

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND
FOR POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA

GREGORY MARICLE, et al.,
individually, and on behalf of
all others similarly situated,

CASE NO.: 2024CA-002530

Plaintiffs,

vs.

SOUTHSTATE BANK, N.A.,

Defendant.

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**PLAINTIFFS' UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL OF CLASS
ACTION SETTLEMENT AND INCORPORATED MEMORANDUM OF LAW**

Pursuant to Florida Rule of Civil Procedure 1.220, Plaintiffs¹, individually, and on behalf of the Settlement Class, respectfully submit this Unopposed Motion for Preliminary Approval of Class Action Settlement, supported by the Joint Declaration of Class Counsel ("Joint Decl."), attached as *Exhibit B*.

I. INTRODUCTION

This Action concerns a Data Incident involving Defendant. On February 7, 2024, an unauthorized third-party cybercriminal infiltrated Defendant's computer network and gained access to and exfiltrated Private Information pertaining to approximately nearly two million individuals. Joint Decl. ¶ 2. In or about March 29, 2024, Defendant began notifying those whose Private Information was compromised in the Data Incident. Id.

Plaintiffs, individually, and on behalf of the Settlement Class, and Defendant have entered

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into a Settlement to resolve Plaintiffs' claims on a classwide basis. As demonstrated below, the Settlement provides significant relief for the Settlement Class, including the right to make a claim for a Cash Payment for Documented Losses, pro rata Cash Payment, and Credit Monitoring to help protect Plaintiffs and Settlement Class members from future instances of identity theft and fraud. Subject to the Court's approval, Defendant has also agreed to pay: Court-approved Service Awards of \$1,500.00 to each named Plaintiff to compensate them for the time and effort they devoted to serving as Class Representatives; Class Counsel's Attorneys' Fees and Costs up to \$1,750,000.00; and all Settlement Administration Costs. The Parties have further agreed to a direct Notice Program designed to afford Settlement Class members due process and directly advise them of their rights under the Settlement.

As explained below, the Settlement meets all the requirements for Settlement Class certification and Preliminary Approval. Therefore, Plaintiffs respectfully request that the Court enter an order: (i) granting Preliminary Approval of the Settlement; (ii) provisionally certifying the Settlement Class for settlement purposes only; (iii) appointing the Plaintiffs as Class Representatives and Plaintiffs' counsel as Class Counsel for the Settlement Class; (iv) approving the form of the Notices and the Notice Program; (v) approving the Claim Form and the Claim process; (vi) appointing Simpluris Class Action & Claims Solutions, Inc. as the Settlement Administrator; (vii) establishing procedures and deadlines for Settlement Class members to opt-out and Settlement Class Members to object; and (viii) scheduling a Final Approval Hearing at which time the Court will consider Final Approval of the Settlement, Settlement Class certification, and the Application for Attorneys' Fees, Costs, and Service Awards.

II. BACKGROUND

Defendant is a national bank with over 240 banking locations spread across several states

with its principal place of business in Polk County, Florida. Settlement Agreement (“S.A.”) ¶ 1. In its ordinary course of business, Defendant obtains its customers’ Private Information. Complaint ¶ 3. Plaintiffs allege they are customers who provided Defendant with their Private Information. *See id. generally*. Plaintiffs allege their Private Information was exposed as a result of the Data Incident. *Id.* Plaintiffs allege Defendant failed to use reasonable security procedures and practices appropriate for its customers sensitive and confidential Private Information. *Id.* Defendant denies Plaintiffs’ allegations and disputes any wrongdoing.

A. Procedural and Settlement History

Following the Data Incident, Defendant was named in a dozen actions all seeking to represent the allegedly-impacted individuals. Some of those cases were in federal courts and some in state courts. After conferring, Plaintiffs in the various actions decided to work cooperatively and litigate the action collectively in this Action. Plaintiffs then filed an Amended Class Action Complaint on August 22, 2024. S.A. ¶6. Defendant filed its Motion to Dismiss on February 7, 2025, to which Plaintiffs filed their Response in Opposition on February 27, 2025. Defendant filed its Reply in further support on October 29, 2025. ¶5. The Court heard oral argument on the Motion to Dismiss on November 3, 2025. Ruling from the bench, the Court dismissed the case without prejudice, allowing Plaintiffs to file a second amended complaint. ¶6. On December 23, 2025, Plaintiffs filed their Second Amended Complaint. ¶ 7. Appreciating the risks of continued litigation, the Parties then decided it was in the best interest of all concerned to resolve the Action on a classwide basis.

In advance of settlement discussions, Plaintiffs’ Counsel propounded informal discovery requests on Defendant to which Defendant responded by providing information related to, among other things, the nature and cause of the Data Incident, the number and geographic location of

persons potentially impacted by the Data Incident, and the specific types of information involved in the Data Incident. Defendant also propounded informal discovery requests on Plaintiffs, and they provided documentation relating to their allegations of actual fraud and mitigation of the risk of fraud following the Data Incident. Joint Decl. ¶ 4, S.A. ¶ 9.

III. MATERIAL TERMS OF THE SETTLEMENT

A. Settlement Class - Plaintiffs seek Preliminary Approval of the Settlement on behalf of the following Settlement Class:

All individuals residing in the United States who were sent notice that their Private Information may have been impacted in the Data Incident. Excluded from the Settlement Class are (a) all persons who are directors, officers, and agents of Defendant; (b) governmental entities; (c) the Judge assigned to the Action, that Judge's immediate family, and Court staff; and (d) any Settlement Class Member who timely opts-out of the Settlement.

S.A. ¶ 52.

B. Settlement Class Member Benefits –

Cash Payment A for Documented Losses- All Settlement Class Members may submit a claim to recover for Documented Losses under this section for a maximum of \$3,500.00 per Settlement Class Member, upon presentment of reasonable documented out-of-pocket losses related to the Data Incident. *Id.* ¶ 59a. Regardless of whether a Settlement Class Member submits a Valid Claim, the Settlement Class Member will release his or her claims against Defendant. *Id.*

Pro Rata Cash Payment - In addition to Cash Payment A – Documented Losses, all Settlement Class Members may elect to receive a *pro rata* cash payment out of the Cash Fund. *Id.* ¶59b.

Credit Monitoring - All Settlement Class Members are entitled to receive one year of credit monitoring with one credit bureau. The monitoring will also include \$1,000,000 of identity theft insurance. The Notices will advise Settlement Class Members that the Credit Monitoring is

automatically provided and how those Settlement Class Members who do not opt-out of the Settlement can activate the service following the Effective Date.

Settlement Class Notice - The Parties have agreed on a comprehensive Notice Program, which includes an Email Notice, Postcard Notice, Long Form Notice Settlement Website, and Settlement telephone line. *Id.* ¶35. Email Notice shall be sent to all Settlement Class members for whom an email address is known and Postcard Notices to all Settlement Class Members for which physical addresses are maintained by the Settlement Administrator. *Id.* ¶ 65.

Settlement Class members may request a Long Form Notice, review key documents and dates on the Settlement Website, and get answers to frequently asked questions by calling a toll-free telephone number. *Id.* ¶ 69. The Notice Program, in forms similar to those attached to the Agreement as Exhibits 1-3, will inform the Settlement Class of the general terms of the Settlement, including a description of the Action, the identity of the Settlement Class, and what claims will be released. It shall include, among other information: a description of the material terms; how to submit a Claim Form; the Claim Form Deadline; the Settlement Class member opt-out deadline; the deadline for Settlement Class Members to object to the Settlement and/or Application for Attorneys' Fees and Costs; the Final Approval Hearing date; and the Settlement Website address at which Settlement Class members may access the Agreement and other related documents and information. Additionally, opt-out procedures will be explained, as well as how Settlement Class Members may exercise their right to object to the proposed Settlement and/or Application for Attorneys' Fees, Costs and Service Awards at the Final Approval Hearing. *Id.* ¶¶ 69-71.

C. Claims Process - To receive a Cash Payment or Credit Monitoring, Settlement Class members must accurately and timely submit a Claim by the Claim Form Deadline (90 days following the Notice Date). *Id.* ¶ 20. Claim Forms may be submitted online through the Settlement

Website or through U.S. Mail sent to the Settlement Administrator at the address designated on the Claim Form. *Id.* ¶ 75. The Settlement Administrator will review all Claim Forms to determine their validity and eligibility for the Settlement Class Member to receive a Cash Payment for Documented Losses. *Id.* ¶ 76. The Settlement Administrator will provide Settlement Class Members who submitted Valid Claims with their Cash Payment no later than 45 days after the Effective Date. *Id.* ¶ 84. All Credit Monitoring codes shall be emailed by to Settlement Class Members with Valid Claims no later than 45 days after the Effective Date. *Id.* Cash Payments will be made electronically or by paper check, by sending Settlement Class Members with Valid Claims and an email to select from alternative forms of electronic payment or by paper check. *Id.* ¶ 85.

D. Settlement Administrator – Simpluris, the proposed Settlement Administrator, is a well-respected and reputable third-party administrator that has significant experience with data breach settlements. Joint Decl. ¶ 21. The Settlement Administrator shall effectuate the Notice Program, handle the Claims Process, and distribute any Cash Payments for Documented Losses to Settlement Class Members. Agreement ¶ 63. The Settlement Administrator’s duties include, *inter alia*:

- a. Complete the Court-approved Notice Program by noticing the Settlement Class by Email Notice, Postcard Notice, sending out Long Form Notices and paper Claim Forms upon request from Settlement Class members, reviewing Claim Forms and documentation supporting claims for Documented Losses, notifying Claimants of deficient Claim Forms using the Notice of Deficiency, and sending approved Cash Payments for Documented Losses to Settlement Class Members who submit a Valid Claim;
- b. Establish and maintain a post office box to receive opt-out requests, objections, and Claim Forms from Settlement Class members;

c. Establish and maintain the Settlement Website to provide important information and to receive electronic Claim Forms;

d. Establish and maintain an automated toll-free telephone line for Settlement Class members to call with Settlement-related inquiries, and answer the frequently asked questions of Settlement Class members who call with or otherwise communicate such inquiries;

e. Respond to any mailed Settlement Class member inquiries;

f. Process all opt-out requests from Settlement Class members;

g. Provide weekly reports to Class Counsel and Defendant's Counsel that summarize the number of Claims submitted, Claims approved and rejected, Notices of Deficiency sent, opt-out requests and objections received that week, the total number of opt-out requests and objections received to date, and other pertinent information;

h. In advance of the Final Approval Hearing, prepare a declaration confirming the Notice Program was completed in accordance with the terms of this Agreement and the Preliminary Approval Order, describing how the Notice Program was completed, indicating the number of Claim Forms received, providing the names of each Settlement Class Member who timely and properly requested to opt-out from the Settlement Class, indicating the number of objections received, and other information as may be necessary to allow the Parties to seek and obtain Final Approval;

i. Review Claim Forms submitted by Settlement Class Members to determine whether they are eligible for a Cash Payment;

j. Collect from the Defendant and/or its insurers the cash necessary to pay Valid Claims for Cash Payments and to pay for Credit Monitoring;

k. Distribute Cash Payments and ensuring Credit Monitoring was properly provided to Settlement Class Members who submit Valid Claims; and

l. Any other Settlement administration function at the instruction of Class Counsel and Defendant's Counsel, including, but not limited to, verifying that Settlement Cash Payments for Documented Losses have been properly distributed.

E. Opt-Out and Objection Procedures - Consistent with the Settlement's opt-out procedures, the Long Form Notice details that Settlement Class members who do not wish to participate in the Settlement may opt-out up to 60 days after to the Notice Date. *Id.* ¶ 38. The opt-out request must be personally signed by the Settlement Class member and contain the requestor's name, address, telephone number, and email address (if any), and include a statement indicating a request to be excluded from the Settlement Class. *Id.* ¶ 69. Any Settlement Class member who does not timely and validly request to opt-out shall be bound by the terms of this Agreement even if that Settlement Class Member does not submit a Claim Form. *Id.*

The Agreement and Long Form Notice also specify how Settlement Class Members may object to the Settlement and/or the Application for Attorneys' Fees, Costs and Service Awards. Objections must be filed with the Court, and mailed to Class Counsel, Defendant's Counsel, and the Settlement Administrator. *Id.* ¶ 71. For an objection to be considered by the Court, the objection must be submitted no later than the last day of the Objection Period (60) days after the Notice Date, as specified in the Notice. *Id.* ¶ 37. It must also set forth: (a) the objector's full name, mailing address, telephone number, and email address (if any); (b) all grounds for the objection, accompanied by any legal support for the objection known to the objector or objector's counsel; (c) the number of times the objector has objected to a class action settlement within the 5 years preceding the date that the objector files the objection, the caption of each case in which the

objector has made such objection, and a copy of any orders related to or ruling upon the objector's prior objections that were issued by the trial and appellate courts in each listed case; (d) the identity of all counsel who represent the objector, including any former or current counsel who may be entitled to compensation for any reason related to the objection to the Settlement and/or Application for Attorneys' Fees, Costs, and Service Awards; (e) the number of times in which the objector's counsel and/or counsel's law firm have objected to a class action settlement within the five years preceding the date of the filed objection, the caption of each case in which counsel or the firm has made such objection and a copy of any orders related to or ruling upon counsel's or the counsel's law firm's prior objections that were issued by the trial and appellate courts in each listed case in which the objector's counsel and/or counsel's law firm have objected to a class action settlement within the preceding five years; (f) the identity of all counsel (if any) representing the objector, and whether they will appear at the Final Approval Hearing ; (g) a list of all persons who will be called to testify at the Final Approval Hearing in support of the objection (if any); (h) a statement confirming whether the objector intends to personally appear and/or testify at the Final Approval Hearing; and (i) the objector's signature (an attorney's signature is not sufficient). *Id.* ¶ 72.

F. Release of Claims - Plaintiffs and Settlement Class Members who do not timely and validly Opt-Out of the Settlement Class will be bound by the terms of the Settlement, including the Releases that discharge the Released Claims against the Released Parties. *Id.* ¶¶91-93.

G. Attorneys' Fees and Costs - The amount of any attorneys' fees and costs shall be determined by the Court. Class Counsel shall apply to the Court for an award of attorneys' fees and litigation costs of up to \$1,750,00.00. *Id.* ¶ 89. The attorneys' fees and costs will be formally sought in the Application for Attorneys' Fees, Costs and Service Awards filed within the Motion

for Final Approval no less than 15 days before the Opt-Out Deadline and Objection Deadline. *Id.* ¶ 86. The Settlement is not contingent on approval of the requests for attorneys' fees and costs, and if the Court denies the requests or grants amounts other than what was requested, the remaining provisions of the Agreement shall remain in force. *Id.* ¶ 90. The Notice will advise the Settlement Class of the amounts of attorneys' fees that Class Counsel intends to seek.

H. Service Awards – Subject to Court approval, the Plaintiffs will apply for the payment of a \$1,500.00 Service Award to each of the Class Representatives for their service on behalf of the Settlement Class. *Id.* ¶ 88. The Settlement is not contingent on approval of the requests for Service Awards, and if the Court denies the requests or grants amounts other than what was requested, the remaining provisions of the Agreement shall remain in force. *Id.* ¶ 90.

IV. ARGUMENT

To certify a class action for settlement purposes, a court must first determine that all the requirements for class certification set forth in Florida Rule of Civil Procedure 1.220(a) and at least one of the requirements of Rule 1.220(b), are satisfied. Once it is determined that the settlement class meets the requirements for class certification pursuant to Rule 1.220, the Court's analysis turns to the terms of the proposed settlement. *Grosso v. Fidelity National Title Ins. Co.*, 983 So. 2d 1165, 1170 (Fla. 3d DCA 2008). The approval of a class action settlement as fair, adequate, and reasonable is a two-step process. First, the Court must determine whether the proposed settlement terms fall within the range of reasonableness such that preliminary approval is warranted. Second, after notice is given to the class, the Court must evaluate whether final approval is warranted. *See Manual for Complex Litigation*, Third, § 30.41, at 236-37 (1995)). In granting preliminary approval, courts typically first certify the class for settlement purposes, then consider the fairness of the settlement at the final hearing. *See, e.g., Grosso*, 983 So. 2d at 1170.

Preliminary approval should be granted here.

A. Certification of the Settlement Class for Settlement Purposes Is Warranted.

The threshold requirements for class certification are outlined in Florida Rule of Civil Procedure 1.220. A class action may only be certified after the court determines that: (1) there is sufficient numerosity of class members; (2) there is commonality of the claims or defenses of the named class representative and each member of the class; (3) the claims or defenses of the class representative are typical of that of the class; and (4) the class representative can fairly and adequately represent the interests of each member of the class. *See* Fla. R. Civ. P. 1.220(a). Further, the court must conclude that one of the subdivisions of Rule 1.220(b) are satisfied, including whether

the questions of law or fact common to the claim or defense of the representative party and the claim or defense of each member of the class predominate over any question of law or fact affecting only individual members of the class, and class representation is superior to other available methods for the fair and efficient adjudication of the controversy.

Fla. R. Civ. P. 1.220(b)(3).

Here, certification of the Settlement Class is warranted because the requirements of Florida Rule of Civil Procedure 1.220 are satisfied. As to Rule 1.220(a), there are approximately 2 Million Settlement Class members (numerosity), all of whom have the same claim for which the court would decide common issues of fact and law centered on whether Defendant's security environment was adequate to protect the Settlement Class' Private Information (commonality); Plaintiffs' claims are the same as the rest of the Settlement Class Members' claims and Plaintiffs are not subject to any unique affirmative defenses (typicality); and Plaintiffs and Class Counsel have zealously litigated the claim, secured substantial relief, and have no conflicting interests to the Settlement Class, and Class Counsel has extensive experience litigating data breach class

actions (adequacy). Joint Decl. ¶ 13. As to Rule 1.220(b)(3), pursuant to the terms of the Settlement, there are no individual issues precluding class treatment (predominance), and class treatment is the best method of adjudication, as seen in the fact that every Settlement Class member shall receive relief without the need for numerous (and duplicative) individual cases (superiority). Joint Decl. ¶ 14. *See also Sosa v. Safeway Premium Fin. Co.*, 73 So. 3d 91, 106-07 (Fla. 2011) (outlining requirements for class certification); *InPhyNet Contracting Services, Inc. v. Soria*, 33 So. 3d 766 (Fla. 4th DCA 2010) (addressing Rule 1.220(a)-(b) elements in discussing class certification). Thus, certification of the Settlement Class is warranted.

B. The Proposed Notice is the Best Practicable Notice and Comports with Due Process Requirements.

The notice requirements of Fla. R. Civ. P. 1.220(d)(2) are designed to provide sufficient due process to class members by sufficiently informing them of the pendency of the Action and providing an opportunity to be heard or opt out and must be the “most practicable under the circumstances.” *Combined Services, Inc. v. City of Opa-Locka*, 394 So. 3d 98, 102 (Fla. 3d DCA 2024) (quoting Rule 1.220(d)(2)). To satisfy such requirement, individual notice should be provided to class members who can be identified through reasonable effort. *See* Rule 1.220(d)(2); *Cordell v. World Ins. Co.*, 355 So. 2d 479, 481 (Fla. 1st DCA 1978).

Here, the Parties have agreed to send direct, individual Notice to members of the Settlement Class. Individual, direct notice clearly comports with due process requirements. *See, e.g., Combined Services*, 394 So. 3d at 102; *Juris v. Inamed Corp.*, 685 F.3d 1294, 1320 (11th Cir. 2012). Moreover, the Notice provides a clear explanation of the terms of the Settlement; the amount sought in attorneys’ fees, costs, and Service Awards; the Settlement Class members’ right to opt-out or object, and the methods by which to do so; and provides an opportunity to be heard at the Final Approval Hearing to be scheduled after the Notice Program is completed. *See,*

generally, Agreement (and Notice exhibits attached thereto); *see also* Rule 1.220(d)(2) (“The notice shall inform each member of the class that (A) any member of the class who files a statement with the court by the date specified in the notice asking to be excluded shall be excluded from the class, (B) the judgment, whether favorable or not, will include all members who do not request exclusion, and (C) any member who does not request exclusion may make a separate appearance within the time specified in the notice.”); *Nolan v. Integrated Real Estate Processing, LP*, 2009 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 136890, at *20-21 (M.D. Fla. Sep. 9, 2009) (setting forth what should be included in notice of settlement).

Thus, the Notice provided to the Settlement Class members constitutes the most practicable notice and comports with due process requirements.

C. The Terms of the Settlement are Fair and Reasonable.

Preliminary approval of a class action settlement “is not binding, and it is granted unless a proposed settlement is obviously deficient.” *Smith v. Wm. Wrigley Jr. Co.*, 2010 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 67832, *6 (S.D. Fla. June 15, 2010).² “Preliminary approval is appropriate where the proposed settlement is the result of the parties’ good faith negotiations, there are no obvious deficiencies, and the settlement falls within the range of reason.” *Id.* at *7. These requirements are readily satisfied here, as demonstrated above in the Agreement and in the exhibits hereto. *City of L.A. v. Bankrate, Inc.*, 2016 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 115071, *14-15 (S.D. Fla. Aug. 24, 2016) (granting preliminary approval of proposed class action settlement where “the proposed settlement was made after mediation was conducted,” “[t]he negotiations appear to have been made in good faith and there do not appear to be any obvious deficiencies,” and the settlement amount “appears to be

² Florida Rule of Civil Procedure 1.220 is patterned after Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure; consequently, Florida courts consider case law interpreting Rule 23 as persuasive. *Concerned Class Members v. Sailfish Point, Inc.*, 704 So.2d 200, n.1 (Fla. 4th DCA 1998).

within the range of reasonableness”); *Almanzar v. Select Portfolio Servicing, Inc.*, 2015 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 178149, *5-6 (S.D. Fla. Oct. 15, 2015) (granting preliminary approval, finding that proposed class action settlement was based on “informed, good-faith, arms-length negotiations between the Parties and their capable and experienced counsel,” and settlement was “within the range of reasonableness and possible judicial approval”).

