submitted a Request for Exclusion; and
- n. Performing any function related to settlement administration as provided for in this Agreement or agreed-upon among Settlement Class Counsel, Defendant's Counsel, and the Settlement Administrator.

### **PRELIMINARY APPROVAL, FINAL APPROVAL, AND JURISDICTION**

58. **Certification of the Settlement Class.** For purposes of this Settlement only, and in the context of this Agreement only, the Parties stipulate to the certification of the Settlement Class, which is contingent upon the Court entering the Final Approval Order and Judgment of this Settlement and the occurrence of the Effective Date. Should: (1) the Settlement not receive final approval from the Court, (2) the Effective Date not occur, or (3) the Agreement is otherwise terminated, the certification of the Settlement Class shall be void, and neither the Agreement nor any order or other action relating to the agreement shall be offered by any person as evidence or cited in support of a motion to certify a class for any purpose other than this Settlement. Defendant reserves the right to contest class certification for all other purposes. The Parties further stipulate to designate the Settlement Class Representative as the representative for the Settlement Class.

59. **Preliminary Approval.** Following execution of this Agreement, Settlement Class Counsel shall file a motion for preliminary approval of this Settlement with the Court. Settlement Class Counsel shall provide Defendant's Counsel with a draft of the motion for preliminary

approval within a reasonable time frame prior to filing same to ensure that any requested revisions from Defendant are addressed. The proposed Preliminary Approval Order shall be in the form attached as **Exhibit D**.

60. **Final Approval.** Settlement Class Counsel shall file their Motion for Final Approval of the Settlement, inclusive of Class Counsel's Application for Attorneys' Fees, Costs, and Service Awards, no later than 45 days before the initial date set for the Final Approval Hearing. At the Final Approval Hearing, the Court will hear argument on Plaintiffs' Motion for Final Approval of the Settlement and Application for Attorneys' Fees, Costs, and Service Awards. In the Court's discretion, the Court also will hear argument at the Final Approval Hearing from any Settlement Class Members (or their counsel) who object to the Settlement and/or to the Application for Attorneys' Fees, Costs, and Service Awards, provided the objector(s) submitted timely objections that meet all the requirements listed in the Agreement. Counsel for the Parties shall request that the Court set a date for the Final Approval Hearing no earlier than one-hundred and twenty (120) days after entry of the Preliminary Approval Order. Settlement Class Counsel shall provide Defendant's Counsel with a draft of the motion for final approval within a reasonable time frame prior to filing same to ensure that any requested revisions from Defendant are addressed.

61. **Jurisdiction.** The Court shall retain jurisdiction over the implementation, enforcement, and performance of this Agreement, and shall have exclusive jurisdiction over any suit, action, proceeding or dispute between the Parties arising out of or relating to this Agreement that cannot be resolved by negotiation and agreement by counsel for the Parties. The Court shall retain jurisdiction with respect to the administration, consummation, and enforcement of the Agreement and shall retain jurisdiction for the purpose of enforcing all terms of the Agreement. The Court shall also retain jurisdiction over all questions and/or disputes related to the Notice and the Settlement Administrator. As part of its agreement to render services in connection with this Settlement, the Settlement Administrator consents to the jurisdiction of the Court for this purpose and any dispute between or among the Settlement Administrator, Plaintiff, and/or Defendant.

#### **MODIFICATION AND TERMINATION**

62. **Modification.** The terms and provisions of this Agreement may be amended, modified, or expanded by written agreement of the Parties and approval of the Court; provided, however, that, after entry of the Preliminary Approval Order, the Parties may, by written agreement, effect such amendments, modifications, or expansions of this Agreement and its implementing documents (including all exhibits hereto) without further notice to the Settlement Class or approval by the Court if such changes are consistent with the Court's Preliminary Approval Order and do not materially alter, reduce, or limit the rights of Settlement Class Members or Defendant under this Agreement.

63. **Termination.** Settlement Class Counsel (on behalf of the Settlement Class Members) and Defendant shall have the right to terminate this Agreement by providing written notice of their or its election to do so ("Termination Notice"): within fourteen (14) days of (1) the Court's refusal to grant preliminary approval of the Settlement in any material respect; (2) the Court's refusal to enter the Final Approval Order and Judgment in any material respect, or (3) the

date the Final Approval Order and Judgment is modified or reversed in any material respect by any appellate or other court.

64. **Effect of Termination.** In the event of a termination as provided in Paragraph 62, this Agreement shall be considered null and void, all of the Parties' obligations under the Agreement shall cease to be of any force and effect, and the Parties shall return to the status quo ante in the Action as if the Parties had not entered into this Agreement. In addition, in the event of such a termination, the certification of the Settlement Class shall be void. Defendant reserves the right to contest class certification for all purposes other than this Settlement. All of the Parties' respective pre-Settlement claims and defenses will be preserved. Any Court orders preliminarily or finally approving certification of the Settlement Class and any other orders entered pursuant to the Agreement shall be deemed null and void and vacated, and shall not be used or cited thereafter by any person or entity in support of claims or defenses or in support or in opposition to a class certification motion. In addition, the fact that Defendant did not oppose certification of a class under the Settlement shall not be used or cited thereafter by any person or entity, including in a contested proceeding relating to class certification.

65. **Settlement Not Approved.** If: (1) the Court does not issue the Preliminary Approval Order or Final Approval Order; (2) the Effective Date does not occur; or (3) the Final Approval Order is modified or reversed in any material respect by any appellate or other court, the Parties shall have 60 days from the date of such occurrence or non-occurrence during which the Parties shall work together in good faith in considering, drafting, and submitting reasonable modifications to this Agreement to address any issues identified by the Court or that otherwise caused the Preliminary Approval Order or Final Approval Order not to issue or the Effective Date not to occur. If such efforts are unsuccessful, either Party may at their sole discretion terminate this Agreement on seven (7) days written notice to the other Party. For avoidance of any doubt, neither Party may terminate the Agreement while an appeal from an order granting approval of the Settlement is pending.

## **RELEASES**

66. **The Release.** Upon the Effective Date, and in consideration of the Settlement benefits described herein, each Releasing Party shall be deemed to have completely and unconditionally released, acquitted, and forever discharged Defendant and each of the Released Parties from any and all Released Claims, including Unknown Claims.

67. **Unknown Claims.** The Released Claims include the release of Unknown Claims. "Unknown Claims" means claims that could have been raised in the Action and that Plaintiff, any member of the Settlement Class or any Releasing Party, do not know or suspect to exist, which, if known by him, her or it, might affect his, her or its agreement to release the Released Parties or the Released Claims or might affect his, her or its decision to agree, object or not to object to the Settlement. With respect to the Released Claims, Plaintiff, Settlement Class Members, and any Releasing Parties, expressly understand and acknowledge it is possible that unknown economic losses or claims exist or that present losses may have been underestimated in amount or severity. Plaintiff, Settlement Class Members, and any Releasing Parties explicitly took that into account in entering into this Agreement, and a portion of the consideration and the mutual covenants

contained herein, having been bargained for between Plaintiff and Defendant with the knowledge of the possibility of such unknown claims for economic loss, were given in exchange for a full accord, satisfaction, and discharge of all such claims. Upon the Effective Date, Plaintiff, the Settlement Class, and any Releasing Party shall be deemed to have, and shall have, expressly waived and relinquished, to the fullest extent permitted by law, the provisions, rights and benefits of Section 1542 of the California Civil Code, which provides as follows::

A GENERAL RELEASE DOES NOT EXTEND TO CLAIMS THAT THE CREDITOR OR RELEASING PARTY DOES NOT KNOW OR SUSPECT TO EXIST IN HIS OR HER FAVOR AT THE TIME OF EXECUTING THE RELEASE AND THAT IF KNOWN BY HIM OR HER, WOULD HAVE MATERIALLY AFFECTED HIS OR HER SETTLEMENT WITH THE DEBTOR OR RELEASED PARTY.