As will be set forth in greater detail in the Motion for Final Approval – and as demonstrated by the terms of the Agreement – the class settlement approval factors identified by the Florida District Courts of Appeal to evaluate the fairness, reasonableness and adequacy of a settlement favor approval here. *Grosso*, 983 So. 2d at 1173 (“To approve a class action settlement, the trial court must find that the agreement was fair, reasonable, and adequate.”). The relevant factors include (1) the complexity and duration of the litigation; (2) the reaction of the class to the settlement;³ (3) the stage of the proceedings; (4) the risk of establishing liability; (5) the risk of establishing damages; (6) the risk of maintaining a class action; (7) the ability of the defendant to withstand a greater judgment; (8) the reasonableness of the settlement in light of the best recovery; and (9) the range of reasonableness of the settlement in light of all the attendant risks of litigation. *Id.* at 1173-74.

Indeed, there was no fraud or collusion in the Settlement, which rather was entered into after arm’s-length negotiations; this Action is complex and litigation would be costly and uncertain; Plaintiffs elicited extensive data demonstrating the contours of the Settlement Class, the nature of the Private Information involved, and Defendant’s practices and procedures; and the likelihood of success is uncertain. The Settlement Class Member Benefits available to the Settlement Class here are more than reasonable, given the complexity of the Action and the

³ This factor is best judged after Notice is sent to the Settlement Class members.

significant risks and barriers that loomed in the absence of settlement including, but not limited to, another forthcoming motion to dismiss, potentially followed by a contested motion for class certification, motions for summary judgment, trial, as well as appellate review following a final judgment. Plaintiffs and their counsel believe the Settlement is a great and a reasonable result for the Settlement Class in light of factors stated above, and anticipate that members of the Settlement Class will be satisfied with the result as well. In reality, the reaction of the Settlement Class can only be evaluated in considering Final Approval of the Settlement.

For all these reasons, Plaintiffs respectfully submit that there are no obvious deficiencies to the Settlement precluding Preliminary Approval and that this Motion should be granted.

D. Proposed Schedule of Events

Plaintiffs respectfully propose the following schedule for the Court's review and approval. If the Court agrees with the proposed schedule, Plaintiffs request that the Court schedule the Final Approval Hearing for the week of June 8, 2026, or such later date available on the Court's calendar.

Deadline to commence Notice Program	Within 25 days of Preliminary Approval
Deadline to complete Notice Program	At least 30 days after commencement of the Notice Program
Deadline for filing Motion for Final Approval, including Class Counsel's Application for Attorneys' Fees, Costs, and Service Awards	15 days before the Opt-Out Deadline and Objection Deadline
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Claim Filing Deadline	90 days following the Notice Date
Final Approval Hearing	Week of June 8, 2026 (or such later date available on the Court's calendar).

V. CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, Plaintiffs and Class Counsel respectfully request that the Court: (1) preliminarily approve the Settlement; (2) provisionally certify the Settlement Class for settlement purposes; (3) approve the Notices and Notice Program, including the opt-out and

objection procedures; (4) approve the Claim Form and Claims Process; (5) appoint Plaintiffs as Class Representatives; (6) appoint Jeff Ostrow and Kristen Cardoso of Kopelowitz Ostrow P.A.; and Mariya Weekes of Milberg PLLC as Class Counsel; (7) appoint Simpluris as the Settlement Administrator; and (8) set the Final Approval hearing date and time. A proposed Preliminary Approval Order is attached hereto to the Settlement Agreement ***Exhibit 5.***

Dated: February 13, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,

By: /s/ Jeff Ostrow

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Fla.R.Civ.P. 1.202 CERTIFICATION

The undersigned has conferred with Christopher Wiech, counsel for Defendant on February 9, 2026, via email and is authorized to state that all consent to the relief requested in this Motion.

/s/ Jeff Ostrow

Jeff Ostrow

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on February 13, 2026, I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of the Court which will send notice of electronic filing to all counsel of record.

/s/ Jeff Ostrow
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Exhibit A

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10. The Parties now agree to settle the Action entirely, without any admission of liability or wrongdoing, with respect to all Released Claims of the Releasing Parties. Defendant has entered into this Agreement to resolve all controversies and disputes arising out of or relating

to the allegations made in the Complaint, and to avoid the litigation costs and expenses, distractions, burden, expense, and disruption to its business operations associated with further litigation. Defendant does not in any way acknowledge, admit to, or concede any of the allegations made in the Complaint and expressly disclaims and denies any fault or liability, or any charges of wrongdoing that have been or could have been asserted in the Complaint. Nothing contained in this Agreement shall be used or construed as an admission of liability, and this Agreement shall not be offered or received in evidence in any action or proceeding in any court or other forum as an admission or concession of liability or wrongdoing of any nature or for any other purpose other than to enforce the terms of this Agreement. Plaintiffs have entered into this Agreement to recover on the claims asserted in the Complaint, and to avoid the risk, delay, and uncertainty of continued litigation. Plaintiffs do not in any way concede that the claims alleged in the Complaint lack merit or are subject to any defenses. The Parties intend for this Agreement to bind Plaintiffs, Defendant, and all Settlement Class Members.

NOW, THEREFORE, in light of the foregoing, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby mutually acknowledged, the Parties agree, subject to approval by the Court, as follows.

II. Definitions

11. “**Action**” means the consolidated class action lawsuit entitled: *Gregory Maricle, et al. v. SouthState Bank, N.A.*, Case No. CACE-2024CA-002530 (10th Jud. Cir., Polk County, Fla.).

12. “**Agreement**” or “**Settlement Agreement**” or “**Settlement**” means this agreement between Plaintiffs and Defendant, including all exhibits.

13. “**Application for Attorneys’ Fees, Costs and Service Awards**” means the application made with the Motion for Final Approval seeking Class Counsel’s attorneys’ fees and

costs, and Service Award for the Class Representatives.

14. “**Cash Fund**” means the \$1,500,000 in cash that Defendant will pay for Valid Claims for Cash Payments. This will be the maximum amount the Defendant will pay for all Cash Payments.

15. “**Cash Payment**” means Cash Payment A and Cash Payment B.

16. “**Cash Payment A - Documented losses**” means the Settlement Class Member Benefit consisting of a maximum payment of \$3,500.00, that Settlement Class Members who incurred documented losses may elect under Section V herein.

17. “**Cash Payment B – Pro Rata Cash**” means the Settlement Class Member Benefit consisting of a *pro rata* share of the Cash Fund that Settlement Class Members may elect under Section V herein.

18. “**Claim**” means the submission of a Claim Form by a Claimant for Settlement Class Member Benefits.

19. “**Claim Form**” means the proof of claim, substantially in the form attached hereto as *Exhibit 4*, which may be modified, subject to the Parties’ approval, to meet the requirements of the Settlement Administrator.

20. “**Claim Form Deadline**” shall be 90 days after the Notice Date and is the last day by which a Claim Form may be submitted to the Settlement Administrator for a Settlement Class Member to be eligible for a Cash Payment.

21. “**Claimant**” means an individual who submits a Claim Form.

22. “**Claim Process**” means the process by which Claimants may submit Claim Forms online at the Settlement Website or by mail to the Settlement Administrator, including the procedure to approve or reject Claims.

23. “**Class Counsel**” means Jeff Ostrow and Kristen Cardoso of Kopelowitz Ostrow P.A. and Mariya Weekes of Milberg PLLC.

24. “**Class List**” means the list of Settlement Class Members’ names, postal addresses and/or email addresses maintained by the Defendant.

25. “**Class Representatives**” means the Plaintiffs who the Court approves as representatives of the Settlement Class.

26. “**Complaint**” means the Second Amended Complaint filed by Plaintiffs in this Action on December 23, 2025.

20. “**Court**” means the 10th Judicial Circuit Court in and for Polk County, Florida, and the Judge(s) assigned to the Action.

21. “**Credit Monitoring**” means the one year of credit monitoring with insurance coverage for fraud and/or identity theft all Settlement Class Members will automatically be entitled to receive pursuant to the terms of the Settlement.

22. “**Data Incident**” means the cybersecurity incident involving the Defendant resulting in the unauthorized access to or acquisition of Settlement Class Members’ Private Information on or about February 7, 2024.

23. “**Defendant**” means the named defendant in this Action.

24. “**Defendant’s Counsel**” means Christopher A. Wiech of Baker & Hostetler LLP and Christopher S. Carver of Akerman LLP.

25. “**Effective Date**” means the day after the entry of the Final Approval Order, provided there are no objections to the Settlement. If there are objections to the Settlement, then the Effective Date shall be the later of: (a) 30 days after entry of the Final Approval Order if no appeals are taken from the Final Approval Order; or (b) if appeals are taken from the Final

Approval Order, then the earlier of 30 days after the last appellate court ruling affirming the Final Approval Order or 30 days after the entry of a dismissal of the appeal.

26. **"Email Notice"** means the email form of Notice of the Settlement, substantially in the form attached hereto as *Exhibit 1*, that will be distributed to Settlement Class Members for which email addresses are maintained by Defendant.

27. **"Final Approval"** means the final approval of the Settlement, which occurs when the Court enters the Final Approval Order.

28. **"Final Approval Hearing"** means the hearing held before the Court during which the Court will consider granting Final Approval of the Settlement and Class Counsel's Application for Attorneys' Fees, Costs and Service Awards.

29. **"Final Approval Order"** means the final order, substantially in the form attached hereto as *Exhibit 6*, that the Court enters granting Final Approval of the Settlement.

30. **"Long Form Notice"** means the long form notice of the Settlement, substantially in the form attached hereto as *Exhibit 3*, that shall be posted on the Settlement Website and shall be available to Settlement Class Members by mail on request made to the Settlement Administrator.

31. **"Motion for Final Approval"** means the motion that Plaintiffs and Class Counsel shall file with the Court seeking Final Approval of the Settlement, including Class Counsel's Application for Attorneys' Fees, Costs, and Service Award.

32. **"Motion for Preliminary Approval"** means the motion that Plaintiffs shall file with the Court seeking Preliminary Approval of the Settlement.

33. **"Notice"** means the Email Notice, Postcard Notice, and Long Form Notice that Plaintiffs will ask the Court to approve in connection with the Motion for Preliminary Approval.

34. **“Notice Date”** means 25 days after the Court’s entry of the Preliminary Approval Order.

35. **“Notice Program”** means the methods provided for in this Agreement that may be used for giving Notice to the Settlement Class and consists of Email Notice, Postcard Notice, and Long Form Notice. The Notice Program also includes the Settlement Website and the Settlement telephone line.

36. **“Notice of Deficiency”** means the notice sent by the Settlement Administrator to a Settlement Class Member who has submitted an invalid Claim.

37. **“Objection Deadline”** means 60 days after the Notice Date.

38. **“Opt-Out Deadline”** means 60 days after the Notice Date.

39. **“Party”** means the Plaintiffs and Defendant, and **“Parties”** means Plaintiffs and Defendant, collectively.

40. **“Plaintiffs”** means Gregory Maricle, Rodney Dailey, Ashley Flott, Damica Fullwood-Demps, Latona Gore, Christopher Hart, Cain King, Bonnie Lapwood, Aaron Marks, Tiffany Swinton, Timothy Van Dyke, George Vargha, Craig Zivolich, Todd Wilkes, and Molly Wilkes.

41. **“Postcard Notice”** means the postcard form of Notice of the Settlement, substantially in the form attached hereto as ***Exhibit 2***, that will be distributed to Settlement Class Members for which postal addresses are maintained by Defendant.

42. **“Preliminary Approval”** means the preliminary approval of the Settlement, which occurs when the Court enters the Preliminary Approval Order, substantially in the form attached to the Motion for Preliminary Approval.

43. **“Preliminary Approval Order”** means the order preliminarily approving the

Settlement and proposed Notice Program, substantially in the form attached hereto as ***Exhibit 5***.

44. “**Private Information**” means the information collected by Defendant and impacted in the Data Incident which includes, names, dates of birth, addresses, telephone numbers, financial account numbers, and Social Security numbers.

45. “**Releases**” means the releases and waiver set forth in Section XI of this Agreement.

46. “**Released Claims**” means any and all actual, potential, filed or unfiled, known or unknown, fixed or contingent, claimed or unclaimed, suspected or unsuspected claims, demands, liabilities, rights, causes of action, damages, punitive, exemplary or multiplied damages, expenses, costs, indemnities, attorneys’ fees and/or obligations, whether in law or in equity, accrued or unaccrued, direct, individual or representative, of every nature and description whatsoever, based on any federal, state, local, statutory or common law or any other law, against the Released Parties, or any of them, arising out of or relating to actual or alleged facts, transactions, events, matters, occurrences, acts, disclosures, statements, representations, omissions or failures to act relating to the Data Incident.

47. “**Released Parties**” means Defendant and each entity which is controlled by, controlling or under common control with Defendant and its past, present, and future direct and indirect heirs, assigns, associates, corporations, investors, owners, parents, subsidiaries, affiliates, divisions, officers, directors, shareholders, agents, servants, employees, partners, attorneys, insurers, reinsurers, benefit plans, predecessors, successors, managers, administrators, executors, and trustees.

48. “**Releasing Parties**” means Plaintiffs and Settlement Class Members and their respective past, present, and future heirs, devisees, beneficiaries, conservators, executors, estates, administrators, assigns, trustees, receivers, agents, attorneys, accountants, financial and other

advisors, and any other representatives of any of these persons and entities.

49. **“Settlement Administrator”** means Simpluris, Inc.

50. **“Service Awards”** means the monetary awards that Class Counsel will request the Court approve for the Plaintiffs who serve as the Class Representatives, not to exceed \$1,500 per Class Representative or \$22,500 total.

51. **“Settlement Administration Costs”** means all costs and fees of the Settlement Administrator regarding Notice and Settlement administration.

52. **“Settlement Class”** means all living individuals residing in the United States who were sent notice that their Private Information may have been impacted in the Data Incident. Excluded from the Settlement Class are (a) all persons who are directors, officers, and agents of Defendant; (b) governmental entities; (c) the Judge assigned to the Action, that Judge’s immediate family, and Court staff; and (d) any Settlement Class Member who timely opts-out of the Settlement.

53. **“Settlement Class Member”** means any member of the Settlement Class.

54. **“Settlement Class Member Benefits”** means the Cash Payment that Settlement Class Members may elect under the Settlement and the Credit Monitoring that all Settlement Class Members will automatically receive as part of the Settlement.

55. **“Settlement Website”** means the website the Settlement Administrator will establish as a means for the Settlement Class Members to submit Claim Forms and obtain notice and information about the Settlement, including hyperlinked access to this Agreement, the Preliminary Approval Order, Long Form Notice, Claim Form, Motion for Final Approval and Application for Attorneys’ Fees, Costs, and Service Award, and Final Approval Order, as well as other documents as the Parties agree to post or the Court orders posted. The Settlement Website

shall remain online and operable for at least six months after Final Approval.

56. “**Valid Claim**” means a Claim Form submitted by a Settlement Class Member that is: (a) submitted in accordance with the provisions of the Settlement; (b) accurately, fully, and truthfully completed and executed, with all of the information requested in the Claim Form, by a Settlement Class Member; (c) signed physically or by e-signature by a Settlement Class Member personally, subject to the penalty of perjury; (d) returned via mail and postmarked by the Claim Form Deadline, or, if submitted online, submitted by 11:59 p.m. Eastern time on the Claim Form Deadline; and (e) determined to be valid by the Settlement Administrator. The Settlement Administrator may require additional information from the Claimant to validate the Claim, including, but not limited to, answers related to questions regarding the validity or legitimacy of the physical or e-signature. Failure to respond to the Settlement Administrator’s Notice of Deficiency may result in a determination that the Claim is not a Valid Claim.

III. Certification of the Settlement Class

57. In the Motion for Preliminary Approval, Plaintiff shall propose and request to the Court that the Settlement Class be certified for Settlement purposes only. Defendant agrees solely for purposes of the Settlement provided for in this Agreement, and the implementation of such Settlement, that this case shall proceed as a class action; provided however, that if a Final Approval Order is not issued, then any certification shall be null and void and, for the avoidance of doubt, Defendant shall retain all rights to object to any future requests to certify a class. Plaintiffs and Class Counsel shall not reference this Agreement in support of any subsequent motion for class certification of any class in the Action in such event.

IV. Settlement Consideration

58. The Settlement includes the following benefits all of which will be paid by the

Defendant: (a) Cash Payments; (b) Credit Monitoring; (c) Settlement Administration Costs; and (c) any Court-awarded attorneys' fees, costs, and Service Awards.

59. All Settlement Class Members may elect to file a Claim for Cash Payment A – Documented Losses and Cash Payment B – *Pro Rata* Cash. Cash Payment A – Documented Losses will be paid first out of the Cash Fund and then Cash Payment B – *Pro Rata* Cash will be paid out of the Cash Fund. Additionally, all Settlement Class Members will automatically receive Credit Monitoring. Those Settlement Class Members who do not file a Valid Claim or those who opt-out of the Settlement will not receive a Cash Payment and/or Credit Monitoring.

a. Cash Payment A - Documented Losses

All Settlement Class Members are eligible to submit a Claim for a Cash Payment for Documented Losses for up to \$3,500.00 per Settlement Class Member upon presentment of reasonable documentation of losses related to fraud and/or identity as a result of the Data Incident. Cash Payment A – Documented Losses payments will be made out of the Cash Fund. Documented expenses include, by way of example, unreimbursed losses relating to fraud or identity theft: if (i) the loss is an actual, documented, and unreimbursed monetary loss; (ii) the loss was more likely than not caused by the Data Incident; and (iii) the loss was incurred after the date of the Data Incident. To receive payment for documented losses, a Settlement Class Member must complete and submit a Claim Form and include documentation in support of the Claim. Except as expressly provided herein, personal certifications, declarations, or affidavits from the Settlement Class Member do not constitute proper documentation, but may be included to provide clarification, context, or support for other submitted reasonable documentation. Settlement Class Members shall not be reimbursed for expenses if they have been reimbursed for the same expenses by another source, including compensation provided in connection with any credit monitoring and identity

theft protection product. If a Settlement Class Member does not submit documentation supporting a loss, or if the Settlement Administrator rejects for any reason the Settlement Class Member's Claim and the Settlement Class Member fails to cure the Claim, the Claim will be rejected.

b. ***Pro Rata Cash Payment*** – In addition to Cash Payment A – Documented Losses, all Settlement Class Members may elect to receive a *pro rata* cash payment out of the Cash Fund.

c. **Credit Monitoring**

In addition to Cash Payment A and Cash Payment B, all Settlement Class Members are entitled to receive one year of credit monitoring with one credit bureau. The monitoring will also include \$1,000,000 of identity theft insurance. The Notices will advise Settlement Class Members that Credit Monitoring will be automatically provided and how those Settlement Class Members who do not opt-out of the Settlement can activate the service following the Effective Date.

d. **Settlement Administration Costs**

Defendant shall be responsible for the payment of all Settlement Administration Costs and Defendant shall enter into a separate agreement with the Settlement Administrator for those costs.

V. **Settlement Approval**

60. Within five days following execution of this Agreement, Plaintiff shall file the Motion for Preliminary Approval. The Motion for Preliminary Approval shall, among other things, request the Court: (1) preliminarily approve the terms of the Settlement as being within the range of fair, adequate, and reasonable; (2) provisionally certify the Settlement Class for settlement purposes only; (3) approve Simpluris as the Settlement Administrator; (4) approve the Notice Program set forth herein and approve the form and content of the Notices of the Settlement; (5) approve the Claim Process set forth herein and approve the Claim Form; (6) approve the

procedures for Settlement Class Members to opt-out of the Settlement or for Settlement Class Members to object to the Settlement; (7) appoint Plaintiffs as Class Representatives and Jeff Ostrow and Kristen Cardoso of Kopelowitz Ostrow P.A. and Mariya Weekes of Milberg PLLC as Class Counsel; (8) stay the Action pending Final Approval of the Settlement; and (9) schedule a Final Approval Hearing for a time and date mutually convenient for the Court, the Parties, Class Counsel, and Defendant's Counsel.

VI. Settlement Administrator

61. The Parties agree that, subject to Court approval, Simpluris shall be the Settlement Administrator. The Parties shall jointly oversee the Settlement Administrator. The Settlement Administrator shall fulfill the requirements set forth in the Preliminary Approval Order and the Agreement and comply with all applicable laws, including, but not limited to, the Due Process Clause of the Florida Constitution.

62. The Settlement Administrator shall administer various aspects of the Settlement as described in the next paragraph and perform such other functions as are specified for the Settlement Administrator elsewhere in this Agreement, including, but not limited to, effectuating the Notice Program, handling the Claims Process, and overseeing the distribution of Settlement Class Member Benefits.

63. The Settlement Administrator's duties include:

a. Completing the Court-approved Notice Program by noticing the Settlement Class by Email Notice or Postcard Notice, sending out Long Form Notices and paper Claim Forms on request from Settlement Class Members and overseeing the Claim Process;

b. Establishing and maintaining a post office box to receive opt-out requests from the Settlement Class, objections from Settlement Class Members, and Claim Forms;

c. Establishing and maintaining the Settlement Website to provide important information and to receive electronic Claim Forms;

d. Establishing and maintaining an automated toll-free telephone line for Settlement Class Members to call with Settlement-related inquiries, and answering the frequently asked questions of Settlement Class Members who call with or otherwise communicate such inquiries;

e. Responding to any mailed Settlement Class Member inquiries;

f. Processing all opt-out requests from the Settlement Class;

g. Providing weekly reports to Class Counsel and Defendant's Counsel that summarize the number of Claims submitted, Claims approved and rejected, Notice of Deficiency sent, opt-out requests and objections received that week, the total number of opt-out requests and objections received to date, and other pertinent information;

h. In advance of the Final Approval Hearing, preparing a declaration for the Parties confirming that the Notice Program was completed in accordance with the terms of this Agreement and the Preliminary Approval Order, describing how the Notice Program was completed, indicating the number of Claim Forms received and the amount of each benefit claimed, providing the names of each Settlement Class Member who timely and properly requested to opt-out from the Settlement Class, indicating the number of objections received, and other information as may be necessary to allow the Parties to seek and obtain Final Approval;

i. Reviewing Claim Forms submitted by Settlement Class Members to determine whether they are eligible for a Cash Payment;

j. Collecting from Defendant the cash necessary to pay Valid Claims for Cash Payments and to pay for Credit Monitoring;

k. Distributing Cash Payments and ensuring Credit Monitoring was properly provided to Settlement Class Members who submit Valid Claims; and

l. Any other Settlement administration function at the instruction of Class Counsel and Defendant's Counsel.