Upon the Effective Date, each of the Releasing Parties shall be deemed to have, and shall have, waived any and all provisions, rights and benefits conferred by any law of any state, the District of Columbia or territory of the United States, by federal law, or principle of common law, or the law of any jurisdiction outside of the United States, which is similar, comparable or equivalent to Section 1542 of the California Civil Code. Class Representative, the Settlement Class, and any Releasing Parties acknowledge that they may discover facts in addition to or different from those that they now know or believe to be true with respect to the subject matter of the Release, but that it is their intention to finally and forever settle and release the Released Claims, including but not limited to any Unknown Claims they may have, as that term is defined in this Paragraph. Each of those individuals expressly agrees that, as of the Effective Date, he or she shall have automatically and irrevocably waived and fully, finally, and forever settled and released any known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, asserted or unasserted, liquidated or unliquidated, contingent or non-contingent claims with respect to all of the matters described in or subsumed by this Agreement. Further, each of those individuals agrees and acknowledges that he or she shall be bound by this Agreement, including by the release herein and that all of their claims shall be dismissed with prejudice and released, whether or not such claims are concealed or hidden; without regard to subsequent discovery of different or additional facts and subsequent changes in the law; and even if he or she never receives actual notice of the Settlement and/or never receives a payment from the Settlement.

68. Each Releasor waives any and all defenses, rights, and benefits that may be derived from the provisions of applicable law in any jurisdiction that, absent such waiver, may limit the extent or effect of the release contained in this Settlement Agreement.

69. **Bar to Future Suits.** Upon entry of the Final Approval Order and Judgment, the Settlement Class Representative and other Participating Settlement Class Members, and all Releasing Parties, shall be enjoined from initiating, asserting, or prosecuting any and all Released Claims, including Unknown Claims, in any proceeding against any of the Released Parties or based on any actions taken by any of the Released Parties that are authorized or required by this Agreement or by the Final Approval Order and Judgment. It is further agreed that the Settlement may be pleaded as a complete defense to any proceeding subject to this Section. It is further agreed that the Settlement may be pleaded as a complete defense to any proceeding subject to this section.

## **SERVICE AWARD PAYMENTS**

70. **Service Award Payments.** At least forty-five (45) days before the initially scheduled Final Approval Hearing, Settlement Class Counsel will file a motion seeking a service award payment for the Settlement Class Representative in recognition of their contributions to this Action not to exceed Two Thousand and Five Hundred Dollars and Zero Cents (\$2,500.00). If more than \$2,500.00 per Plaintiff is requested as a service award, Defendant shall have the option to terminate the Settlement in accordance with Paragraph 62. Prior to the disbursement or payment of the Service Award Payment, the Settlement Class Representative shall provide a properly completed and duly executed IRS Form W-9. Defendant shall pay the Court-approved service award to an account established by or on behalf of Settlement Class Counsel within thirty (30) days after the Effective Date and Settlement Class Counsel's provision of its properly completed and duly executed IRS Form W-9, whichever is later. Settlement Class Counsel will ensure payment instructions are provided through secure processes. Settlement Class Counsel will then distribute the service award. Defendant's obligations with respect to the Court-approved service award shall be fully satisfied upon transmission of the funds into the account established by or on behalf of Settlement Class Counsel. Defendant shall have no responsibility for, interest in, or liability whatsoever with respect to any distribution or allocation of service awards. Nor shall Defendant be responsible for any tax obligations or payments associated with the amount paid into the account established by Settlement Class Counsel. To the extent the Effective Date does not occur, Defendant shall have no obligation to pay any service awards. This amount was negotiated after the primary terms of the settlement were negotiated.

71. **No Effect on Agreement.** The finality or effectiveness of the Settlement, including the Final Approval Order and Judgment, shall not depend on the amount or timing of service awards approved and awarded by the Court or any appeal thereof. The amount and timing of service awards is intended to be considered by the Court separately from the Court's consideration of the fairness, reasonableness, and adequacy of the Settlement. No decision by the Court, or modification or reversal or appeal of any decision by the Court, concerning the amount of the service awards shall constitute grounds for termination of this Agreement.