VII. Notice to the Settlement Class, Opt-Out Procedures, and Objection Procedures

64. Defendant will make available to Class Counsel and the Settlement Administrator the Class List no later than five days after entry of the Preliminary Approval Order. To the extent necessary, Defendant will cooperate with updating the Class List to accomplish the Notice Program and otherwise administer the Settlement.

65. Within 25 days following entry of the Preliminary Approval Order, the Settlement Administrator shall commence the Notice Program using the forms of Notice approved by the Court. This includes sending Email Notices to all Settlement Class Members for which email addresses are maintained by the Settlement Administrator and Postcard Notices to all Settlement Class Members for which physical addresses are maintained by the Settlement Administrator.

66. The Email Notice and Postcard Notice shall include, among other information: a description of the material terms of the Settlement; how to submit a Claim Form; the Claim Form Deadline; the Opt-Out Deadline for Settlement Class Members to opt-out of the Settlement Class; the Objection Deadline for Settlement Class Members to object to the Settlement and/or the Application for Attorneys' Fees, Costs and Service Award; the Final Approval Hearing date; and the Settlement Website address at which Settlement Class Members may access this Agreement and other related documents and information. Class Counsel and Defendant's Counsel shall insert the correct dates and deadlines in the Notice before the Notice Program commences, based upon those dates and deadlines set by the Court in the Preliminary Approval Order. If the date or time

for the Final Approval Hearing changes, the Settlement Administrator shall update the Settlement Website to reflect the new date. No additional notice to the Settlement Class is required if the date or time for the Final Approval Hearing changes. The Settlement Administrator shall use its best efforts to find better addresses for those Settlement Class Members whose Email Notices and/or Postcard Notices are undeliverable. Postcard Notices shall be remailed to those Settlement Class Members for which the Settlement Administrator is able to identify better addresses. The Notices will also include information about Credit Monitoring and how those Settlement Class Members who do not opt-out of the Settlement may activate the monitoring following the Effective Date.

67. The Settlement Administrator shall establish the Settlement Website no later than the day before Notice is first initiated. The Settlement Administrator shall ensure the Settlement Website makes available the Court-approved online Claim Form that can be submitted directly on the Settlement Website or in printable version that can be sent by U.S. Mail to the Settlement Administrator.

68. The Email Notice and Postcard Notice shall direct Settlement Class Members to the Settlement Website to review the Long Form Notice to learn more about the Settlement, how to opt-out of, or object to the Settlement.

69. The Long Form Notice also shall include the procedure on how to opt-out of the Settlement. A Settlement Class Member may opt-out of the Settlement Class at any time before the Opt-Out Deadline by mailing a request to opt-out to the Settlement Administrator postmarked no later than the Opt-Out Deadline. The opt-out request must be personally signed (signed physically or by e-signature) by the Settlement Class Member and contain the requestor's name, address, telephone number, and email address (if any), and include a statement indicating a request to be excluded from the Settlement Class. "Mass" or "class" opt-outs filed by third parties on

behalf of a “mass” or “class” of Class Members or multiple Class Members that do not include the required information for each Settlement Class Member that seeks to opt-out, and that has not been signed by each and every individual Class Member that seeks to opt-out will not be allowed. Any Settlement Class Member who does not timely and validly request to opt-out shall be bound by the terms of this Agreement even if that Settlement Class Member does not submit a Valid Claim.

70. In the event that within 14 days after the Opt-Out Deadline, there have been more than 500 requests for exclusion, Defendant may void this Settlement Agreement by notifying Class Counsel in writing. If Defendant voids this Agreement under this Paragraph (a) the Parties shall be restored to their respective positions in the litigation and shall jointly request that all scheduled litigation deadlines be reasonably extended by the Court as to avoid prejudice to any Party or Party's counsel; (b) the terms and provisions of the Settlement Agreement and statements made in connection with seeking approval of the Settlement shall have no further force and effect with respect to the Parties and shall not be used in the Action or in any other proceeding for any purpose, and any judgment or order entered by the Court in accordance with the terms of the Settlement Agreement and shall be treated as vacated, *nunc pro tunc*; and (c) Defendant shall be obligated to pay all settlement expenses already incurred, excluding any attorneys' fees, costs, and expenses of Class Counsel and service award to Plaintiff, and shall not, at any time, seek recovery of the same from any other party to the Litigation or from counsel to any other party to the Litigation.

71. The Long Form Notice also shall include a procedure for Settlement Class Members to object to the Settlement and/or the Application for Attorneys' Fees, Costs and Service Awards. Objections must be filed with the Court, and sent by U.S. Mail to Class Counsel, Defendant's Counsel, and the Settlement Administrator. For an objection to be considered by the Court, the relevant Settlement Class Member must submit the objection no later than the Objection

Deadline, as specified in the Notice, and the relevant Settlement Class Member must not have excluded herself from the Settlement Class. If submitted by mail, an objection shall be deemed to have been submitted when posted if received with a postmark date indicated on the envelope if mailed first-class postage prepaid. In other words, objections by mail postmarked later than the Objection Deadline are late and will not be considered by the Court. If submitted by courier (e.g., Federal Express), an objection shall be deemed to have been submitted on the shipping date reflected on the shipping label.

72. For an objection to be considered by the Court, the objection must also set forth:
- a. the objector's full name, mailing address, telephone number, and email address (if any);
 - b. all grounds for the objection, accompanied by any legal support for the objection known to the objector or objector's counsel;
 - c. the number of times the objector has objected to a class action settlement within the 5 years preceding the date that the objector files the objection, the caption of each case in which the objector has made such objection, and a copy of any orders related to or ruling upon the objector's prior objections that were issued by the trial and appellate courts in each listed case;
 - d. the identity of all counsel who represent the objector, including any former or current counsel who may be entitled to compensation for any reason related to the objection to the Settlement and/or Application for Attorneys' Fees, Costs, and Service Awards;
 - e. the number of times in which the objector's counsel and/or counsel's law firm have objected to a class action settlement within the five years preceding the date of the filed objection, the caption of each case in which counsel or the firm has made such objection and a copy of any orders related to or ruling upon counsel's or the counsel's law firm's prior objections

that were issued by the trial and appellate courts in each listed case in which the objector's counsel and/or counsel's law firm have objected to a class action settlement within the preceding five years;

f. whether the objector and or the objector's counsel will appear at the Final Approval Hearing;

g. a list of all persons who will be called to testify at the Final Approval Hearing in support of the objection (if any);

h. a statement confirming whether the objector intends to personally appear and/or testify at the Final Approval Hearing; and

i. the objector's signature (an attorney's signature is not sufficient).

Class Counsel and/or Defendant's Counsel may conduct limited discovery on any objector or objector's counsel. This includes taking depositions and requesting documents.

73. The Notice Program shall be completed no later than 30 days after commencement of the Notice Program.

VIII. Claim Process and Disbursement of Settlement Class Member Benefits

74. The Notice and the Settlement Website will explain to Settlement Class Members that they may be entitled to Settlement Class Member Benefits and how to submit a Claim Form.

75. Claim Forms may be submitted online through the Settlement Website or through U.S. Mail by sending them to the Settlement Administrator at the address designated on the Claim Form.

76. The Settlement Administrator shall collect, review, and address each Claim Form received to determine whether the Claim Form meets the requirements set forth in this Settlement and is thus a Valid Claim. The Settlement Administrator shall examine the Claim Form before designating the Claim as a Valid Claim to determine that the information on the Claim Form is

reasonably complete. The Settlement Administrator shall have the sole authority to determine whether a Claim by any Claimant is a Valid Claim.

77. The Settlement Administrator shall use all reasonable efforts and means to identify and reject duplicate claims. No Settlement Class Member may submit more than one Claim Form. The Settlement Administrator shall identify any Claim Forms that appear to seek relief on behalf of the same Settlement Class Member. If the Settlement Administrator identifies any Claim Form that appears to be a duplication, the Settlement Administrator shall contact the Settlement Class Member in an effort to determine which Claim Form is the appropriate one for consideration.

78. The Settlement Administrator shall exercise, in its discretion, all usual and customary steps to prevent fraud and abuse and take any reasonable steps to prevent fraud and abuse in the Claim process. The Settlement Administrator may, in its discretion, deny in whole or in part any Claim Form to prevent actual or possible fraud or abuse. By agreement, the Parties can instruct the Settlement Administrator to take whatever steps it deems appropriate if the Settlement Administrator identifies actual or possible fraud or abuse relating to the submission of claims, including, but not limited to, denying in whole or in part any Claim to prevent actual or possible fraud or abuse. If any fraud is detected or reasonably suspected, the Settlement Administrator and Parties may require information from Claimants or deny Claims, subject to the supervision of the Parties and ultimate oversight by the Court.

79. Claim Forms that do not meet the terms and conditions of this Settlement shall be promptly rejected by the Settlement Administrator and the Settlement Administrator shall advise the Claimant or Settlement Class Member of the reason(s) why the Claim Form was rejected. However, if the Claim Form is rejected for containing incomplete or inaccurate information, and/or omitting required information, the Settlement Administrator may send a Notice of Deficiency

explaining what information is missing or inaccurate and needed to validate the Claim and have it submitted for consideration. The Settlement Administrator shall notify the Claimant using the contact information provided in the Claim Form. The additional information and/or documentation needed can include, for example, answers to questions regarding the validity of the Claimant's physical or e-signature. A Claimant shall have until the Claim Form Deadline, or 10 days from the date the Notice of Deficiency is sent to the Claimant via mail and postmarked or via email, whichever is later, to reply to the Notice of Deficiency and provide the required information. If the Claimant timely and adequately provides the requested information and/or documentation, the Claim shall be deemed a Valid Claim and processed by the Settlement Administrator. If the Claimant does not timely and completely provide the requested information and/or documentation, the Settlement Administrator shall reduce or deny the Claim unless Defendant and Class Counsel otherwise agree.

80. Where a good faith basis exists, the Settlement Administrator may reduce or reject a Claim for, among other reasons, the following:

- a. Failure to fully complete and/or sign the Claim Form;
- b. Illegible Claim Form;
- c. The Claim Form is fraudulent;
- d. The Claim Form is duplicative of another Claim Form;
- e. The Claimant is not a Settlement Class Member;
- f. The Claimant submitted a timely and valid request to opt out of the Settlement Class.
- g. The person submitting the Claim Form requests that payment be made to a person or entity other than the Claimant for whom the Claim Form is submitted;

- h. Failure to submit a Claim Form by the Claim Form Deadline; and/or
- i. The Claim Form otherwise does not comply with the requirements of this

Settlement.

81. The Settlement Administrator's reduction or denial of a Claim is final, subject to the following dispute resolution procedures:

- a. The Settlement Administrator shall have 15 days from the Claim Form Deadline to approve or reject Claims.

- b. A request for additional information by sending a Notice of Deficiency shall not be considered a denial for purposes of this Paragraph.

- c. If a Claim is rejected, the Settlement Administrator shall notify the Claimant using the contact information provided in the Claim Form. Class Counsel and Defendant's Counsel shall be provided with copies of all such notifications to Claimants.

- d. The Settlement Administrator's determination as to whether to approve, deny, or reduce a Claim shall be final and binding.

82. The Settlement Administrator shall provide all information gathered in investigating Claims, including, but not limited to, copies of all correspondence and email and all notes of the Settlement Administrator, the decision reached, and all reasons supporting the decision, if requested by Class Counsel or Defendant's Counsel. Additionally, Class Counsel and Defendant's Counsel shall have the right to inspect the Claim Forms and supporting documentation received by the Settlement Administrator at any time upon reasonable notice.

83. No person or entity shall have any claim against Defendant, Defendant's Counsel, Plaintiff, the Settlement Class, Class Counsel, and/or the Settlement Administrator based on any eligibility determinations, distributions, or awards made in accordance with this Settlement.

84. The Settlement Administrator shall send an invoice to the Defendant for the collection of funds necessary to pay for the Cash Payments and for Credit Monitoring no later than 10 days after the Effective Date. The Defendant must pay the Settlement Administrator the amount on the invoice within 40 days of the Effective Date and prior receipt of necessary payment and W-9 information. The Settlement Administrator shall distribute Cash Payments to Settlement Class Members with Valid Claims no later than 45 days after the Effective Date. Settlement Class Members will be able to activate the Credit Monitoring service no later than 45 days after the Effective Date.

85. Cash Payments to Settlement Class Members will be made by electronic payment or by paper check. Settlement Class Members will elect their desired form of payment on the Claim Form. Settlement Class Members will have a period of 120 days to negotiate paper checks. In the event of any complications arising in connection with the issuance of an electronic payment, the Settlement Administrator shall provide written notice to Class Counsel and Defendant's Counsel. Absent specific instructions from Class Counsel and Defendant's Counsel, the Settlement Administrator shall proceed to resolve the dispute using its best practices and procedures to ensure that the funds are fairly and properly distributed to the person or persons who are entitled to receive them. In the event the Settlement Administrator is unable to distribute funds to the person or persons entitled to receive them due to incorrect or incomplete information provided to the Settlement Administrator, the Settlement Class Member shall forfeit their entitlement right to the funds.

IX. Final Approval Order and Final Judgment

86. Plaintiffs shall file their Motion for Final Approval of the Settlement, inclusive of the Application for Attorneys' Fees, Costs and Service Awards, no later than 15 days before the

Opt-Out/Objection Deadline. 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 will also 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 objectors submitted timely objections that meet all of the requirements listed in this Agreement.

87. At or following the Final Approval Hearing, the Court will determine whether to enter the Final Approval Order and final judgment thereon, and whether to grant the Application for Attorneys' Fees, Costs and Service Award. Such proposed Final Approval Order shall, among other things:

- a. Determine that the Settlement is fair, adequate and reasonable;
- b. Finally certify the Settlement Class for settlement purposes only;
- c. Determine that the Notice Program satisfies Due Process requirements;
- d. Bar and enjoin all Releasing Parties from asserting or otherwise pursuing any of the Released Claims at any time and in any jurisdiction, including during any appeal from the Final Approval Order; and retain jurisdiction over the enforcement of the Court's injunctions;
- e. Release Defendant and the other Released Parties from the Released Claims; and
- f. Reserve the Court's continuing and exclusive jurisdiction over the Parties to this Agreement, including Defendant, Plaintiff, all Settlement Class Members, and all objectors, to administer, supervise, construe, and enforce this Agreement in accordance with its terms.

X. Attorneys' Fees, Costs and Service Award

88. *Service Awards* – In recognition of the time and effort the Class Representatives

expended in pursuing this Action and in fulfilling his obligations and responsibilities to the Settlement Class, and of the relief conferred on all Settlement Class Members by the Settlement, Class Counsel shall request Service Awards for the Class Representatives in the amount not to exceed \$1,500 each. The Service Award payment to the Class Representative shall be separate and apart from their entitlement to Settlement Class Member Benefits. Within 40 days of the Effective Date and prior receipt of W9 and payment instructions, Defendant shall pay or cause to be paid the Court-approved Service Awards to Class Counsel.

89. ***Attorneys' Fees and Costs*** – As part of the Motion for Final Approval, Plaintiffs will move the Court for an order awarding reasonable attorneys' fees and litigation costs of up to \$1,750,000. Defendant will not oppose Plaintiffs' request for attorneys' fees and costs up to that amount. Within 40 days of the Effective Date and prior receipt of W9 and payment instructions, Defendant shall pay or cause to be paid the Court-approved attorneys' fees and costs to Class Counsel.

90. The Parties did not discuss the payment of attorneys' fees, costs, or Service Awards until after the substantive terms of the Settlement had been agreed upon. This Settlement is not contingent on approval of the Application for Attorneys' Fees, Costs, and Service Awards, and if the Court denies the request or grants amounts less than what was requested, the remaining provisions of the Agreement shall remain in force.

XI. Releases

91. Upon the Effective Date, and in consideration of the settlement relief and other consideration described herein, the Releasing Parties shall be deemed to have, and by operation of the Final Approval Order shall have, fully, finally, and forever released, acquitted, relinquished, and completely discharged the Released Parties from any and all Released Claims, including but

not limited to any state law or common law claims arising out of or relating to the Data Incident that the Releasing Parties may have or had, such as under California's Consumer Privacy Act, California Civil Code section 1798.100, *et seq.*, and/or California's Unfair Competition Law, California Civil Code section 17200, *et seq.* Each Party expressly waives all rights under California Civil Code section 1542, which provides:

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.

The Releasing Parties agree that, once this Agreement is executed, they will not, directly or indirectly, individually or in concert with another, maintain, cause to be maintained, or voluntarily assist in maintaining any further demand, action, claim, lawsuit, arbitration, or similar proceeding, in any capacity whatsoever, against any of the Released Parties based on any of the Released Claims.

92. Settlement Class Members who opt-out of the Settlement prior to the Opt-Out Deadline do not release their claims and will not obtain any benefits, including any Settlement Class Member Benefit, under the Settlement.

93. Upon the Effective Date: (a) this Settlement shall be the exclusive remedy for any and all Released Claims of Plaintiff and Settlement Class Members; and (b) Plaintiffs and Settlement Class Members stipulate to be and shall be permanently barred and enjoined by Court order from initiating, asserting, or prosecuting any Released Claim against the Released Parties, whether on behalf of Plaintiffs, any Settlement Class Member or others, in any jurisdiction, including in any federal, state, or local court or tribunal.

XII. Termination of Settlement

94. This Agreement shall be subject to and is expressly conditioned on the occurrence of all of the following events:

a. Court approval of the Settlement consideration set forth in Section V and the Releases set forth in Section XIII of this Agreement;

b. The Court has entered the Preliminary Approval Order;

c. Defendant was not eligible to or did not exercise any termination rights pursuant to Paragraph 70;

d. The Court has entered the Final Approval Order, and all objections, if any, are overruled, and all appeals taken from the Final Approval Order are resolved in favor of Final Approval; and

e. The Effective Date has occurred.

95. If any of the conditions specified in the preceding paragraph are not met, or if the Court otherwise imposes any modification to or condition to approval of the Settlement to which the Parties do not consent, then this Agreement shall be cancelled and terminated.

96. In the event this Agreement is terminated or fails to become effective, then the Parties shall return to the *status quo ante* in the Action as if the Parties had not entered into this Agreement, and the Parties shall jointly file a status report in the Court seeking to reopen the Action and all papers filed. In such event, the terms and provisions of this Agreement shall have no further force and effect with respect to the Parties and shall not be used in this Action or in any other action or proceeding for any other purpose, and any order entered by this Court in accordance with the terms of this Agreement shall be treated as vacated, *nunc pro tunc*.

XIII. Effect of Termination

97. In the event of a termination, this Agreement shall be considered null and void; all

of Plaintiffs', Class Counsel's, Defendant's, and Defendant's Counsel's obligations under the Settlement 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, all of the Parties' respective pre-Settlement rights, claims, and defenses will be retained and preserved.

98. In the event the Settlement is terminated in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement, any discussions, offers, or negotiations associated with this Settlement shall not be discoverable or offered into evidence or used in the Action or any other action or proceeding for any purpose. In such event, all Parties to the Action shall stand in the same position as if this Agreement had not been negotiated, made, or filed with the Court.

XIV. No Admission of Liability

99. This Agreement reflects the Parties' compromise and settlement of disputed claims. This Agreement shall not be construed as or deemed to be evidence of an admission or concession of any point of fact or law. Defendant has denied and continues to deny each of the claims and contentions alleged in the Complaint. Defendant specifically denies that a class could or should be certified in the Action for litigation purposes. Defendant does not admit any liability or wrongdoing of any kind, by this Agreement or otherwise. Defendant has agreed to enter into this Agreement to avoid the further expense, inconvenience, and distraction of burdensome and protracted litigation, and to be completely free of any claims that were asserted or could possibly have been asserted in the Action.

100. Class Counsel believe the claims asserted in the Action have merit, and they have examined and considered the benefits to be obtained under the proposed Settlement set forth in this Agreement, the risks associated with the continued prosecution of this complex, costly, and

time-consuming litigation, and the likelihood of success on the merits of the Action. Class Counsel have investigated the facts and law relevant to the merits of the claims, conducted informal discovery, and conducted independent investigation of the alleged claims. Class Counsel concluded that the proposed Settlement set forth in this Agreement is fair, adequate, reasonable, and in the best interests of the Settlement Class Members.

101. This Agreement constitutes a compromise and settlement of disputed claims. No action taken by the Parties in connection with the negotiations of this Agreement shall be deemed or construed to be an admission of the truth or falsity of any claims or defenses heretofore made, or an acknowledgment or admission by any party of any fault, liability, or wrongdoing of any kind whatsoever.

102. Neither the Settlement, nor any act performed or document executed pursuant to or in furtherance of the Settlement (a) is or may be deemed to be, or may be used as, an admission of, or evidence of, the validity of any claim by the Plaintiffs or Settlement Class Members, or of any wrongdoing or liability of the Released Parties; or (b) is or may be deemed to be, or may be used as, an admission of, or evidence of, any fault or omission of any of the Released Parties, in the Action or in any proceeding in any court, administrative agency, or other tribunal.

103. In addition to any other defenses Defendant or the Released Parties may have at law, in equity, or otherwise, to the extent permitted by law, this Agreement may be pleaded as a full and complete defense to and may be used as the basis for an injunction against any action, suit, or other proceeding that may be instituted, prosecuted, or attempted in breach of this Agreement or the Releases contained herein.

XV. Miscellaneous Provisions

104. *Confidentiality.* To the extent permitted by ethics rules, the Parties and their

counsel shall keep confidential all settlement communications, including communications regarding the negotiation and drafting of this Agreement. The Parties will not make any public statement about the settlement that has not been approved by the other side, except as required or authorized by law. Approval of any proposed public statement of the other side will not be unreasonably withheld. The Parties will cooperate with each other regarding public statements about the settlement and may issue a joint statement/press release if they mutually agree to do so. This paragraph shall not be construed to limit or impede the Notice requirements contained in this Agreement, nor shall this paragraph be construed to prevent Class Counsel or Defendant's Counsel from notifying or explaining that the Action has settled or limit the representations that the Parties or their counsel may make to the Court to assist in the Court's evaluation of the Settlement, Preliminary Approval, Final Approval, and any objection to the Settlement's terms. Defendant may also provide information about the Settlement to its attorneys, members, partners, insurers, brokers, agents, and other persons or entities as required by securities laws or other applicable laws and regulations.

105. ***Gender and Plurals.*** As used in this Agreement, the masculine, feminine, or neuter gender, and the singular or plural number, shall each be deemed to include the others whenever the context so indicates.

106. ***Binding Effect.*** This Agreement shall be binding upon, and inure to and for the benefit of, the Parties, the successors and assigns of the Releasing Parties, and the Released Parties.

107. ***Cooperation of Parties.*** The Parties agree to cooperate in good faith to prepare and execute all documents, seek Court approval, uphold Court approval, and do all things reasonably necessary to complete and effectuate the Settlement described in this Agreement.

108. ***Obligation to Meet and Confer.*** Before filing any motion in the Court raising a

dispute arising out of or related to this Agreement, the Parties shall consult with each other and certify to the Court that they have met and conferred in an attempt to resolve the dispute.

109. ***Integration and No Reliance.*** This Agreement constitutes a single, integrated written contract expressing the entire agreement of the Parties relative to the subject matter hereof. This Agreement is executed without reliance on any covenant, agreement, representation, or warranty by any Party or any Party's representative other than those expressly set forth in this Agreement. No covenants, agreements, representations, or warranties of any kind whatsoever have been made by any Party hereto, except as provided for herein.

110. ***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.

111. ***Governing Law.*** Except as otherwise provided herein, the Agreement shall be construed in accordance with, and be governed by, the laws of the state of Florida, without regard to the principles thereof regarding choice of law.

112. ***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 Parties do not sign the same counterparts. Original signatures are not required. Any signature submitted by facsimile or through email of a PDF shall be deemed an original.

113. ***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 arising out of or relating to this Agreement that cannot be resolved by negotiation and agreement by counsel for the Parties. The Court shall also retain jurisdiction over all questions and/or disputes related to the Notice Program and the Settlement

Administrator. As part of the agreement to render services in connection with this Settlement, the Settlement Administrator shall consent to the jurisdiction of the Court for this purpose. The Court shall retain jurisdiction over the enforcement of the Court's injunction barring and enjoining all Releasing Parties from asserting any of the Released Claims and from pursuing any Released Claims against the Released Parties at any time and in any jurisdiction, including during any appeal from the Final Approval Order.

114. **Notices.** All notices provided for herein, shall be sent by email with a hard copy sent by overnight mail to:

If to Plaintiff or Class Counsel:

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The notice recipients and addresses designated above may be changed by written notice. Upon the

request of any of the Parties, the Parties agree to promptly provide each other with copies of objections, requests for exclusion, or other filings received as a result of the Notice Program.

115. ***Modification and Amendment.*** This Agreement may not be amended or modified, except by a written instrument signed by Class Counsel and Defendant's Counsel and, if the Settlement has been approved preliminarily by the Court, approved by the Court.

116. ***No Waiver.*** The waiver by any Party of any breach of this Agreement by another Party shall not be deemed or construed as a waiver of any other breach, whether prior, subsequent, or contemporaneous, of this Agreement.

117. ***Authority.*** Class Counsel (for the Plaintiff and the Settlement Class Members), and Defendant's Counsel, represent and warrant that the persons signing this Agreement on their behalves have full power and authority to bind every person, partnership, corporation, or entity included within the definitions of Plaintiff and Defendant respectively to all terms of this Agreement. Any person executing this Agreement in a representative capacity represents and warrants that he or she is fully authorized to do so and to bind the Party on whose behalf he or she signs this Agreement to all of the terms and provisions of this Agreement.

118. ***Agreement Mutually Prepared.*** Neither Plaintiff nor Defendant shall be considered to be the drafter of this Agreement or any of its provisions for the purpose of any statute, case law, or rule of interpretation or construction that would or might cause any provision to be construed against the drafter of this Agreement.

119. ***Independent Investigation and Decision to Settle.*** The Parties understand and acknowledge they: (a) have performed an independent investigation of the allegations of fact and law made in connection with this Action; and (b) that even if they may hereafter 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 Action as reflected in this Agreement, that will not affect or in any respect limit the binding nature of this Agreement. All Parties recognize and acknowledge they reviewed and analyzed data that they and their experts used to make certain determinations, arguments, and settlement positions. The Parties agree this Settlement is fair, reasonable, and adequate, and will not attempt to renegotiate or otherwise void or invalidate or terminate the Settlement irrespective of what any unexamined data later shows. It is the Parties' intention to fully resolve their disputes in connection with this Action pursuant to the terms of this Agreement now and thus, in furtherance of their intentions, the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect notwithstanding the discovery of any additional facts or law, or changes in law, and this Agreement shall not be subject to rescission or modification by reason of any changes or differences in facts or law, subsequently occurring or otherwise.

120. ***Receipt of Advice of Counsel.*** Each Party acknowledges, agrees, and specifically warrants that he, she, or it has fully read this Agreement and the Releases contained herein, received independent legal advice with respect to the advisability of entering into this Agreement and the Releases, and the legal effects of this Agreement and the Releases, and fully understands the effect of this Agreement and the Releases.

Signatures on Following Page

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Exhibit 1

To:

From:

Subject: Legal Notice of Class Action – Gregory Maricle, et al., v. SouthState Bank, N.A.

If you received Notice of this Settlement, SouthState Bank, N.A. has identified you as a Settlement Class Member whose Private Information was impacted by the February 7, 2024 Data Incident. You may submit a Claim for Settlement Class Member Benefits as outlined below.

A Court has authorized this Notice. You are not being sued. This is not a solicitation from a lawyer.

<<First Name>> <<Last Name>>

Settlement Class Member ID:

Your Class Member ID is required to file a Claim.

Credit Monitoring Code: [insert]

The code above is required to activate your Credit Monitoring Benefit after Final Approval once the Settlement becomes Effective.

Please retain this information in a safe place, as it will be necessary to access your benefits.

A Settlement has been reached with SouthState Bank, N.A., the “Defendant,” in a class action lawsuit about a data breach involving the Defendant’s computer network identified on or about February 7, 2024 (i.e., the Data Incident) that allegedly exposed current and former customers’ Private Information. The Defendant denies all wrongdoing.

Am I included? The Defendants’ records indicate you are included in the Settlement Class. The Settlement Class consists of all living persons residing in the United States who were sent notice that their Private Information may have been impacted in the Data Incident.

What does the Settlement provide? If approved by the Court, Defendants will pay \$1,500,000 into a Cash Fund to provide Settlement Class Members with a Documented Loss Payment of up to \$3,500 for losses from fraud and/or identity theft related to the Data Incident, and/or a *pro rata* Cash Payment.

The Defendant will also pay for all Settlement Class Members to receive one year of Credit Monitoring with insurance coverage for fraud or identify theft as an automatic benefit under the Settlement, provided you do not opt-out of the Settlement. **Your unique Credit Monitoring code is listed above.** Please retain the code as it is required to activate your Credit Monitoring benefit after Final Approval once the Settlement becomes Effective. Please monitor the Settlement Website ([www.\[website\].com](http://www.[website].com)) for further updates and, once the Court grants Final Approval of the Settlement, instructions on how to activate your code.

How do I get a Cash Payment? You must file a Claim Form online at [www.\[website\].com](http://www.[website].com), or print a Claim Form from the Settlement Website and mail it to the address on the form to get a Settlement Payment. Claim Forms must be submitted online by 11:59 p.m. ET or postmarked by **Month XX, 2026.**

What are my other options? If you do nothing, you will not receive a Cash Payment. You will remain a member of the Settlement Class and will still be able to activate your Credit Monitoring code. You will give up your rights to sue the Defendant for the claims resolved by this Settlement. If you do not want any of the Settlement Class Member Benefits, but you want to keep your right to sue the Defendant for the claims resolved by this Settlement, you must submit opt-out of the Settlement. If you do not submit a request to opt-out, you may object to the Settlement and ask the Court for permission to speak at the Final Approval Hearing. The Opt-out Deadline and Objection Deadline is **Month XX, 2026**.

The Court's Final Approval Hearing. The Court will hold a hearing on **Month XX, 2026 at <<time>> ET** to decide whether to approve the Settlement, Attorneys' Fees and Costs not to exceed \$1,750,000, and Service Award payments to each Class Representative not to exceed \$1,500. If approved, these fees and costs will be paid by the Defendant separately from the Cash Fund and Credit Monitoring costs. You or your lawyer may attend the hearing at your own expense.

Want more information? This notice is a summary. Please visit [www.\[website\].com](http://www.[website].com) for complete details about the Settlement and instructions on how to act on your rights and options. You may also call **(xxx) xxx-xxxx** for more information.

Exhibit 2

Gregory Maricle, et al., v. SouthState Bank, N.A.
c/o Simpluris Settlement Administration LLC
P.O. Box XXXX
New York, NY XXXX-XXXX

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ELECTRONIC SERVICE REQUESTED

NOTICE OF CLASS ACTION
SETTLEMENT

**You have been
eligible for benefits
from a class action
Settlement regarding
the SouthState Bank
Data Incident.**

[www.\[website\].com](http://www.[website].com)

<<Refnum Barcode>>

Settlement Class Member ID: <<Refnum>>

Credit Monitoring Code: <<Refnum>>

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<<BusinessName>>

<<Address>>

<<Address2>>

<<City>>, <<ST>> <<Zip>>-<<zip4>>

<<Country>>

A Settlement has been reached with SouthState Bank, N.A., the “Defendant,” in a class action lawsuit about a data breach involving the Defendant’s computer network identified on or about February 7, 2024 (i.e., the Data Incident) that allegedly exposed current and former customers’ Private Information. The Defendant denies all wrongdoing.

Am I included? The Defendant’s records indicate you are included in the Settlement Class. The Settlement Class consists of all living persons residing in the United States who were sent notice that their Private Information may have been impacted in the Data Incident.

What does the Settlement provide? If approved by the Court, Defendants will pay \$1,500,000 into a Cash Fund to provide Settlement Class Members with a Documented Loss Payment of up to \$3,500 for losses resulting from fraud and/or identity theft because of the Data Incident, and/or a *pro rata* Cash Payment. The Defendant will also pay for all Settlement Class Members to receive one year of Credit Monitoring with insurance coverage for fraud or identity theft, provided you do not opt-out of the Settlement. **Your unique Credit Monitoring code is listed on the front of this postcard with your Settlement Class Member ID.** Please retain the code as it is required to activate your Credit Monitoring benefit after Final Approval once the Settlement is Effective. Please monitor the Settlement Website ([www.\[website\].com](http://www.[website].com)) for further updates and, once the Court grants Final Approval of the Settlement, instructions on how to activate your code.

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What are my other options? If you do nothing, you will not receive a Cash Payment. You will remain in the Settlement Class and will still be able to activate your Credit Monitoring code. You will give up your rights to sue the Defendant for the claims resolved by this Settlement. If you do not want any Settlement Benefits, but you want to keep your right to sue the Defendant for the claims resolved by this Settlement you must opt-out of the Settlement. If you do not opt-out, you may object to the Settlement and ask the Court to speak at the Final Approval Hearing. The Opt-Out and Objection Deadline is **Month XX, 2026**.

The Court’s Final Approval Hearing. The Court will hold a hearing on **Month XX, 2026** to decide whether to approve the Settlement, Attorneys’ Fees and Costs of up to \$1,750,000, and Service Awards to each Class Representative of up to \$1,500 each. If approved, these fees, costs, and awards will be paid by the Defendant separately from the Cash Payments and Credit Monitoring costs. You or your lawyer may attend the hearing at your own expense.

Want more information? This notice is a summary. Visit [www.\[website\].com](http://www.[website].com) for complete details about the Settlement and instructions on how to act on your rights and options. You may also call **(xxx) xxx-xxxx** for more information.

Exhibit 3

NOTICE OF PROPOSED CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT

Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Polk County, Florida
Gregory Maricle, et al., v. SouthState Bank, N.A., Case No.: CACE-2024CA-002530

Were you notified that your Private Information may have been impacted in a Data Incident involving SouthState Bank, N.A.? A proposed class action Settlement may affect your rights.

A state court authorized this Notice. You are not being sued. This is not a solicitation from a lawyer.

- A proposed Settlement has been reached with SouthState Bank, N.A., the Defendant, in a class action lawsuit about unauthorized access to the Defendant's computer network on or about February 7, 2024 ("Data Incident") that potentially exposed current and former customers' Private Information (i.e., names, dates of birth, addresses, telephone numbers, financial account numbers, and Social Security numbers). The Action alleges claims against the Defendant for negligence, breach of contract, breach of fiduciary duty, and unjust enrichment arising from its claimed failure to implement proper cybersecurity protocols to protect sensitive customer data. The Defendant denies all wrongdoing.
- You are included in this Settlement as a Settlement Class Member if you live in the United States and were sent notice that your Private Information was impacted in the Data Incident on February 7, 2024.
- The proposed Settlement requires the Defendant to establish a Cash Fund of \$1,500,000 to provide up to \$3,500 in reimbursement for documented losses as a result of fraud and/or identity theft and *pro rata* (proportional) Cash Payments to Settlement Class Members. In addition to the Cash Fund, the Defendant will also pay for Credit Monitoring for all Settlement Class Members with insurance coverage for fraud and/or identity theft, as well as Settlement Administration Costs, and court-approved Attorney's Fees, Costs, and Service Awards.
- As a Settlement Class Member, your rights are affected whether you act or do not act. Please read this Notice carefully.

YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS AND OPTIONS IN THIS SETTLEMENT		DEADLINE
File a Claim	The only way to receive a Cash Payment Benefit from this Settlement is to submit a valid and timely Claim Form. All Settlement Class Members who do not opt-out of the Settlement will automatically receive the Credit Monitoring benefit. You do not need to submit a Claim Form to receive this benefit.	Month __, 2026
Opt-Out of the Settlement	If you opt-out, you will not be bound by the terms of the Settlement and you keep the right to sue the Defendant about the claims resolved by this Settlement. You will not receive any benefits from the Settlement.	Month __, 2026
Object to the Settlement and/or Attend a Hearing	If you do not opt-out of the Settlement, you may object to it and tell the Court what you do not like about it. You may also ask the Court for permission to speak about your objection at the Final Approval Hearing. If you object, you can still file a Claim.	Month __, 2026

Do Nothing	If you do nothing, you will not receive a Cash Payment from this Settlement and will give up the right to sue, continue to sue, or be part of another lawsuit against the Defendant related to the legal claims resolved by this Settlement. You will remain a Settlement Class Member and will be able to activate your Credit Monitoring code.	No Deadline
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- These rights and options—**and the deadlines to exercise them**—are explained in this Notice.
- The Court in charge of this case still must decide whether to approve the Settlement.

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BASIC INFORMATION

1. Why was this Notice issued?

A Court authorized this Notice because you have a right to know about the proposed Settlement of this Action and about all your options before the Court decides whether to grant Final Approval of the Settlement. This Notice explains the Action, your legal rights, what benefits are available, and who can receive them.

The Action is called *Gregory Maricle, et al. v. SouthState Bank, N.A.*, Case No. CACE-2024CA-002530 and is pending in the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Polk County, Florida. The people who filed this Action are called the “Plaintiffs” and the company they sued, SouthState Bank, N.A., is called the “Defendant.”

2. What is this Action about?

On February 7, 2024, a third party unlawfully accessed the Defendant’s computer network and accessed the Private Information of current and former customers. This information may have included: names, dates of birth, addresses, telephone numbers, financial account numbers, and Social Security numbers. On March 29, 2024, the Defendant began notifying potentially impacted individuals.

Various lawsuits were filed related to the Data Incident, which were consolidated and are now known as *Gregory Maricle, et al. v. SouthState Bank, N.A.*, Case No. CACE-2024CA-002530. The Plaintiffs allege claims against the Defendant for negligence, breach of contract, breach of fiduciary duty, and unjust enrichment arising from its claimed failure to implement proper cybersecurity protocols to protect sensitive customer data. The Defendant denies any and all wrongdoing.

3. What is a class action?

In a class action, one or more individuals sue on behalf of other people with similar claims. These individuals who sue are known as “Class Representatives” or “Plaintiffs.” Together, the people included in the class action are called a “Settlement Class” or “Settlement Class Members.” One court resolves the lawsuit for all Settlement Class Members, except for those who exclude themselves (sometimes called, “opting-out”) from a settlement. In this Settlement, the Class Representatives are Gregory Maricle, Rodney Dailey, Ashley Flott, Damica Fullwood-Demps, Latona Gore, Christopher Hart, Cain King, Bonnie Lapwood, Aaron Marks, Tiffany Swinton, Timothy Van Dyke, George Vargha, Craig Zivolich, Todd Wilkes, and Molly Wilkes.

4. Why is there a Settlement?

The Court has not decided in favor of the Plaintiffs or Defendant. The Defendant denies all claims and contends that it has not violated any laws or obligations to the Plaintiffs. The Plaintiffs and Defendant agreed to a Settlement to avoid the costs and risks of a trial, and through the Settlement, Settlement Class Members are eligible to claim a payment and benefit more quickly. The Plaintiffs and their attorneys, who also represent the Settlement Class, believe the Settlement is in the best interests of all Settlement Class Members.

WHO IS IN THE SETTLEMENT?

5. Who is included in the Settlement?

The Settlement Class consists of all living persons residing in the United States who were sent notice that their Private Information may have been impacted in the Data Incident on or around February 7, 2024.

6. Are there exceptions to being included in the Settlement?

Yes, excluded from the Settlement Class are (a) all persons who are directors, officers, and agents of Defendant; (b) governmental entities; (c) the Judge assigned to the Action, that Judge's immediate family, and Court staff; and (d) any Settlement Class Member who timely opts-out of the Settlement.

THE SETTLEMENT CLASS MEMBER BENEFITS

7. What can I get from this Settlement?

If approved by the Court, the Defendant will pay up to \$1,500,000 into a "Cash Fund" to provide Cash Payments to Settlement Class Members. In addition to the cash benefits below, the Defendant will also provide for Credit Monitoring with insurance coverage for fraud and/or identity theft. All Settlement Class Members have been provided with a unique code on their Notice to activate one year of Credit Monitoring services. This is an automatic benefit to all Settlement Class Members except those who opt-out of the Settlement. Once the Settlement receives Final Approval and upon the Effective Date, Settlement Class Members will be able to enroll in the Credit Monitoring product provided under this Settlement using their Credit Monitoring code (see Question 10). Enrollment and activation of the Credit Monitoring services will be available only after the Court grants Final Approval of the Settlement. Instructions on how to activate the code will be provided on the Settlement Website after the Settlement has been approved by the Court.

Settlement Class Members may choose to receive one or both of the following Cash Payments:

- **Cash Payment A – Documented Losses:** Reimbursement of up to \$3,500 for documented losses as result of fraud and/or identity theft more likely than not caused by the Data Incident; and
- **Cash Payment B – *Pro Rata* Cash:** A *pro rata* (proportional) cash payment.

8. Tell me more about the Cash Payments.

All Settlement Class Members may choose to file a Claim Form to receive (1) Cash Payment A – Documented Losses and/or (2) Cash Payment B – *Pro Rata* Cash, as described below.

Cash Payment A – Documented Losses

Settlement Class Members may submit a claim for a Cash Payment of up to \$3,500 for unreimbursed documented losses relating to fraud or identify theft if: (i) the loss is an actual, documented, and unreimbursed monetary loss; (ii) the loss was more likely than not caused by the Data Incident; and (iii) the loss was incurred after February 7, 2024. Losses include:

- Bank fees, overdraft charges, late fees, or declined payment fees resulting from fraud;
- Charges for credit monitoring or identity theft protection purchased in response to the data breach;
- Costs incurred to place or remove a credit freeze;
- Professional fees paid to address identity fraud (e.g., accountants, attorneys, fraud specialists);
- Replacement costs for government-issued identification or documents;
- Long-distance phone charges, postage, notary, or similar incidental costs; and
- Fraudulent, unreimbursed charges or financial loss directly traceable to misuse of personal information obtained in the Data Incident.

You cannot be reimbursed for documented losses if you have already been reimbursed for the same expenses from another source, including compensation provided in connection with any credit monitoring and identity theft protection product.

To receive reimbursement for documented losses, you must submit a valid Claim Form choosing Cash Payment A – Documented Losses by **Month XX, 2026** including “Reasonable Documentation” generated by a third-party supporting your claim (i.e., credit card statements, bank statements, invoices, telephone records, and receipts). Personal certifications, declarations, or affidavits from the Settlement Class Member are not considered proper documentation, but may be included to provide clarification, context, or support for other submitted reasonable documentation.

If you do not submit documentation supporting a loss or the Settlement Administrator rejects your Claim for Cash Payment A and you fail to cure the Claim after a reasonable period of time, it will be rejected.

Cash Payment B - *Pro Rata* Cash Payment

In addition to filing a claim for Cash Payment A - Documented Losses, Settlement Class Members may also request a *pro rata* (proportional) cash payment (Cash Payment B). The amount of this payment will be calculated based on the number of claims filed as described in Question 9.) To file claim for Cash Payment B, you must submit a valid Claim Form choosing this benefit by **Month XX, 2026**.

Note: You only need to submit one Claim Form selecting one or both Cash Payments, as appropriate.