## **ATTORNEYS' FEES, COSTS, EXPENSES**

72. **Attorneys' Fees and Costs and Expenses.** At least forty-five (45) days before the initially scheduled Final Approval Hearing, Settlement Class Counsel will file a motion for Fee Award and Costs, as well as the Service Award, to be paid by Defendant. Defendant agrees not to oppose Settlement Class Counsel's request for Fee Award and Costs, which shall not exceed One Hundred Thousand Twenty-Five Dollars (\$125,000.00) and is separate and apart from the Aggregate Cap. If more than \$125,000.00 is requested as a Fee Award and Costs, Defendant shall have the option to terminate the Settlement in accordance with Paragraph 62. Settlement Class Counsel shall provide to Defendant a properly completed and duly executed IRS Form W-9. Defendant shall pay the Court-approved Fee Award and Costs to an account established by or on behalf of Settlement Class Counsel within thirty (30) days after the Effective Date and Settlement Class Counsel's provision of its properly completed and duly executed IRS Form W-9, whichever is later. The Fee Award and Costs will be allocated by Settlement Class Counsel. Defendant's obligations with respect to the Court-approved Fee Award and Costs shall be fully satisfied upon

transmission of the funds into the account established by or on behalf of Settlement Class Counsel. Defendant shall have no responsibility for, interest in, or liability whatsoever with respect to any distribution or allocation of the Fee Award and Costs. Nor shall Defendant be responsible for any tax obligations or payments associated with the amount paid into the account established by or on behalf of Settlement Class Counsel. To the extent the Effective Date does not occur, Defendant shall have no obligation to pay any Fee Award and Costs. The amount of the Fee Award and Costs was negotiated after the primary terms of the Settlement were negotiated.

73. **No Effect on Agreement.** The finality or effectiveness of the Parties' Settlement shall not depend on the amount or timing of the Fee Award and Costs approved and awarded by the Court or any appeal thereof. The amount and timing of the Fee Award and Costs are intended to be considered by the Court separately from the Court's consideration of the fairness, reasonableness, and adequacy of the Settlement. No decision by the Court, or modification or reversal or appeal of any decision by the Court, concerning the amount or timing of the Fee Award and Costs shall constitute grounds for termination of this Agreement.

### **NO ADMISSION OF LIABILITY**

74. **No Admission of Liability.** The Parties understand and acknowledge that this Agreement constitutes a compromise and settlement of disputed claims. No action taken by the Parties either previously or in connection with the negotiations or proceedings connected with this Agreement shall be deemed or construed to be an admission of the truth or falsity of any claims or defenses heretofore made or that could have been made, or an acknowledgment or admission by any party of any fault, liability, or wrongdoing of any kind whatsoever.

75. **No Use of Agreement.** Neither the Settlement Agreement, nor any act performed or document executed pursuant to or in furtherance of the Settlement: (i) is or may be deemed to be, or may be used as, an admission of, or evidence of, the validity of any claim made by Plaintiffs or any Settlement Class Member, including any Settlement Class Member who opts out of the Settlement; or (ii) is or may be deemed to be, or may be used as, an admission of, or evidence of, any fault or omission by the Released Parties in the Action, or any Settlement Class Member who opts out of the Settlement, or in any proceeding in any court, administrative agency or other tribunal.

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

76. **Publicity.** The Parties agree that they shall not publicize this Settlement, the amount or sum of individual Settlement Class Representative's or Participating Settlement Class Members' shares or the events and negotiations surrounding this Agreement in any way except by joint pleadings or unopposed motions filed with the Court, if required, and as otherwise permitted within this Agreement for the purpose of effectuating the Notice program (including the Settlement Website). If any Party believes a statement is made in violation of this provision, the Parties shall meet-and-confer informally in an effort to resolve the dispute. If the dispute cannot be resolved informally, it shall be submitted to the Court for resolution.

77. **Integration of Exhibits.** The exhibits to this Agreement and any exhibits thereto are a material part of the Settlement and are incorporated and made a part of the Agreement.

78. **Entire Agreement.** This Agreement, including all exhibits hereto, shall constitute the entire Agreement among the Parties with regard to the subject matter hereof and shall supersede any previous agreements, representations, communications and understandings among the Parties, including counsel for the Parties. This Agreement may not be changed, modified, or amended except in writing signed by all Parties or their successors in interest. The Parties contemplate that, subject to Court approval or without such approval where legally permissible and consistent with any orders of the Court in this proceeding, the exhibits to this Agreement may be modified by subsequent Agreement of counsel for the Parties prior to dissemination of the Notice to the Settlement Class.