9. How will the Cash Payments be calculated?

The Cash Fund will be used to pay all Valid Claims for Cash Payments. Valid Claims for Cash Payment A – Documented Losses will be paid first, and then the remaining balance of the Cash Fund will be paid for Valid Claims for Cash Payment B – *Pro Rata* Cash. Payment amounts may be adjusted based on the number of Valid Claims on a *pro rata* (proportional) basis. More detailed information is available in Section IV of the Settlement Agreement.

10. Tell me more about the Credit Monitoring Benefit.

In addition to Cash Payment A and Cash Payment B, all Settlement Class Members are entitled to receive one year of credit monitoring with one credit bureau. The monitoring will also include \$1,000,000 of identity theft insurance. The Credit Monitoring Benefit will be automatically provided to Settlement Class Members who do not opt-out of the Settlement. Once the Settlement receives Final Approval, Settlement Class Members will be able to activate the service using the Credit Monitoring code emailed or mailed to you in a postcard. You can contact the Settlement Administrator at [www.\[website\].com](http://www.[website].com) or toll-free at (XXX) XXX-XXXX if you do not know your Credit Monitoring code.

11. What claims am I releasing if I stay in the Settlement Class?

Unless you opt-out of the Settlement, you cannot sue, continue to sue, or be part of any other action against the Defendant about any of the claims this Settlement resolves. The Releases section in the Settlement Agreement describes the claims that you give up if you remain in the Settlement Class. The Settlement Agreement can be found at [www.\[website\].com](http://www.[website].com).

HOW TO GET SETTLEMENT CLASS MEMBER BENEFITS – MAKING A CLAIM

12. How do I submit a Claim Form?

To file a Claim, you must submit a Claim Form by **Month XX, 2026**. Claim Forms may be submitted online at [www.\[website\].com](http://www.[website].com) by 11:59 p.m. ET, or mailed postmarked by **Month XX, 2026** to the Settlement Administrator at:

Gregory Maricle, et al., v. SouthState Bank, N.A.
c/o Kroll Settlement Administration LLC
P.O. Box XXXX
New York, NY XXXXX-XXXX

Reminder: If you are filing a claim that includes Cash Payment A – Documented Losses, you must submit reasonable documentation for your claim (see Question 8).

13. When will I get my Settlement Benefits?

The short answer is – after the Settlement is “Finally Approved” and any challenges to that approval are finally resolved. The Court is scheduled to hold a Final Approval Hearing on **Month XX, 2026, at X:X0 .m. ET**, to decide whether to approve the Settlement, how much Attorneys’ Fees and Costs to award Class Counsel for representing the Settlement Class and Service Awards to the Class Representatives who brought this Action on behalf of the Settlement Class.

If the Court approves the Settlement, there may be appeals. It is always uncertain whether appeals will be filed and, if so, how long it will take to resolve them. Cash Payments will be distributed and Credit Monitoring enrollment opened as soon as possible, if and when the Court grants Final Approval of the Settlement and after any appeals are resolved.

THE LAWYERS REPRESENTING YOU

14. Do I have a lawyer in this case?

Yes, the Court appointed Jeff Ostrow and Kristen Cardoso of Kopelowitz Ostrow P.A. and Mariya Weekes of Milberg PLLC to represent you and other members of the Settlement Class as Class Counsel. You will not be charged directly for these lawyers; instead, the Defendant will pay their fees and costs (subject to Court approval) separate from the Cash Fund and Credit Monitoring costs.

If you want to be represented by your own lawyer, you may hire one at your own expense.

15. Should I get my own lawyer?

It is not necessary for you to hire your own lawyer because Class Counsel works for you. If you want to be represented by your own lawyer, you may hire one at your own expense.

16. How will the lawyers be paid?

Class Counsel will ask the Court to approve Attorneys’ Fees and Costs of up to \$1,750,000, as well as \$1,500 in Service Awards for the Class Representatives. If approved, these amounts will be paid by the Defendant separate from the Cash Fund and Credit Monitoring costs.

EXCLUDING YOURSELF FROM THE SETTLEMENT

17. How do I opt out of the Settlement?

If you do not want to receive any benefits from the Settlement and you want to keep your right to separately sue the Defendant about the legal issues in this case, you must take steps to exclude yourself from the Settlement Class. This is called “opting-out.” The Opt-Out Deadline, meaning the last day to file a request to opt-out of the Settlement is **Month XX, 2026**.

To exclude yourself from the Settlement, you must submit a written request to opt-out of the Settlement Administrator that includes the following information:

- The case name and number, “*Gregory Maricle, et al., v. SouthState Bank, N.A.*, Case No. CACE-2024CA-002530.”;
- Your name, address, telephone number, and email address (if any);
- A statement indicating that you want to be excluded from the Settlement Class, such as “I hereby request to opt-out from the proposed Settlement Class in ‘*Gregory Maricle, et al.*,

v. SouthState Bank, N.A., Case No. CACE-2024CA-002530.”;

- Your personal signature.

Your Request for Exclusion must be mailed to the Settlement Administrator at the address below, postmarked no later than **Month XX, 2026**.

Gregory Maricle, et al., v. SouthState Bank, N.A.

c/o Kroll Settlement Administration LLC

ATTN: Exclusions

P.O. Box XXXX

New York, NY XXXXX-XXXX

OBJECTING TO THE SETTLEMENT

18. How do I tell the Court if I do not like the Settlement?

If you are a Settlement Class Member, you can choose (but are not required) to object to the Settlement if you do not like it or a portion of it, whether that be to the Settlement Class Member Benefits, the request for Attorneys’ Fees and Costs, the Service Award payments, the Releases provided to the Defendant, or some other aspect of the Settlement. Through an objection, you give reasons why you think the Court should not approve the Settlement.

For an objection to be considered by the Court, the objection must include:

- Your full name, mailing address, telephone number, and email address (if any);
- The specific factual and legal grounds for the objection known to you or your counsel;
- The number of times you have filed an objection to any proposed class action settlement in the past five years, including the case name, court, and docket number of each case as well as a copy of any orders related to or ruling upon your prior objections that were issued by the trial and appellate courts in each listed case.
- All counsel representing you, including any former or current counsel who may be entitled to compensation for any reason related to the objection to the Settlement and/or Application for Attorneys’ Fees, Costs, and Service Awards;
- The number of times in which your counsel and/or counsel’s law firm have objected to a class action settlement within the past five years, including the case name, court and docket number of each case, and a copy of any orders related to or ruling upon counsel’s or the counsel’s law firm’s prior objections that were issued by the trial and appellate courts.
- Whether you or your counsel will appear at the Final Approval Hearing;
- A list of all persons who will be called to testify at the Final Approval Hearing in support of your objection (if any);
- A statement regarding whether you intend to personally appear and/or testify at the Final Approval Hearing; and
- Your signature (an attorney’s is not sufficient).

Note: Class Counsel and/or Defendant’s Counsel may conduct limited discovery on any objector or objector’s counsel. This includes taking depositions and requesting documents.

Objector’s or Objector’s counsel must fully and strictly comply with all requirements on the list above or the Court will not consider your objection.

Objections must be filed with, or mailed to, the Court no later than **Month XX, 2026**.

Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit, Polk County, Florida

Polk County Courthouse
255 N. Broadway Ave.
Bartow, FL 33830-3912

A copy of your objection also must be mailed to Class Counsel, Defendant's Counsel, and the Settlement Administrator at the addresses below, postmarked no later than **Month XX, 2026**.

CLASS COUNSEL		DEFENDANT'S COUNSEL	
Jeff Ostrow Kristen Cardoso Kopelowitz Ostrow P.A. One West Las Olas Blvd., Ste. 500 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301	Mariya Weekes Milberg PLLC 333 SE Second Ave., Ste. 2000 Miami, FL 33131	Christopher Wiech Baker & Hostetler LLP 1170 Peachtree St., Ste. 2400 Atlanta, GA 30309	Christopher S. Carver Akerman LLP 201 E. Las Olas Blvd., Ste. 1800 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301
SETTLEMENT ADMINISTRATOR			
<i>Gregory Maricle, et al., v. SouthState Bank, N.A.</i> c/o Kroll Settlement Administration LLC ATTN: Objections P.O. Box XXXX New York, NY XXXXX-XXXX			

19. What is the difference between objecting and opting out?

Objecting is telling the Court that you do not like something about the Settlement. You can object to the Settlement only if you do not exclude yourself from it. Excluding yourself from the Settlement means telling the Court you do not want to be part of the Settlement. If you exclude yourself or opt out of the Settlement, you cannot object to it because the Settlement no longer affects you.

THE COURT'S FINAL APPROVAL HEARING

20. When is the Court's Final Approval Hearing?

The Court is scheduled to hold a Final Approval Hearing on **Month XX, 2026 at XX:X0 .m. ET**, at the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit, Polk County, Florida, Polk County Courthouse, 255 N. Broadway, Ave., Bartow, FL 33830, to decide whether to approve the Settlement, how much Attorney's Fees and Costs to award to Class Counsel for representing the Settlement Class, and whether to approve the Service Awards to the Class Representatives who brought this Action on behalf of the Settlement Class. The date and time of this hearing may change without further notice. Please check [www.\[website\].com](http://www.[website].com) for updates.

21. Do I have to come to the Final Approval Hearing?

No. Class Counsel will answer any questions the Court may have. You may attend at your own expense. If you file an objection, you may but do not have to come to the Final Approval Hearing to talk about it. If you file your written objection on time and in accordance with the requirements above, the Court will consider it. You may also pay your own lawyer to attend, but it is not necessary.

IF YOU DO NOTHING

22. What happens if I do nothing at all?

If you are a Settlement Class Member and you do nothing, you will give up your right to start a lawsuit, continue a lawsuit, or be part of any other lawsuit against the Defendant and the Released Parties, as defined in the Settlement Agreement, about the issues resolved by this Settlement. In addition, you will be bound by the Releases in the Settlement and will not be eligible to receive a Cash Payment under the Settlement; but you will still be able to activate your unique Credit Monitoring code to receive the Credit Monitoring benefit.

GETTING MORE INFORMATION

23. How do I get more information?

This Notice summarizes the proposed Settlement. Complete details are provided in the Settlement Agreement. The Settlement Agreement and other related documents are available at the Settlement Website, [www.\[website\].com](http://www.[website].com).

If you have additional questions or need to update your address, you may contact the Settlement Administrator by phone at [\(XXX\) XXX-XXXX](tel:(XXX)XXX-XXXX), or by mail:

Gregory Maricle, et al., v. SouthState Bank, N.A.
c/o Simpluris Settlement Administration LLC
P.O. Box XXXX
New York, NY XXXXX-XXXX

PLEASE DO NOT CONTACT THE COURT OR DEFENDANTS.

Exhibit 4

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Your claim must be
submitted online or
postmarked by:
Month xx, 2026

CLAIM FORM

Gregory Maricle, et al., v. SouthState Bank, N.A.,
CASE NO.: CACE-2024CA-002530
Circuit Court of Polk County, Florida, for the 10th Judicial District

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

If you received Notice of this Settlement, you have been identified as a Settlement Class Member whose Private Information was impacted by the Data Incident that occurred in or around February 7, 2024. You may submit a claim for Settlement Benefits as outlined below.

Please refer to the Long Form Notice posted on the Settlement Website [www.\[website\].com](http://www.[website].com) for more information.

To receive a payment under this Settlement, you must submit a claim by Month XX, 2026.

Claim Forms may be submitted electronically at [www.\[website\].com](http://www.[website].com) or, using this Claim Form, by mail to the address below. Please type or legibly print all requested information in blue or black ink. Mail your completed Claim Form, including any supporting documentation, by U.S. Mail to:

Gregory Maricle, et al., v. SouthState Bank, N.A.
c/o Simpluris Settlement Administration LLC
P.O. Box XXXX
New York, NY XXXXX-XXXX

You may submit a claim for one or more of the following Settlement Class Member Benefits:

Cash Payments:

You can submit a claim for Cash Payment A and/or Cash Payment B.

Select the appropriate payment option(s):

☐ **Cash Payment A – Documented Losses Payment:** Settlement Class Members may choose to receive up to \$3,500 for unreimbursed documented losses relating to fraud or identity theft if: (i) the loss is an actual, documented, and unreimbursed monetary loss; (ii) the loss was more likely than not caused by the Data Incident; and (iii) the loss was incurred after February 7, 2024. Documentation must be provided. See Section III for a list of documented losses. If your claim is incomplete and you fail to cure the Claim after a reasonable amount of time, it will be rejected. Note: You cannot be reimbursed for documented losses if you have already been reimbursed for the same expenses.

AND/OR

☐ **Cash Payment B – Pro Rata Cash Payment:** Settlement Class Members may also choose to receive a *pro rata* (proportional) cash payment of approximately \$XX.

Note: The Cash Fund will be used to pay all Valid Claims for Cash Payments. Valid Claims for Cash Payment A – Documented Losses will be paid first, and then the remaining balance of the Cash Fund will be paid for Valid Claims for Cash Payment B – *Pro Rata* Cash. Payment amounts may be adjusted based on the number of Valid Claims on a *pro rata* (proportional) basis. More detailed information is available in Section IV of the Settlement Agreement.

Credit Monitoring:

In addition to Cash Payment A and Cash Payment B, all Settlement Class Members who do not opt out will **automatically** receive one year of Credit Monitoring with one credit bureau which will also include \$1,000,000 of identity theft insurance. Once the Settlement receives Final Approval, you will be able to activate the service using the Credit Monitoring code emailed or mailed to you in a postcard. You can contact the Settlement Administrator toll-free at (XXX) XXX-XXXX if you do not know your Credit Monitoring code.

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I. PAYMENT SELECTION

If you would like to receive your payment through electronic transfer, please visit the Settlement Website ([www.\[website\].com](http://www.[website].com)) and timely file your Claim Form online by 11:59 **XT on Month XX, 2026**. The Settlement Website includes a step-by-step guide for you to complete the electronic payment option.

II. SETTLEMENT CLASS MEMBER INFORMATION

Enter the Settlement Class Member ID provided to you in the notice mailing:

Settlement Class Member ID: XXXXXX _____

If you do not know your Settlement Class Member ID, please contact the Settlement Administrator at (XXX) XXX-XXXX, Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. ET (excluding major U.S. holidays) to request it.

Provide your name and contact information below. You must notify the Settlement Administrator if your contact information changes after you submit this Claim Form.

First Name

Last Name

Address 1

Address 2

City

State

Zip Code

Telephone Number: (_____) _____ - _____

Email: _____

III. REIMBURSEMENT FOR DOCUMENTED EXPENSES

Settlement Class Members may choose to receive a cash payment of up to \$3,500 for unreimbursed documented losses relating to fraud or identity theft if: (i) the loss is an actual, documented, and unreimbursed monetary loss; (ii) the loss was more likely than not caused by the Data Incident; and (iii) the loss was incurred after February 7, 2024. Losses include, but are not limited to: (1) bank fees, overdraft charges, late fees, or declined payment fees resulting from fraud; (2) charges for credit monitoring or identity theft protection purchased in response to the data breach; (3) costs incurred to place or remove a credit freeze; (4) professional fees paid to address identity fraud (e.g., accountants, attorneys, fraud specialists); (5) replacement costs for government-issued identification or documents; (6) long-distance phone charges, postage, notary, or similar incidental costs; and (7) fraudulent, unreimbursed charges or financial loss directly traceable to misuse of personal information obtained in the data breach.

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Reasonable Documentation generated by a third-party supporting your claim must be provided (i.e., credit card statements, bank statements, invoices, telephone records, and receipts). Personal certifications, declarations, or affidavits from the Settlement Class Member are not considered proper documentation, but may be included to provide clarification, context, or support for other submitted reasonable documentation.

If you do not provide reasonable documentation or complete the Claim Form properly, your Claim will be considered incomplete; and if you fail to cure the Claim after a reasonable amount of time, it will be rejected.

You must have unreimbursed documented expenses incurred as a result of the Data Incident and submit documentation to obtain this reimbursement.

☐ I have attached documentation showing that the documented expenses listed below were caused by the Data Incident.

Cost Type (Fill all that apply)	Approximate Date of Loss	Amount of Loss	Description of Supporting Reasonable Documentation (Identify what you are attaching and why)
Example: Credit Monitoring Service	05/17/24 (mm/dd/yy)	\$50.00	Copy of credit monitoring service bill
	____/____/____ (mm/dd/yy)	\$____.____	
	____/____/____ (mm/dd/yy)	\$____.____	
	____/____/____ (mm/dd/yy)	\$____.____	

IV. ATTESTATION & SIGNATURE

I swear and affirm under the laws of my State that the information I have supplied in this Claim Form is true and correct to the best of my recollection, and that this form was executed on the date set forth below.

Signature

____/____/____
Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

Print Name

Questions? Visit [www.\[website\].com](http://www.[website].com) or call the Settlement Administrator at (xxx) xxx-xxxx.

Exhibit 5

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND
FOR POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA

GREGORY MARICLE, et al.,
individually, and on behalf of
all others similarly situated,

CASE NO.: 2024CA-002530

Plaintiffs,

vs.

SOUTHSTATE BANK, N.A.,

Defendant.

**[PROPOSED] ORDER GRANTING PLAINTIFFS' UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR
PRELIMINARY APPROVAL OF CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT**

WHEREAS, this Action is a putative class action before the Court;

WHEREAS, Plaintiffs, individually, and on behalf of the Settlement Class, and Defendant have agreed, subject to Court approval under the Florida Rules of Civil Procedure, to settle this Action upon the terms and conditions stated in the Settlement Agreement, which, among other things and together with its exhibits, provides for a complete dismissal on the merits and with prejudice of the claims asserted in the Action against Defendant should the Court grant Final Approval of the Settlement;

WHEREAS, Plaintiffs filed an unopposed motion requesting an order to: (1) conditionally certify the Settlement Class; (2) appoint Plaintiffs as Class Representatives; (3) appoint counsel listed in the Agreement as Class Counsel; (4) preliminarily approve the Settlement; (5) approve the Notice Program and Notices and direct that Notice be sent to the Settlement Class members; (6) approve the Claim Form and Claims process; (7) order the Settlement's opt-out and objection procedures; (8) appoint the Settlement Administrator; (9) stay all deadlines in the Action pending Final Approval of the Settlement; (10) enjoin and bar all members of the Settlement Class from

initiating or continuing in any litigation or asserting any claims against Defendant and the Released Parties arising out of, relating to, or in connection with the Released Claims prior to the Court's decision to grant Final Approval of the Settlement; and (11) schedule the Final Approval Hearing;

NOW, THEREFORE, based on the Agreement, all the files, records, and proceedings herein, statements of counsel, and it appearing to the Court that a Final Approval Hearing should be held to determine whether the proposed settlement described in the Agreement should be finally approved as fair, reasonable, and adequate.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. All capitalized terms herein shall have the same meanings as those defined in Section II of the Agreement.

2. This Court has personal jurisdiction over the subject matter of this Action and the Parties, including Plaintiffs and all Settlement Class Members.

3. The Court preliminarily approves of the Settlement, including the Notice Program, finding that the proposed Settlement is sufficiently fair, reasonable, and adequate to warrant providing Notice to the Settlement Class, but such finding is not to be deemed as an admission of fault or liability by Defendant or a finding of the validity of any claims asserted in the Action or of any wrongdoing or of any violation of law by Defendant. Defendant shall maintain all rights to assert that, but for settlement purposes, the Action should not be certified as a class.

4. For purposes of determining whether the terms of the Settlement should be finally approved as fair, reasonable, and adequate, the following Settlement Class is preliminarily certified for settlement purposes only:

All living individuals residing in the United States who were sent a notice by the Defendant that their Private Information may have been impacted in the Data Incident.

5. Excluded from the Settlement Class are (a) all persons who are directors, officers, and agents of Defendant; (b) governmental entities; (c) the Judge assigned to the Action, that Judge's immediate family, and Court staff; and (d) any Settlement Class Member who timely opts-out of the Settlement.

6. The Court preliminarily finds that the terms of the Settlement are fair, adequate, and reasonable. In so finding, the Court has considered several factors, including: (1) the complexity and duration of the litigation; (2) the reaction of the Settlement Class to the settlement; (3) the stage of the proceedings; (4) the risk of establishing liability; (5) the risk of establishing damages; (6) the risk of maintaining a class action; (7) the ability of the Defendant to withstand a greater judgment; (8) the reasonableness of the Settlement in light of the best recovery; and (9) the range of reasonableness of the Settlement in light of all the attendant risks of litigation.

7. The Court finds that, for purposes of settlement: the number of members of the Settlement Class is so numerous that joinder is impracticable; there are questions of law and fact common to the members of the Settlement Class; the claims of the Plaintiffs are typical of the claims of the members of the Settlement Class; the Plaintiffs are adequate representatives for the Settlement Class, and have retained experienced and adequate Class Counsel; the questions of law and fact common to the members of the Settlement Class predominate over any questions affecting any individual members of the Settlement Class; and a class action is superior to the other available methods for the fair and efficient adjudication of the controversy.

8. For purposes of settlement only, the Court finds and determines that Plaintiffs will fairly and adequately represent the interests of the Settlement Class in enforcing their rights in the Action, and appoints them as Class Representatives, and the following attorneys are preliminarily appointed as Class Counsel for the Settlement Class: Jeff Ostrow and Kristen Cardoso of

Kopelowitz Ostrow P.A. and Mariya Weekes of Milberg PLLC.

9. The Parties have selected Sipmluris Settlement Administration LLC to serve as the Settlement Administrator. The Court hereby approves of and appoints Simpluris and directs it to commence the Notice Program and initiate the Claims Process and to otherwise comply with all obligations of the Settlement Administrator as outlined in the Agreement.

10. The Parties have prepared the Notices, which are attached to the Agreement. The Court preliminarily finds that the Notice provided to Settlement Class members is the most practicable notice; is reasonably calculated, under the circumstances, to apprise Settlement Class Members of the pendency of the Action and of their right to object or to exclude themselves from the Settlement; and is reasonable and constitutes due, adequate, and sufficient notice to all Settlement Class Members entitled to receive notice.

11. The Court has carefully reviewed and hereby approves the Notices as to form and content and directs that they be without material alteration unless otherwise modified by agreement of the Parties and approved by the Court. The Court directs that the Notice Program be implemented as outlined in the Agreement.

12. Settlement Class Members who wish to opt-out of the Settlement and exclude themselves from participation may do so by submitting timely and valid requests at any time before the Opt-Out Deadline (60 days after the Notice Date). The process to opt-out is set forth in the Agreement and in the Notices. Settlement Class members who opt-out shall have no rights under the Settlement, shall not share in any Settlement Class Member Benefits, and shall not be bound by the Settlement or by the Final Approval Order. “Mass” or “class” requests for exclusion filed by third parties on behalf of a “mass” or “class” of Settlement Class Members or multiple Settlement Class Members where the opt-out has not been signed by each and every individual

Settlement Class Member will not be allowed.

13. All Settlement Class Members who do not submit a timely, written request for exclusion in the manner set forth in the Notice and Agreement shall be bound by any Final Approval Order and final judgment entered, even if such Settlement Class Members never received actual notice of this Action or the Settlement. If Final Approval of the Settlement is granted, they shall be barred, now and in the future, from asserting any of the Released Claims, as defined in the Agreement, against any Released Parties as defined in the Agreement.

14. Settlement Class Members who wish to object to the Settlement and/or to Class Counsel's Application for Attorneys' Fees, Costs, and Service Awards shall file any objections pursuant to the requirements of this paragraph. To be considered, the objection must include: (a) the objector's full name, mailing address, telephone number, and email address (if any); (b) all grounds for the objection, accompanied by any legal support for the objection known to the objector or objector's counsel; (c) the number of times the objector has objected to a class action settlement within the five years preceding the date that the objector files the objection, the caption of each case in which the objector has made such objection, and a copy of any orders related to or ruling upon the objector's prior objections that were issued by the trial and appellate courts in each listed case; (d) the identity of all counsel who represent the objector, including any former or current counsel who may be entitled to compensation for any reason related to the objection to the Settlement and/or Application for Attorneys' Fees, Costs, and Service Awards; (e) the number of times in which the objector's counsel and/or counsel's law firm have objected to a class action settlement within the five years preceding the date of the filed objection, the caption of each case in which counsel or the firm has made such objection and a copy of any orders related to or ruling upon counsel's or the counsel's law firm's prior objections that were issued by the trial and

appellate courts in each listed case in which the objector's counsel and/or counsel's law firm have objected to a class action settlement within the preceding five years; (f) whether the objector and/or objector's counsel will appear at the Final Approval Hearing; (g) a list of all persons who will be called to testify at the Final Approval Hearing in support of the objection (if any); (h) a statement confirming whether the objector intends to personally appear and/or testify at the Final Approval Hearing; and (i) the objector's signature (an attorney's signature is not sufficient). Class Counsel and/or Defendant's Counsel may conduct limited discovery on any objector or objector's counsel, including taking depositions and propounding written document requests.

15. Objections to the Settlement and/or the Application for Attorneys' Fees, Costs, and Service Awards must be filed with the Court, and sent by U.S. Mail to Class Counsel, Defendant's Counsel, and the Settlement Administrator. For an objection to be considered by the Court, the objection must be submitted no later than the Objection Deadline (60 days after the Notice Date), as specified in the Notices. If submitted by mail, an objection shall be deemed to have been submitted on the date the mail is postmarked. If submitted by courier, an objection shall be deemed to have been submitted on the shipping date reflected on the shipping label. Any Settlement Class Member who does not make an objection in the manner provided herein shall be deemed to have waived the right to object to any aspect of the Settlement and/or to the Application for Attorneys' Fees and Costs and, if Final Judgment is entered, shall forever be barred and foreclosed from raising such objections in this or any other proceeding and from challenging or opposing, or seeking to reverse, vacate, or modify, the Final Judgment or any aspect thereof.

16. In advance of the Final Approval Hearing, the Settlement Administrator shall prepare a declaration for the Parties confirming that the Notice Program was completed in accordance with the terms of the Agreement and this Preliminary Approval Order, describing how

the Notice Program was completed, indicating the number of Claim Forms received, providing the names of each Settlement Class Member who timely and properly requested to opt out from the Settlement Class, indicating the number of objections received, and other information as may be necessary to allow the Parties to seek and obtain Final Approval.

17. The Court will hold a Final Approval Hearing to consider the fairness, reasonableness, and adequacy of the Settlement. The Court will advise the Parties in advance of the Final Approval Hearing whether the hearing will be held in person at the Polk County Courthouse, 255 North Broadway Avenue, Bartow, Florida 33830, or virtually by Zoom or another video platform. The date and time of the Final Approval Hearing will be set forth in the Notice and published on the Settlement Website. During the Final Approval Hearing, the Court will consider whether the Settlement should be approved as fair, reasonable, and adequate, and whether the Court should enter the proposed Final Approval Order and final judgment approving the Settlement and dismissing this Action on the merits, with prejudice. The Court will also consider the amount of any attorneys' fees and costs to be awarded to Class Counsel and whether to approve the amount of any Service Award to the Class Representatives. The Final Approval Hearing may be postponed, adjourned, or rescheduled by order of the Court without further notice to Settlement Class Members other than on the Settlement Website and the Court's docket.

18. The Court confirms the following schedule (which the court, upon showing of good cause by the Parties, may extend any of the deadlines):

Deadline to commence Notice Program	Within 25 days of Preliminary Approval
Deadline to complete Notice Program	No later than 30 days after commencement of the Notice Program
Deadline for filing Motion for Final and Class Counsel's Application for Attorneys' Fees, Costs, and Service Awards	15 days before the Opt-Out Deadline and Objection Deadline

Opt-Out Deadline	60 days after the Notice Date
Objection Deadline	60 days after the Notice Date
Claim Form Deadline	90 days after the Notice Date
Final Approval Hearing	At least 95 days from Preliminary Approval – Plaintiffs shall file a Notice of Hearing with Scheduled Date

19. If the Settlement is terminated, not approved, canceled, fails to become effective for any reason, or the Effective Date does not occur, this order shall become null and void and shall be without prejudice to the rights of Plaintiffs, the Settlement Class, and Defendant, all of whom shall be restored to their respective positions in the Action as provided in the Agreement

20. The Court stays all proceedings in this Action until further Order of the Court, except that the Parties may conduct such limited proceedings as may be necessary to implement the Settlement or to effectuate the term of the Agreement. Upon the entry of this order, with the exception of Class Counsel, Defendant's Counsel, Defendant, and the Class Representatives implementation of the Settlement and the approval process in this Action, all members of the Settlement Class shall be provisionally enjoined and barred from asserting any claims or continuing any litigation against the Defendant and the Released Parties arising out of, relating to, or in connection with the Released Claims prior to the Court's decision as to whether to grant Final Approval of the Settlement. For the benefit of the Settlement Class and to protect this Court's jurisdiction, this Court retains continuing jurisdiction over the Settlement proceedings to ensure the effectuation thereof in accordance with the Settlement preliminarily approved herein and the related orders of this Court.

DONE AND ORDERED in chambers in Polk County, Florida, on this ____ day of _____, 2026.

HON. ELLEN MASTERS
CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE

Exhibit 6

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND
FOR POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA

GREGORY MARICLE, et al.,
individually, and on behalf of
all others similarly situated,

CASE NO.: 2024CA-002530

Plaintiffs,

vs.

SOUTHSTATE BANK, N.A.,

Defendant.

**[PROPOSED] ORDER GRANTING FINAL APPROVAL OF CLASS ACTION
SETTLEMENT, ATTORNEYS' FEES, COSTS, AND SERVICE AWARDS**

WHEREAS, Plaintiffs submitted to the Court their Unopposed Motion for Final Approval of Class Action Settlement and Application for Attorneys' Fees, Costs, and Service Awards;

WHEREAS, on _____, 2026, the Court entered its Preliminary Approval Order, which, *inter alia*: (1) preliminarily approved the Settlement; (2) determined that, for purposes of the Settlement only, the Action should proceed as a class action and certified the Settlement Class; (3) appointed Plaintiffs as Class Representatives; (4) appointed Jeff Ostrow, Kristen Cardoso, and Mariya Weekes as Class Counsel; (5) appointed Simpluris Settlement Administration LLC as the Settlement Administrator; (6) approved the form and manner of Notice and the Notice Program; (7) approved the Claim Process and Claim Form; and (8) set the Final Approval Hearing date;

WHEREAS, thereafter, Notice was provided to the Settlement Class in accordance with the Court's Preliminary Approval Order by Postcard Notice and Email Notice and the Long Form

Notice was made available to Settlement Class Members on the Settlement Website and upon request to the Settlement Administrator;

WHEREAS, there were ____ objections to the Settlement and only ____ Settlement Class Members opted-out of the Settlement;

WHEREAS, on _____, 2026, the Court held a Final Approval Hearing to determine whether the Settlement was fair, reasonable, and adequate, and to consider settlement Class Counsel's Application for Attorneys' Fees, Costs, and Service Awards;

WHEREAS, based on the foregoing, having considered the papers filed and proceedings held in connection with the Settlement, having considered all of the other files, records, and proceedings in the Action, and being otherwise fully advised,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND ADJUDGED as follows:

1. This Final Approval Order incorporates the definitions in Section II of the Settlement Agreement.

2. The Notice provided to the Settlement Class in accordance with the Preliminary Approval Order was the best notice practicable under the circumstances and constituted due and sufficient notice of the proceedings and matters set forth therein to all persons entitled to notice. The Notice and Notice Program fully satisfied the requirements of due process, Florida Rule of Civil Procedure 1.220, and all other applicable law and rules. The Claims Process was fair and the Claim Form was easy to read and understand.

3. The terms of the Settlement are fair, adequate, and reasonable. In so finding, the Court has considered several factors, including: (1) the complexity and duration of the litigation; (2) the reaction of the Class to the Settlement; (3) the stage of the proceedings; (4) the risk of establishing liability; (5) the risk of establishing damages; (6) the risk of maintaining a class action;

(7) the ability of the defendant to withstand a greater judgment; (8) the reasonableness of the settlement in light of the best recovery; and (9) the range of reasonableness of the settlement in light of all the attendant risks of litigation.

4. Based on the information presented to the Court, the Claims Process has proceeded as ordered and consistent with the Settlement Agreement and Preliminary Approval Order. All Settlement Class Members who submitted Valid Claims shall receive their Settlement Class Member Benefits pursuant to the Settlement's terms. All Settlement Class Members who did not submit a Claim, or for whom the Claim is determined to be invalid, shall still be bound by the terms of the Settlement and Releases therein.

5. The distribution plan for Settlement Class Member Benefits proposed by the Parties in the Agreement is fair, reasonable, and adequate.

6. The Class Representatives and Class Counsel have fairly and adequately represented and will continue to adequately represent and protect the interests of Settlement Class Members in connection with the Settlement.

7. Because the Court grants Final Approval of the Settlement set forth in the Settlement Agreement as fair, reasonable, and adequate, the Court authorizes and directs implementation of all terms and provisions of the Settlement.

8. All Parties to this Action, including all Settlement Class Members, are bound by the Settlement as set forth in the Settlement Agreement and this Order.

9. The appointment of Plaintiffs as the Class Representatives is affirmed.

10. The appointment of Class Counsel is affirmed.

11. The appointment of the Settlement Administrator is affirmed.

12. The Court affirms its findings that the Settlement Class meets the relevant requirements of Florida Rule of Civil Procedure 1.220(a) and (b)(2) and (3) for only the purposes of the Settlement in that: (1) the number of members of the Settlement Class is so numerous that joinder is impracticable; (2) there are questions of law and fact common to the members of the Settlement Class; (3) the claims of the Plaintiffs are typical of the claims of the members of the Settlement Class; (4) the Plaintiffs are adequate representatives for the Settlement Class, and have retained experienced and adequate Class Counsel; (5) the questions of law and fact common to the members of the Settlement Class predominate over any questions affecting any individual members of the Settlement Class; and (6) a class action is superior to the other available methods for the fair and efficient adjudication of the controversy. In finding the Settlement fair, reasonable, and adequate, the Court has also considered that there were ___ objections to the Settlement, and only _____ opt-outs, indicating an overwhelming positive reaction from the Settlement Class, and the opinion of competent counsel concerning such matters.

13. Therefore, the Court finally certifies the following Settlement Class:

All living individuals residing in the United States who were sent a notice by Defendant that their Private Information may have been impacted in the Data Incident.

Excluded from the Settlement Class are (a) all persons who are directors, officers, and agents of Defendant; (b) governmental entities; (c) the Judge assigned to the Action, that Judge's immediate family, and Court staff; and (d) any Settlement Class Member who timely opts-out of the Settlement.

14. Those individuals who timely opted-out of the Settlement and will not be bound by the Releases contained in the Settlement, nor will they be by this Court's judgment, are identified in attached ***Exhibit A*** to this Final Approval Order.

15. Judgment shall be, and hereby is, entered dismissing the Action with prejudice, on the merits.

16. As of the Effective Date, and in exchange for the relief described in the Agreement, the Releasing Parties shall release the Released Parties from the Released Claims.

17. Class Counsel is awarded \$_____ for attorneys' fees and costs. These payments shall be paid by Defendants in accordance with the Settlement Agreement. The Court evaluated Settlement Class Counsel's request and concludes that amount is fair and within the range of reason.

18. The Class Representatives shall be awarded Service Awards in the amount of \$1,500 each. The Service Awards shall be paid by Defendants in accordance with the Settlement Agreement.

19. Plaintiffs and all Settlement Class Members and Releasing Parties, and persons purporting to act on their behalf, are permanently enjoined from commencing or prosecuting (either directly, representatively, or in any other capacity) any of the Released Claims against any of the Released Parties in any action or proceeding in any court, arbitration forum, or tribunal.

20. The Court hereby retains and reserves jurisdiction over: (1) implementation of this Settlement and any distributions to the Settlement Class Members; (2) the Action, until the Effective Date, and until each and every act agreed to be performed by the Parties shall have been performed pursuant to the terms of the Settlement Agreement, including the exhibits appended thereto; and (3) all Parties, for the purpose of enforcing and administering the Settlement.

21. In the event the Effective Date of the Settlement does not occur, the Settlement shall be rendered null and void to the extent provided by and in accordance with the Settlement Agreement, and this Final Approval Order and any other order entered by this Court in accordance

with the terms of the Settlement Agreement shall be vacated, *nunc pro tunc*. In such event, all orders entered and releases delivered in connection with the Settlement shall be null and void and have no further force and effect, shall not be used or referred to for any purpose whatsoever, and shall not be admissible or discoverable in any proceeding. The Action shall return to its status immediately prior to execution of the Settlement Agreement.

22. All Settlement Class Members shall be bound by this Final Approval Order.

23. There being no just reason for delay, the Clerk of Court is hereby directed to enter final judgment forthwith pursuant to Florida Rules of Civil Procedure.

DONE AND ORDERED in Polk County, Florida, this _____ day of _____, 2026.

HON. ELLEN S. MASTERS
CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE

Exhibit B

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND
FOR POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA

GREGORY MARICLE, et al.,
individually, and on behalf of
all others similarly situated,

CASE NO.: 2024CA-002530

Plaintiffs,

vs.

SOUTHSTATE BANK, N.A.,

Defendant.

**JOINT DECLARATION OF CLASS COUNSEL
IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFFS' UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR
PRELIMINARY APPROVAL OF CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT**

We, Jeff Ostrow, Kristen Cardoso, and Mariya Weekes, pursuant to Fla. Stat. § 95.525,
hereby declare as follows:

1. We are Counsel for Plaintiffs and proposed Class Counsel for the Settlement Class in this Action. We submit this declaration in support of Plaintiffs' Motion for Preliminary Approval of Class Action Settlement. Unless otherwise noted, we have personal knowledge of the facts set forth in this declaration and could and would testify competently to them if called upon to do so.

2. This Action concerns a Data Incident involving Defendant. On February 7, 2024, an unauthorized third-party cybercriminal infiltrated Defendant's computer network and gained access to and exfiltrated Private Information pertaining to approximately nearly two million individuals. In or about March 29, 2024, Defendant began notifying those whose Private Information may have been compromised in the Data Incident.

3. Instead of engaging in protracted and costly litigation, the Parties decided to explore early resolution of the Action.

4. In advance of settlement discussions, Plaintiffs' Counsel propounded informal discovery requests on Defendant to which Defendant responded by providing information related to, among other things, the nature and cause of the Data Incident, the number and geographic location of persons potentially impacted by the Data Incident, and the specific types of information involved in the Data Incident. Defendant also propounded informal discovery requests on Plaintiffs, and they provided documentation supporting their allegations of actual fraud and mitigation of the risk of fraud following the Data Incident.

5. The Parties reached a Settlement on all material terms on February 9, 2026.

6. The Parties then worked diligently to finalize the terms of the Agreement and ancillary documents.

7. The Parties did not discuss attorneys' fees, costs, and Service Awards until after they reached agreement on all material Settlement terms.

8. The Settlement was reached in the absence of collusion and is the result of good faith, informed, and extensive arm's-length negotiations between competent and experienced attorneys who are familiar with class action litigation and with the legal and factual issues at the center of this Action.

9. Class Counsel are highly qualified and have a great deal of experience litigating complex consumer class actions, including in the data privacy context. As can be seen from their respective resumes, attached hereto as *Exhibits 1-2*, Class Counsel have significant experience in the litigation, certification, trial, and settlement of national class actions, including substantial time and resources dedicated to past and present data breach litigation across the country.

10. This experience proved beneficial to Plaintiffs and the Settlement Class during Settlement negotiations.

11. Class Counsel have devoted substantial time and resources to vigorously prosecute this Action and will continue to do so. Specifically, we have evaluated the claims; prepared comprehensive pleadings; consulted with data security experts; propounded informal discovery requests on Defendant to which Defendant responded by providing information related to, among other things, the nature and cause of the Data Incident, the number and geographic location of individuals potentially impacted by the Data Incident, and the specific types of information involved in the Data Incident; and participated in the mediation that ultimately resulted in this Settlement.

12. The Settlement Class Member Benefits set forth in the Agreement are more than reasonable when compared to other data breach settlements, and considering the type of information at issue and the class size. All Settlement Class Members are eligible to submit a claim for a Cash Payment A for Documented Losses for a maximum of \$3,500.00 per Settlement Class Member upon presentment of reasonable documentation of Documented Losses arising from or potentially related to the Data Incident. In addition to Cash Payment A for Documented Losses, all Settlement Class Members may elect to receive a *pro rata* cash payment out of the Cash Fund. In addition to a Cash Payment, all Settlement Class Members may elect to receive one year of one bureau Credit Monitoring.

13. Certification of the Settlement Class is warranted because the requirements of Florida Rule of Civil Procedure 1.220 are satisfied. As to Rule 1.220(a), there are approximately 2 million Settlement Class members (numerosity), all of whom have the same claim for which the court would decide common issues of fact and law centered on whether Defendant's security

environment was adequate to protect the Settlement Class' Private Information (commonality); Plaintiffs' claims are the same as the rest of the Settlement Class Members' claims and Plaintiffs are not subject to any unique affirmative defenses (typicality); and Plaintiffs and Class Counsel have zealously litigated the claim, secured substantial relief, and have no conflicting interests to the Settlement Class, and Class Counsel has extensive experience litigating data breach class actions (adequacy).

14. As to Rule 1.220(b)(3), pursuant to the terms of the Settlement, there are no individual issues precluding class treatment (predominance), and class treatment is the best method of adjudication, as seen in the fact that every Settlement Class member shall receive relief without the need for numerous (and duplicative) individual cases (superiority).

15. Plaintiffs are adequate representatives of the Settlement Class because they have cooperated with Class Counsel and assisted in providing important information in the preparation of the complaints filed in this Action. Plaintiffs have also diligently and adequately prosecuted this Action by, among other things, reviewing filings, promptly providing documents and information to Class Counsel, acting in the best interest of the Settlement Class, reviewing the Agreement, and accepting the classwide Settlement. Plaintiffs are committed to continue prosecuting this Action through Final Approval and protecting the interests of the Settlement Class.

16. The common issues of fact and law predominate, as there are no individual issues precluding class treatment.

17. Class treatment is the best method of adjudication, as seen in the fact that every Settlement Class member shall receive relief without the need for numerous (and duplicative) individual cases. Each members claims would be for a relatively small dollar amount such that they would not be interested in filing separate actions and it is desirable to adjudicate all claims in

one forum. Class Counsel is unaware of any other litigation than the Related Actions.

18. Class Counsel has not been paid for their extensive efforts or reimbursed for litigation costs. Class Counsel shall apply to the Court for an award of attorneys' fees and costs of up to \$1,750,000.00. Class Counsel will formally request attorneys' fees and costs through an application that will be filed no less than 15 days before the Opt-Out Deadline and Objection Deadline.

19. The Settlement is not contingent on approval of the requests for attorneys' fees, costs, or Service Awards, and if the Court grants amounts other than what was requested, the remaining provisions of the Agreement shall remain in force.

20. The Released Claims discharged against the Released Parties in the Agreement are narrowly tailored and are only claims arising out of or relating to the Data Incident.

21. With the Court's approval, the Parties agree to use Simpluris, Inc. for purposes of disseminating Notice and administering the Settlement. Simpluris is a well-respected and reputable third-party administrator that was mutually selected by the Parties and has significant experience with data breach class action settlements. Simpluris is highly qualified to manage the entire settlement administration process. Class Counsel will oversee Simpluris.

22. Class Counsel are confident the Settlement warrants the Court's Preliminary Approval. Its terms are not only fair, reasonable, adequate, and in the best interests of the Settlement Class, but also are an extremely favorable result with substantial benefits. The Agreement provides significant and concrete benefits to approximately 2 million individuals.

23. Class Counsel and Defendant's Counsel have fully evaluated the strengths, weaknesses, and equities of the Parties' respective positions and believe the proposed settlement fairly resolves their respective differences.