79. **Resolution.** The Parties intend this Agreement to be a final and complete resolution of all disputes between them with respect to the Action. The Parties each agree that the Settlement and this Agreement were negotiated in good faith and at arm's-length and reflects a Settlement reached voluntarily after consultation with legal counsel of their choice.

80. **Other Litigation.** Plaintiffs and Settlement Class Counsel will not cooperate with or encourage any action or filing of claims against Defendant or any Released Parties related to any of the allegations or claims alleged in the Action.

81. **Deadlines.** If any of the dates or deadlines specified herein falls on a weekend or legal holiday, the applicable date or deadline shall fall on the next business day. All reference to "days" in this agreement shall refer to calendar days unless otherwise specified.

82. **Binding Effect.** This Agreement shall be binding upon, and inure to the benefit of, the successors and assigns of Plaintiffs and Defendant.

83. **Singular and Plurals.** As used in this Agreement, all references to the plural shall also mean the singular and to the singular shall also mean the plural whenever the context so indicates and reasonably dictates.

84. **Headings.** The headings contained in this Agreement are for reference purposes only and shall not affect in any way the meaning or interpretation of this Agreement.

85. **Construction.** For the purpose of construing or interpreting this Agreement, this Agreement is to be deemed to have been drafted equally by all Parties and shall not be construed strictly for or against any Party.

86. **Cooperation of Parties.** The Parties to this Agreement agree to cooperate in good faith to effectuate the Settlement described in this Agreement.

87. **Obligation to Meet and Confer.** Before filing any motion in the Court raising a dispute arising out of or related to this Agreement between the Parties, the Parties shall consult with each other and certify to the Court that they have consulted in good faith.

88. **No Conflict Intended.** Any inconsistency between the headings used in this Agreement and the text of the Paragraphs of this Agreement shall be resolved in favor of the text.

89. **Governing Law.** The Agreement shall be construed in accordance with, and be governed by, the laws of Arizona, without regard to choice of law principles.

90. **Counterparts.** This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument, even though all signatories do not sign the same counterparts. Original signatures are not required. Any signature submitted electronically, by facsimile, or through e-mail of an Adobe PDF shall be deemed an original.

91. **Notices.** All notices to Settlement Class Counsel and counsel for Defendant provided for herein, shall be sent by email to:

Raina C. Borrelli  
**STRAUSS BORRELLI PLLC**  
980 N Michigan Ave, Suite 1610  
Chicago, IL 60611  
raina@straussborrelli.com

All notices to Defendant provided for herein, shall be sent by email to:

Amanda N. Harvey  
**MULLEN COUGHLIN LLC**  
1452 Hughes Rd Suite 200  
Grapevine, TX 76051  
aharvey@mullen.law

The notice recipients and addresses designated above may be changed by written notice to the other Party.

92. **Authority.** Any person executing this Agreement in a representative capacity represents and warrants that he or she is fully authorized to do so and authorized to bind the Party on whose behalf he, she, or they sign this Agreement to all of the terms and provisions of this Agreement.

93. **No Government Third-Party Rights or Beneficiaries.** No government agency or official can claim any rights under this Agreement or Settlement.

94. **No Collateral Attack.** The Agreement shall not be subject to collateral attack, including by any Settlement Class Member or any recipient of notices of the Settlement after issuance of the Final Approval Order.

95. **Survival.** The Parties agree that the terms set forth in this Settlement Agreement shall survive the signing of the Agreement.

## **SIGNATURES**



**Approved as to form by:**

*Counsel for Plaintiffs and the Settlement Class*

By: *Raina Borrelli*  
Raina C. Borrelli

Date: 03 / 10 / 2026

*Counsel for Defendant*

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Amanda N. Harvey

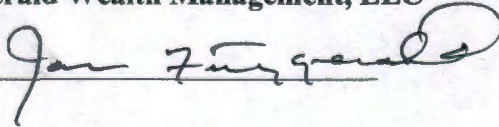
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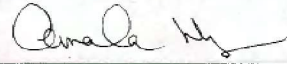
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*Counsel for Defendant*

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Amanda N. Harvey

Date: March 10, 2026