24. The risks, expense, complexity, and likely duration of further litigation support preliminary approval of the Settlement. Any settlement requires the parties to balance the merits of the claims and defenses asserted against the attendant risks of continued litigation and delay.

25. Class Counsel believe the claims asserted are meritorious and that Plaintiffs would prevail if this matter proceeded to trial. However, Class Counsel are also pragmatic and understand the legal uncertainties associated with continued litigation, which would be lengthy and expensive. Accordingly, a class action is the superior method of adjudicating this case.

26. Data breach litigation is often difficult and complex. Recovery, if any, by any means other than settlement would require additional years of litigation and possibly an appeal. Without the Settlement, the Parties faced the possibility of litigating this Action through the completion of fact discovery, class certification, expert discovery, summary judgment, trial, and appeals, which would be complex, time-consuming, and expensive. Continued litigation could impede the successful prosecution of these claims at trial and in an eventual appeal, resulting in zero benefit to the Settlement Class. Further, since the Court had not yet certified a class at the time the Agreement was executed, it is unclear whether certification would have been granted. Briefing class certification would have required the Parties to expend significant resources.

27. Although the Parties entered into a Settlement relatively early in litigation, the Parties had sufficient visibility into the strengths and weaknesses of their respective cases. Further, the Settlement negotiations were hard-fought, and the Parties expended significant time and energy on this Action.

28. Under the circumstances, the Settlement represents a highly favorable compromise that balances the merits of Plaintiffs' claims and the likelihood of succeeding at trial and on appeal with the attendant risks. The inherent uncertainty in litigation presents a risk to Plaintiffs of

expending time and money on this case with the possibility of no recovery at all for the Settlement Class.

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have read the foregoing declaration and that the facts stated in it are true. Executed in Fort Lauderdale, Florida on February 13, 2026.

/s/ Jeff Ostrow
Jeff Ostrow

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have read the foregoing declaration and that the facts stated in it are true. Executed in Fort Lauderdale, Florida on February 13, 2026.

/s/ Kristen Cardoso
Kristen Cardoso

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have read the foregoing declaration and that the facts stated in it are true. Executed in Miami, Florida on February 13, 2026.

/s/ Mariya Weekes
Mariya Weekes

Exhibit 1



FIRM RESUME

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WHO WE ARE

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FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

CLASS ACTION AND MASS TORTS

Aseltine v. Bank of America, N.A., 3:23-cv-00235 (W.D.N.C. 2024) – \$21 million

McNeil v. Capital One, N.A., 1:19-cv-00473 (E.D.N.Y.) – \$16 million

Devore, et al. v. Dollar Bank, GD-21-008946 (Ct. Common Pleas Allegheny 2024) - \$7 million

Nimsey v. Tinker Federal Credit Union, C1-2019-6084 (Dist. Ct. Oklahoma 2024) - \$5.475 million

Precision Roofing of N. Fla. Inc., et al. v. CenterState Bank, 3:20-cv-352 (S.D. Fla. 2023) - \$2.65 million

Checchia v. Bank of America, N.A., 2:21-cv-03585 (E.D. Pa. 2023) - \$8 million

Quirk v. Liberty Bank, X03-HHD-CV20-6132741-S (Jud. Dist. Ct. Hartford 2023) - \$1.4 million

Meier v. Prosperity Bank, 109569-CV (Dist. Ct. Brazoria 2023) - \$1.6 million

Abercrombie v. TD Bank, N.A., 0:21-cv-61376 (S.D. Fla. 2022) - \$4.35 million

Perks, et al. v. TD Bank, N.A., 1:18-cv-11176 (E.D.N.Y. 2022) - \$41.5 million

Fallis v. Gate City Bank, 09-2019-CV-04007 (Dist. Ct., Cty. of Cass, N.D. 2022) - \$1.8 million

Glass, et al. v. Delta Comm. Cred. Union, 2019CV317322 (Sup. Ct. Fulton Ga. 2022) - \$2.8 million

Roy v. ESL Fed. Credit Union, 19-cv-06122 (W.D.N.Y. 2022) - \$1.9 million

Wallace v. Wells Fargo, 17CV317775 (Sup. Ct. Santa Clara 2021) - \$10 million

Doxey v. Community Bank, N.A., 8:19-CV-919 (N.D.N.Y. 2021) - \$3 million

Coleman v. Alaska USA Federal Credit Union, 3:19-cv-0229-HRH (Dist. of Alaska 2021) - \$1 million

Smith v. Fifth Third Bank, 1:18-cv-00464-DRC-SKB (W.D. Ohio 2021) - \$5.2 million

Lambert v. Navy Federal Credit Union, 1:19-cv-00103-LO-MSN (S.D. Va. 2021) - \$16 million

Roberts v. Capital One, N.A., 16 Civ. 4841 (LGS) (S.D.N.Y. 2021) - \$17 million

Lloyd v. Navy Federal Credit Union, 17-cv-01280-BAS-RBB (S.D. Ca. 2019) - \$24.5million

Farrell v. Bank of America, N.A., 3:16-cv-00492-L-WVG (S.D. Ca. 2018) - \$66.6 million

Bodnar v. Bank of America, N.A., 5:14-cv-03224-EGS (E.D. Pa. 2015) - \$27.5 million

Morton v. Green Bank, 11-135-IV (20th Judicial District Tenn. 2018) - \$1.5 million

Hawkins v. First Tenn. Bank, CT-004085-11 (13th Jud. Dist. Tenn. 2017) - \$16.75 million

Payne v. Old National Bank, 82C01-1012 (Cir. Ct. Vanderburgh 2016) - \$4.75 million

Swift. v. Bancorpsouth, 1:10-CV-00090 (N.D. Fla. 2016) - \$24.0 million

Mello v. Susquehanna Bank, 1:09-MD-02046 (S.D. Fla. 2014) – \$3.68 million

Johnson v. Community Bank, 3:11-CV-01405 (M.D. Pa. 2013) - \$1.5 million

McKinley v. Great Western Bank, 1:09-MD-02036 (S.D. Fla. 2013) - \$2.2 million

Blahut v. Harris Bank, 1:09-MD-02036 (S.D. Fla. 2013) - \$9.4 million

Wolfgeher v. Commerce Bank, 1:09-MD-02036 (S.D. Fla. 2013) - \$18.3 million

Case v. Bank of Oklahoma, 09-MD-02036 (S.D. Fla. 2012) - \$19.0 million

Hawthorne v. Umpqua Bank, 3:11-CV-06700 (N.D. Cal. 2012) - \$2.9 million

Simpson v. Citizens Bank, 2:12-CV-10267 (E.D. Mich. 2012) - \$2.0 million

Harris v. Associated Bank, 1:09-MD-02036 (S.D. Fla. 2012) - \$13.0 million

LaCour v. Whitney Bank, 8:11-CV-1896 (M.D. Fla. 2012) - \$6.8 million

Orallo v. Bank of the West, 1:09-MD-202036 (S.D. Fla. 2012) - \$18.0 million

Taulava v. Bank of Hawaii, 11-1-0337-02 (1st Cir. Hawaii 2011) - \$9.0 million

In re: Fortra File Transfer Software Data Breach Litigation, MDL No. 3090 (S.D. Fla.) – \$27 million

In re: Evolve Bank & Trust Customer Data Breach Litig., MDL No. 3127 (W.D. Tenn.) - \$17.0 million

In re: Snowflake, Inc., Data Breach Litigation, MDL No. 3126 (D. Mont.) - Co-Lead Counsel

In re: Consumer Vehicle Driving Data Tracking Collection, MDL No. 3115 (N.D. Ga.) - Exec. Comm.

In re Change Healthcare, Inc. Data Breach Litigation, MDL No. 3108 (D. Minn.) - Exec. Comm.

In re: PowerSchool Holdings, Inc. Customer Data Breach Litig., MDL No. 3149 (S.D. Cal.) - Exec. Comm.

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In Re: AT&T Inc Customer Data Security Breach Litigation, 3:24-cv-00757 (N.D. Tex.) - \$177 million
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Crowe, et al. v. Managed Care of North America, Inc., 0:23-cv-61065-AHS (S.D. Fla.) – Co-Lead Counsel
Malinowski, et al. v. IBM Corp. and Johnson & Johnson, 7:23-cv-08421 (S.D.N.Y.) – Co-Lead Counsel
Gordon, et al. v. Zeroed-In Technologies, LLC, et al., 1:23-CV-03284 (D. Md.) – Co-Lead Counsel
Harrell, et al. v. Webtpa Employer Services LLC, 3:24-CV-01158 (N.D. Tex.) - \$13.75 million
Gambino, et al. v. Berry Dunn Mcneil & Parker LLC, 2:24-CV-00146 (D. Me.) - \$7.25 million
Isaac v. Greylock McKinnon Associates, Inc., 1:24-CV-10797 (D. Mass.) - \$600,000
Rodriguez, et al. v. Caesars Entertainment, Inc., 2:23-CV-01447 (D. Nev.) - Steering Committee Chair
Owens v. MGM Resorts International, 2:23-cv-01480-RFB-MDC (D. Nev.) - \$45 million
Doyle v. Luxottica of America, Inc., 1:20-cv-00908-MRB (S.D. Ohio) - Executive Committee
Doe, et al. v. Highmark, Inc., 2:23-cv-00250-NR (W.D. Penn.) - Executive Committee
Silvers, et al. v. HCA Healthcare, Inc., 1:23-cv-01003-LPH (S.D. In.) - Executive Committee
In re: 21st Century Oncology, MDL No. 2737 (M.D. Fla. 2021) - \$21.8 million
In re: CaptureRx Data Breach, 5:21-cv-00523 (W.D. Tex. 2022) - \$4.75 million
Lopez, et al. v. Volusion, LLC, 1:20-cv-00761 (W.D. Tex. 2022) - \$4.3 million
Mathis v. Planet Home Lending, LLC, 3:24-CV-00127 (D. Conn.) - \$2.425 million
In re loanDepot Data Breach Litigation, 8:24-cv-00136 (C.D. Cal.) - \$25 million
Stadnik v. Sovos Compliance, LLC, 1:23-CV-12100 (D. Mass.) - \$3.5 million
Turner v. Johns Hopkins, et al., 24-C-23-002983 (Md. Cir. Ct.) - \$2.9 million
Peterson v. Vivendi Ticketing US LLC, 2:23-CV-07498 (C.D. Cal.) - \$3.25 million
Katz, et al. v. Einstein Healthcare Network, 02045 (Pa. Ct. C.P., Phila.) - \$1.6 million
Opris et al v. Sincera Reproductive Medicine et al, 2:21-cv-03072 (E.D. Pa.) - \$1.2 million
Garza et al v. Healthalliance, Inc. et al, 7245012023 (N.Y. Sup. Ct.) - \$1.29 million
McLean et al. v. Signature Performance, Inc. et al., 8:24-cv-00230 (D. Neb.) - \$8.5 million
Wahab et al. v. Boston Children's Health Phys., LLP, 73692/2024 (N.Y. Sup. Ct.) - \$5.15 million

CONSUMER PROTECTION

Ostendorf v. Grange Indemnity Ins. Co., 2:19-cv-01147-ALM-KAJ (E.D. Ohio 2020) - \$12.6 million
Paris, et al. v. Progressive Select Ins. Co., et al., 19-21760-CIV (S.D. Fla. 2023) - \$38 million
Spielman v. USAA, et al., 2:19-cv-01359-TJH-MAA (C.D. Ca. 2023) - \$3 million
Walters v. Target Corp., 3:16-cv-1678-L-MDD (S.D. Cal. 2020) - \$8.2 million
Papa v. Grieco Ford Fort Lauderdale, LLC, 18-cv-21897-JEM (S.D. Fla. 2019) - \$4.9 million
In re Disposable Contact Lens Antitrust Litig., MDL 2626 (M.D. Fla.) - \$88 million
Vandiver v. MD Billing Ltd., 2023LA000728 (18th Jud. Dist. Ill. 2023) - \$24 million
Skrandel v. Costco Wholesale Corp., 9:21-cv-80826-BER (S.D. Fla. 2024) - \$1.3 million
Evans v. Church & Dwight Co., Inc., 1:22-CV-06301 (N.D. Ill. 2023) - \$2.5 million
In Re: Farm-Raised Salmon & Salmon Prod. Antitrust Litig., No. 1:19-cv-21551 (S.D. Fla. 2023) - \$75 million
Perry v. Progressive Michigan, et al., 22-000971-CK (Cir. Ct. Washtenaw) - Class Counsel
In re Apple Simulated Casino-Style Games Litig., MDL No. 2958 (N.D. Cal.) - Executive Committee
In re Google Simulated Casino-Style Games Litig., MDL No. 3001 (N.D. Cal.) - Executive Committee
In re Facebook Simulated Casino-Style Games Litig., No. 5:21-cv-02777 (N.D. Cal.) - Exec. Committee

MASS TORT

In re Zantac Prods. Liab. Litig., MDL No. 2924 (S.D. Fla.) - Co-Lead Counsel
In re: National Prescription Opiate Litigation, No. MDL No. 2804 (N.D. Ohio) - \$100 million
In re: Juul Labs, No. MDL No. 2913 (N.D. Cal.) - \$26 million
In re: Davenport Hotel Building Collapse, LACE137119 (Dist. Ct. Scott Cty., Iowa) - Class Counsel
In re: 3M Combat Arms Earplug Prod. Liab. Litig., MDL No. 2885 (N.D. Fla.) - Numerous Plaintiffs
In re: Stryker Prod. Liab. Lit., 13-MD-2411 (Fla. Cir Ct.) - Numerous Plaintiffs



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Bar Admissions

Florida Bar

District of Columbia Bar

Court Admissions

Supreme Court of the United States

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida

U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida

U.S. District Court, Northern District of Florida

U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois

U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Michigan

U.S. District Court, Western District of Tennessee

U.S. District Court, Western District of Wisconsin

U.S. District Court, Western District of Kentucky

U.S. District Court, Northern District of New York

U.S. District Court, District of Colorado

U.S. District Court, Southern District of Indiana

U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Texas

U.S. District Court, District of Nebraska

Education

Nova Southeastern University, J.D. - 1997

University of Florida, B.A. - 1994

Jeff Ostrow is the Managing Partner of Kopelowitz Ostrow P.A. He established his own firm in 1997, immediately upon graduation from law school and has since grown KO to 30 attorneys with offices in South Florida, Philadelphia, and New York. In addition to overseeing the firm's day-to-day operations and strategic direction, Mr. Ostrow practices full time in the area of consumer class actions. He is a Martindale-Hubbell AV® Preeminent™ rated attorney in both legal ability and ethics, which is the highest possible rating by the most widely recognized attorney rating organization in the world.

Mr. Ostrow is an accomplished trial attorney who has experience representing both Plaintiffs and Defendants. He has successfully tried many cases to verdict involving multi-million-dollar damage claims in state and federal courts. He is currently court-appointed lead counsel or sits on plaintiffs' executive committees in multiple high profile nationwide multi-district litigation actions involving cybersecurity breaches and related privacy issues.

Additionally, he has spent the past 15 years serving as lead counsel in dozens of nationwide and statewide class action lawsuits against many of the world's largest financial institutions in connection with the unlawful assessment of fees. To date, his efforts have successfully resulted in the recovery of over \$1 billion for tens of millions of bank and credit union customers, as well as monumental changes in the way they assess fees. Those changes have forever revolutionized an industry, resulting in billions of dollars of savings. In addition, Mr. Ostrow has served as lead class counsel in many consumer class actions against some of the world's largest airlines, pharmaceutical companies, clothing retailers, health and auto insurance carriers, technology companies, and oil conglomerates, along with serving as class action defense counsel for some of the largest advertising and marketing agencies in the world, banking institutions, real estate developers, and mortgage companies. A selection of

settled class actions in which Mr. Ostrow has participated are listed herein above.

Mr. Ostrow often serves as outside General Counsel to companies, advising them in connection with their legal and regulatory needs. He has represented many Fortune 500® Companies in connection with their Florida litigation. He has handled cases covered by media outlets throughout the country and has been quoted many times on various legal topics in almost every major news publication, including the Wall Street Journal, New York Times, Washington Post, Miami Herald, and Sun-Sentinel. He has also appeared on CNN, ABC, NBC, CBS, Fox, ESPN, and almost every other major national and international television network in connection with his cases, which often involve industry changing litigation or athletes in Olympic swimming, professional boxing, the NFL, NBA and MLB.

Mr. Ostrow received a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from the University of Florida in 1994 and Juris Doctorate from Nova Southeastern University in 1997. He is a licensed member of The Florida Bar and the District of Columbia Bar, is fully admitted to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit and Eleventh Circuit, the U.S. District Courts for the Southern, Middle, and Northern Districts of Florida, District of Colorado, Southern District of Indiana, Western District of Kentucky, Eastern District of Michigan, Northern District of Illinois, District of Nebraska, Northern District of New York, Western District of Tennessee, Eastern District of Texas, Western District of Wisconsin, Southern District of Indiana, Eastern District of Texas, and District of Nebraska. Mr. Ostrow is also member of several bar associations.

In addition to the law practice, he is the founder and president of ProPlayer Sports LLC, a full-service sports agency and marketing firm. He represents both Olympic Gold Medalist Swimmers, World Champion Boxers, and select NFL athletes, and is licensed by both the NFL Players Association as a certified Contract Advisor. At the agency, Mr. Ostrow handles all player-team negotiations of contracts, represents his clients in legal proceedings, negotiates all marketing and NIL engagements, and oversees public relations and crisis management. He has extensive experience in negotiating, mediating, and arbitrating a wide range of issues on behalf of clients with the NFL Players Association, the International Olympic Committee, the United States Olympic Committee, USA Swimming and the World Anti-Doping Agency. He has been an invited sports law guest speaker at New York University and Nova Southeastern University and has also served as a panelist at many industry-related conferences.

He is a lifetime member of the Million Dollar Advocates Forum. The Million Dollar Advocates Forum is the most prestigious group of trial lawyers in the United States. Membership is limited to attorneys who have had multi-million dollar jury verdicts. Additionally, he is consistently named as one of the top lawyers in Florida by Super Lawyers®, a publication that recognizes the best lawyers in each state. Mr. Ostrow is an inaugural recipient of the University of Florida's Warrington College of Business Administration Gator 100 award for the fastest growing University of Florida alumni- owned law firm in the world.

When not practicing law, Mr. Ostrow serves on the Board of Governors of Nova Southeastern University's Wayne Huizenga School of Business and is the Managing Member of One West LOA LLC, a commercial real estate development company with holdings in downtown Fort Lauderdale. He has previously sat on the boards of a national banking institution and a national healthcare marketing company. Mr. Ostrow is a founding board member for the Jorge Nation Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that partners with the Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital to send children diagnosed with cancer on all-inclusive Dream Trips to destinations of their choice. Mr. Ostrow resides in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and has 3 sons.



DAVID FERGUSON

Partner

Bar Admissions

The Florida Bar

Court Admissions

U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida

U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida

U.S. District Court, Northern District of Florida

Education

Nova Southeastern University, J.D. - 1993

Nova Southeastern University, B.S. - 1990

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David L. Ferguson is an accomplished trial attorney and chairs the firm's litigation department. He routinely leads high stakes litigation across a wide array of practice areas, including, but not limited to, employment law, complex business litigation, class actions, product liability, catastrophic personal injury, civil rights, and regulatory enforcement actions.

Mr. Ferguson is a Martindale-Hubbell AV® Preeminent™ rated attorney in both legal ability and ethics, a testament to the fact that his peers (lawyers and judges in the community) have ranked him at the highest level of professional excellence. Mr. Ferguson is well regarded as a formidable advocate in court and for providing creative and insightful strategic advice, particularly in emergency and extremely complex situations.

While in law school, Mr. Ferguson served as a Staff Member of the Nova Law Review. He was also a member of the Moot Court Society and the winner of the Moot Court Intramural Competition.

Representation of the Broward Sheriff's Office

Since 2013, Mr. Ferguson has had the privilege of representing the Broward Sheriff's Office ("BSO") in over 150 matters involving many different types of disputes and issues, including: defense of civil rights lawsuits in state and federal court; negotiating collective bargaining agreements with unions; and arbitrations brought by unions or employees subjected to termination or other significant discipline. Mr. Ferguson has had many arbitration final hearings and state and federal jury trials for BSO representing the agency as well as the Sheriff and numerous Deputies individually.

Class/Mass Actions

Mr. Ferguson has experience in class actions against large banks and some of the world's largest companies, including technology companies and oil conglomerates.

Additionally, during his career Mr. Ferguson has defended many large companies in MDL's, and mass and class actions, including medical equipment manufacturers, pharmaceutical companies, an aircraft parts and engine manufacturer and defense contractor, nationwide retailers, and a massive sugar manufacturer.

Large Fraud and Ponzi Cases

Mr. Ferguson has a great deal of experience litigating cases involving massive fraud claims, most often for victims, but also for select defendants. Mr. Ferguson's clients have included individual victims who have lost multiple millions of dollars in fraud schemes to large businesses with tremendous damages, including one international lending institution with damages in excess of \$150 million. Additionally, Mr. Ferguson successfully represented several individuals and entities subjected to significant claims by a receiver and the United States Marshals Service in a massive billion-dollar Ponzi scheme involving a notorious Ft. Lauderdale lawyer and his law firm.

Regulatory Agency Enforcement Actions

Mr. Ferguson has extensive experience defending individuals and entities in significant enforcement actions brought by regulatory agencies, including the CFTC, FTC, and SEC.

Employment, Human Resources, and Related Matters

Mr. Ferguson has represented numerous business and individuals in employment and human resource related matters. Mr. Ferguson has represented several Fortune 50 companies, including Pratt & Whitney/UTC, Home Depot, and Office Depot in all phases of employment related matters. Mr. Ferguson has litigated virtually every type of discrimination and employment related claim, including claims based upon race, pregnancy, disability, national origin, religion, age, sexual preference, sexual harassment, worker's compensation, unemployment, FMLA leave, FLSA overtime, unpaid wages, whistleblower, and retaliation.

Mr. Ferguson primarily represents companies, but also represents select individuals who have claims against their present or former employers. In addition to the wide variety of employment claims discussed above, as plaintiff's counsel Mr. Ferguson has also handled federal False Claims Act (Qui Tam) and the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act claims brought by individuals.

Business Disputes

Throughout his legal career, as counsel for plaintiffs and defendants, Mr. Ferguson has handled a myriad of commercial cases involving all types of business disputes, including claims for breach of partnership agreements, breach of shareholder or limited liability company operating agreements; dissolution of corporations and limited liability companies; appointment of receivers; breaches of fiduciary duty; conversion; constructive trust; theft; negligent or intentional misrepresentation or omissions; fraudulent inducement; tortious interference; professional negligence or malpractice; derivative actions, breach of contract, real estate disputes, and construction disputes.

Noncompetition and Trade Secret Litigation

Mr. Ferguson routinely represents companies and individuals in commercial disputes involving unfair and deceptive trade practices, unfair competition and/or tortious interference with contracts or valuable business relationships. Often these cases involve the enforcement of noncompetition agreements and protection of valuable trade secrets. Mr. Ferguson has extensive experience representing businesses seeking to enforce their noncompetition agreements and/or protect trade secrets through suits for injunctive relief and damages and representing subsequent employers and individuals defending against such claims. He has obtained numerous injunctions for his clients and has also successfully defended against them numerous times, including getting injunctions dissolved that were entered against his clients without notice or prior to his representation. Mr. Ferguson has also obtained contempt sanctions and entitlement to punitive damages against individuals and entities who have stolen trade secrets from his clients.



ROBERT C. GILBERT

Partner

Bar Admissions

The Florida Bar

District of Columbia Bar

Court Admissions

Supreme Court of the United States

U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit

U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida

U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida

Education

University of Miami School of Law, J.D. - 1985

Florida International University, B.S. - 1982

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Robert C. “Bobby” Gilbert has over three decades of experience handling class actions, multidistrict litigation and complex business litigation throughout the United States. He has been appointed lead counsel, co-lead counsel, coordinating counsel or liaison counsel in many federal and state court class actions. Bobby has served as trial counsel in class actions and complex business litigation tried before judges, juries and arbitrators. He has also briefed and argued numerous appeals, including two precedent-setting cases before the Florida Supreme Court.

Bobby was appointed as Plaintiffs’ Coordinating Counsel in *In re Checking Account Overdraft Litig.*, MDL 2036, class action litigation brought against many of the nation’s largest banks that challenged the banks’ internal practice of reordering debit card transactions in a manner designed to maximize the frequency of customer overdrafts. In that role, Bobby managed the large team of lawyers who prosecuted the class actions and served as the plaintiffs’ liaison with the Court regarding management and administration of the multidistrict litigation. He also led or participated in settlement negotiations with the banks that resulted in settlements exceeding \$1.1 billion, including Bank of America (\$410 million), Citizens Financial (\$137.5 million), JPMorgan Chase Bank (\$110 million), PNC Bank (\$90 million), TD Bank (\$62 million), U.S. Bank (\$55 million), Union Bank (\$35 million) and Capital One (\$31.7 million).

Bobby has been appointed to leadership positions in numerous other class actions and multidistrict litigation proceedings. He is currently serving as co-lead counsel in *In re Zantac (Ranitidine) Prods. Liab. Litig.*, 9:20-md-02924-RLR (S.D. Fla.), as well as liaison counsel in *In re Disposable Contact Lens Antitrust Litig.*, MDL 2626 (M.D. Fla.); liaison counsel in *In re 21st Century Oncology Customer Data Security Breach Litig.*, MDL 2737 (M.D. Fla.); and *In re Farm-Raised Salmon and Salmon Products Antitrust Litig.*, No. 19-21551 (S.D. Fla.). He previously served as liaison counsel for indirect purchasers in *In re Terazosin Hydrochloride Antitrust Litig.*, MDL 1317 (S.D. Fla.), an antitrust class action that settled for over \$74 million.

For the past 18 years, Bobby has represented thousands of Florida homeowners in class actions to recover full compensation under the Florida Constitution based on the Florida Department of Agriculture's taking and destruction of the homeowners' private property. As lead counsel, Bobby argued before the Florida Supreme Court to establish the homeowners' right to pursue their claims; served as trial counsel in non-jury liability trials followed by jury trials that established the amount of full compensation owed to the homeowners for their private property; and handled all appellate proceedings. Bobby's tireless efforts on behalf of the homeowners resulted in judgments exceeding \$93 million.

Bobby previously served as an Adjunct Professor at Vanderbilt University Law School, where he co-taught a course on complex litigation in federal courts that focused on multidistrict litigation and class actions. He continues to frequently lecture and make presentations on a variety of topics.

Bobby has served for many years as a trustee of the Greater Miami Jewish Federation and previously served as chairman of the board of the Alexander Muss High School in Israel, and as a trustee of The Miami Foundation.



JONATHAN M. STREISFELD

Partner

Bar Admissions

The Florida Bar

Court Admissions

Supreme Court of the United States

U.S. Court of Appeals for the First, Second, Fourth, Fifth Ninth, and Eleventh Circuits

U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida

U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida

U.S. District Court, Northern District of Florida

U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois

U.S. District Court, Western District of Michigan

U.S. District Court, Western District of New York

U.S. District Court, Western District of Tennessee

Education

Nova Southeastern University, J.D. - 1997

Syracuse University, B.S. - 1994

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Jonathan M. Streisfeld joined KO as a partner in 2008. Mr. Streisfeld concentrates his practice in the areas of consumer class actions, business litigation, and appeals nationwide. He is a Martindale Hubbell AV® Preeminent™ rated attorney in both legal ability and ethics.

Mr. Streisfeld has vast and successful experience in class action litigation, serving as class counsel in nationwide and statewide consumer class action lawsuits against the nation's largest financial institutions in connection with the unlawful assessment of fees. To date, his efforts have successfully resulted in the recovery of over \$500,000,000 for tens of millions of bank and credit union customers, as well as profound changes in the way banks assess fees. Additionally, he has and continues to serve as lead and class counsel for consumers in many class actions involving false advertising and pricing, defective products, data breach and privacy, automobile defects, airlines, mortgages, and payday lending. Mr. Streisfeld has also litigated class actions against some of the largest health and automobile insurance carriers and oil conglomerates, and defended class and collective actions in other contexts.

Mr. Streisfeld has represented a variety of businesses and individuals in a broad range of business litigation matters, including contract, fraud, breach of fiduciary duty, intellectual property, real estate, shareholder disputes, wage and hour, and deceptive trade practices claims. He also assists business owners and individuals with documenting contractual relationships and resolving disputes. Mr. Streisfeld has also provided legal representation in bid protest proceedings.

Mr. Streisfeld oversees the firm's appellate and litigation support practice, representing clients in the appeal of final and non-final orders, as well as writs of certiorari, mandamus, and prohibition. His appellate practice includes civil and marital and family law matters.

Previously, Mr. Streisfeld served as outside assistant city attorney for the City of Plantation and Village of Wellington in a broad range of litigation matters. As a member of The Florida Bar, Mr. Streisfeld served for many years on the Executive Council of the Appellate Practice Section and is a past Chair of the Section's Communications Committee.



KEN GRUNFELD

Partner

Bar Admissions

The Pennsylvania Bar

The New Jersey Bar

Court Admissions

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third, Fourth, Fifth, Ninth, Tenth and Eleventh Circuits

U.S. District Ct, Eastern District of Pennsylvania

U.S. District Ct, Middle District of Pennsylvania

U.S. District Ct, Western District of Pennsylvania

U.S. District Ct, District of New Jersey

U.S. District Ct, Eastern District of Michigan

U.S. District Ct, Western District of Wisconsin

Education

Villanova University School of Law, J.D., 1999

University of Michigan, 1996

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Ken Grunfeld is one of the newest KO partners, having just started working at the firm in 2023. Having worked at one of Philadelphia's largest and most prestigious defense firms for nearly a decade defending pharmaceutical manufacturers, national railroads, asbestos companies and corporate clients in consumer protection, products liability, insurance coverage and other complex commercial disputes while working, Mr. Grunfeld "switched sides" about 15 years ago.

Since then, he has become one of the city's most prolific and well-known Philadelphia class action lawyers. His cases have resulted in the recovery of hundreds of millions of dollars for injured individuals.

Mr. Grunfeld brings with him a wealth of pre-trial, trial, and appellate work experience in both state and federal courts. He has successfully taken many cases to verdict. Currently, he serves as lead counsel in a number of nationwide class actions. Whether by settlement or judgment, Mr. Grunfeld makes sure the offending companies' wrongful practices have been addressed. He believes the most important part of bringing a wrongdoer to justice is to ensure that it never happens again; class actions can be a true instrument for change if done well.

Mr. Grunfeld has been named a Super Lawyer numerous times throughout his career. He has been a member of the Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and American Bar Associations, as well as a member of the American Association for Justice (AAJ). He was a Finalist for AAJ's prestigious Trial Lawyer of the Year Award in 2012 and currently serves as AAJ's Vice Chair of the Class Action Law Group. To his strong view that attorneys should act ethically, he volunteers his time as a Hearing Committee Member for the Disciplinary Board of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Grunfeld received his undergraduate degree from the University of Michigan. He is an active member of the Michigan Alumni Association, Philadelphia chapter and serves as a Michigan Alumni Student recruiter for local high schools. He received his Juris Doctor from the Villanova University School of Law. He was a member of the Villanova Law Review and graduated Order of the Coif.

Ken is a life-long Philadelphian. He makes his home in Bala Cynwyd, Pennsylvania, where he resides with his wife, Jennifer, and his year-old twins.

KRISTEN LAKE CARDOSO

Partner



Bar Admissions

The Florida Bar
The State Bar of California

Court Admissions

U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida
U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida
U.S. District Court, Central District of California
U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California
U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois
U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Michigan

Education

Nova Southeastern University, J.D., 2007
University of Florida, B.A., 2004

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Kristen Lake Cardoso is a litigation attorney focusing on consumer class actions and complex commercial litigation. She has gained valuable experience representing individuals and businesses in state and federal courts at both the trial and appellate levels in a variety of litigation matters, including contractual claims, violations of consumer protection statutes, fraud, breach of fiduciary duty, negligence, professional liability, real estate claims, enforcement of non-compete agreements, trade secret infringement, shareholder disputes, deceptive trade practices, and other business torts.

Currently, Ms. Cardoso serves as counsel in nationwide and statewide class action lawsuits concerning violations of state consumer protection statutes, false advertising, defective products, data breaches, and breaches of contract. Ms. Cardoso is actively litigating cases against major U.S. airlines for their failure to refund fares following flight cancellations and schedule changes, as well as cases against manufacturers for their sale and misleading marketing of products, including defective cosmetics and nutritional supplements. Ms. Cardoso has also represented students seeking reimbursements of tuition, room and board, and other fees paid to their colleges and universities for in-person education, housing, meals, and other services not provided when campuses closed during the COVID-19 pandemic. Additionally, Ms. Cardoso has represented consumers seeking recovery of gambling losses from tech companies that profit from illegal gambling games offered, sold, and distributed on their platforms.

Ms. Cardoso is admitted to practice law throughout the states of Florida and California, as well as in the United States District Courts for the Southern District of Florida, Middle District of Florida, Central District of California, Eastern District of California, Northern District of Illinois, and Eastern District of Michigan.

Ms. Cardoso attended the University of Florida, where she received her Bachelor's degree in Political Science, cum laude, and was inducted as a member of Phi Beta Kappa honor society. She received her law degree from Nova Southeastern University, magna cum laude. While in law school, Ms. Cardoso served as an Articles Editor for the Nova Law Review, was on the Dean's List, and was the recipient of a scholarship granted by the Broward County Hispanic Bar Association for her academic achievements. When not practicing law, Ms. Cardoso serves as a volunteer at Saint David Catholic School, including as a member of the school Advisory Board and an executive member of the Faculty Student Association. She has also served on various committees with the Junior League of Greater Fort Lauderdale geared towards improving the local community through leadership and volunteering.



STEVEN SUKERT

Partner

Bar Admissions

The Florida Bar

The New York Bar

Court Admissions

United States District Court, Southern District of Florida

United States District Court, Middle District of Florida

United States District Court, Southern District of New York

United States District Court, Eastern District of New York

United States District Court, Northern District of Illinois

United States District Court, Central District of Illinois

Education

Georgetown University Law Center, J.D., 20018

Northwestern University, B.S., 2010

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Steven Sukert has experience in all aspects of complex litigation in federal and state court, including drafting successful dispositive motions and appeals, handling discovery, and arguing court hearings. Steven focuses his practice at KO on complex class actions and multi-district litigations in courts around the country, including in data privacy, bank overdraft fee, and other consumer protection cases.

Before joining KO, Steven gained experience at Gunster, Yoakley & Stewart, P.A. in Miami in high-stakes commercial cases often involving trade secret and intellectual property claims, consumer contract claims, and legal malpractice claims, as well as in international arbitrations. Steven co-authored an amicus brief in the Florida Supreme Court case *Airbnb, Inc. v. Doe* (Case No. SC20-1167), and helped organize the American Bar Association's inaugural International Arbitration Masterclass, in 2021.

Steven was born and raised in Miami. He returned to his home city after law school to clerk for the Honorable James Lawrence King in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida.

In 2018, Steven earned his J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center. While living in the nation's capital, he worked at the U.S. Department of Labor, Office of the Solicitor, where he won the Gary S. Tell ERISA Litigation Award; the Civil Fraud Section of the U.S. Department of Justice, where he worked on large Medicare fraud cases and pioneered the use of the False Claims Act in the context of pharmaceutical manufacturers who engaged in price fixing; and the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, where his proposal for writing an amicus brief in the *Janus v. AFSCME* U.S. Supreme Court case was adopted by the organization's board of directors.

Steven has a degree in Molecular Biology from Northwestern University. Prior to his legal career, he worked as a biomedical laboratory researcher at the Diabetes Research Institute in Miami.

CAROLINE HERTER

Associate



Bar Admissions

The Florida Bar

Court Admissions

U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida

U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida

U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of Florida

Education

University of Miami School of Law, J.D. - 2020

University of Miami, B.S. – 2016

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Caroline Herter is a litigation attorney at the firm's Fort Lauderdale office. Caroline focuses her practice on consumer class actions, mass torts, and white-collar commercial litigation in state and federal courts nationwide. She has gained valuable experience representing individuals and businesses to hold wrongdoers accountable through claims involving personal injury, wrongful death, consumer fraud, products liability, breach of fiduciary duty, civil theft/conversion, corporate veil-piercing, fraudulent transfer, tortious interference, False Claims Act violations, and the like.

Before joining KO, Caroline worked at a boutique law firm in Miami where she represented plaintiffs in matters involving creditor's rights, insolvency, and asset recovery. She now applies this experience throughout her practice at KO, often combining equitable remedies with legal claims to ensure the best chance of recovery for her clients.

Notable cases that Caroline has been involved in include *In Re: Champlain Towers South Collapse Litigation*, where she was a member of the team serving as lead counsel for the families of the 98 individuals who lost their lives in the tragic condominium collapse. The case resulted in over \$1 billion recovered for class members, the second-largest settlement in Florida history. She also co-authored a successful petition for certiorari to the United States Supreme Court in *Olhausen v. Arriva Medical, LLC et al.*, a False Claims Act case involving the standard for determining a defendant's scienter, which led the high Court to reverse the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeal's earlier ruling against her client.

Caroline earned her law degree from the University of Miami School of Law, summa cum laude, where she received awards for the highest grade in multiple courses. During law school Caroline was an editor of the University of Miami Law Review and a member of the Moot Court Board.

Outside of her law practice, Caroline serves on the Board of Directors of the non-profit organization Americans for Immigrant Justice.

COURTNEY MACCARONE

Partner

Bar Admissions

New York

New Jersey

Court Admissions

U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York

U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York

U.S. District Court, District of New Jersey

U.S. District Court, District of Colorado

Education

Brooklyn Law School, J.D., *magna cum laude* – 2011

New York University, B.A., *magna cum laude* – 2008

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Courtney Maccarone is a New York-based Partner of Kopelowitz Ostrow P.A. Ms. Maccarone became a class action attorney to advocate for individuals who might otherwise have no voice or recourse against powerful corporations, and she has devoted her entire legal career to representing consumers. Since graduating from law school in 2011, she has focused exclusively on prosecuting consumer class actions, advocating for consumer rights in state and federal courts across the country, with a particular focus on cases relating to data privacy, deceptive and unfair trade practices, and defective products.

Ms. Maccarone attended New York University where she received her Bachelor's degree, *magna cum laude*, in 2008. She received her law degree from Brooklyn Law School, *magna cum laude*, in 2011. While attending Brooklyn Law School, Ms. Maccarone served as the Executive Symposium Editor of the Brooklyn Journal of International Law and was a member of the Moot Court Honor Society.

Ms. Maccarone has been recognized as a Super Lawyer "Rising Star" for the New York Metro area each year since 2014.

Ms. Maccarone lives on Long Island with her husband, two children, and rambunctious golden retriever.

Exhibit 2



MILBERG.

FIRM RESUME



Milberg PLLC (“Milberg”) is an AV-rated international law firm with more than 100 attorneys and offices across the United States, the European Union, and South America.

Milberg prides itself on providing thoughtful and knowledgeable legal services to clients worldwide across multiple practice areas. The firm represents plaintiffs in the areas of antitrust, securities, financial fraud, consumer protection, automobile emissions claims, defective drugs and devices, environmental litigation, financial and insurance litigation, and cyber law and security.

For over 50 years, Milberg and its affiliates have been protecting victims’ rights. We have recovered over \$50 billion for our clients. Our attorneys possess a renowned depth of legal expertise, employ the highest ethical and legal standards, and pride ourselves on providing stellar service to our clients. We have repeatedly been recognized as leaders in the plaintiffs’ bar and appointed to numerous leadership roles in prominent national mass torts and class actions.

Milberg challenges corporate wrongdoing through class action, mass tort, consumer and shareholder right services, both domestically and globally.

In the United States, Milberg currently holds more than 100 court-appointed full- and co-leadership positions in state and federal courts across the country. Our firm has offices in California, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, New Jersey, New York, Tennessee, Washington, Washington D.C., and Puerto Rico. Milberg’s commitment to its clients reaches beyond the United States, litigating antitrust, securities, and consumer fraud actions in Europe and South America, with offices located in the United Kingdom, and the Netherlands.

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PRACTICE AREAS

SECURITIES FRAUD

Milberg pioneered the use of class action lawsuits to litigate claims involving investment products, securities, and the banking industry. Fifty years ago, the firm set the standard for case theories, organization, discovery, methods of settlement, and amounts recovered for clients. Milberg remains among the most influential securities litigators in the United States and internationally.

Milberg and its attorneys were appointed Lead Counsel and Co-Lead Counsel in hundreds of federal, state, and multidistrict litigation cases throughout its history.

ANTITRUST & COMPETITION LAW

For over fifty years, Milberg's Antitrust Practice Group has prosecuted complex antitrust class actions against defendants in the healthcare, technology, agriculture, and manufacturing industries engaged in price-fixing, monopolization and other violations of antitrust law and trade restraints.

FINANCIAL LITIGATION

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CONSUMER PROTECTION

Milberg's Consumer Protection Practice Group focuses on improving product safety and protecting those who have fallen victim to deceptive marketing and advertising of goods and services and/or purchased defective products. Milberg attorneys have served as Lead Counsel and Co-Lead Counsel in hundreds of federal, state, and multidistrict litigation cases alleging the sale of defective products, improper marketing of products, and violations of consumer protection statutes.

DANGEROUS DRUGS & DEVICES

Milberg is a nationally renowned firm in mass torts, fighting some of the largest, wealthiest, and most influential pharmaceutical and device companies and corporate entities in the world. Our experienced team of attorneys has led or co-led numerous multidistrict litigations of defective drugs and medical devices.

EMPLOYMENT & CIVIL RIGHTS

Milberg's Employment & Civil Rights attorneys focus on class actions and individual cases nationwide arising from discriminatory banking and housing practices, unpaid wages and sales commissions, improperly managed retirement benefits, workplace discrimination, and wrongful termination.

ENVIRONMENTAL LITIGATION & TOXIC TORTS

Milberg's Environmental Litigation & Toxic Torts Practice Group focuses on representing clients in mass torts, class actions, multi-district litigation, regulatory enforcement, citizen suits, and other complex environmental and toxic tort matters. Milberg and its attorneys have held leadership roles in all facets of litigation in coordinated proceedings, with a particular focus on developing the building blocks to establish general causation, which is often the most difficult obstacle in an environmental or toxic tort case.

STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

Milberg attorneys are dedicated to defending the Constitutional and statutory rights of individuals and businesses that are subjected to unlawful government exactions and fees by state and local governments or bodies.

CYBERSECURITY & DATA PRIVACY

Milberg is a leader in the fields of cyber security, data breach litigation, and biometric data collection, litigating on behalf of clients – both large and small – to change data security practices so that large corporations respect and safeguard consumers' personal data.

APPELLATE

Consisting of experienced appellate advocates and former law clerks who understand how best to present compelling arguments to judges on appeal and secure justice for our clients beyond the trial courts, Milberg's Appellate Practice Group boasts an impressive record of success on appeal in both state and federal courts.

LEADERSHIP ROLES

In re: Google Play Consumer Antitrust Litigation
In re: Elmiron (Pentosan Polysulfate Sodium) Products Liability Litigation
In re: Johnson & Johnson Talcum Powder Products Marketing, Sales Practices & Products Liability Litigation
In re: Blackbaud Inc., Customer Data Breach Litigation
In re: Paragard IUD Products Liability Litigation
In re: Seresto Flea & Tick Collar, Marketing Sales Practices & Product Liability Litigation
In re: All-Clad Metalcrafters, LLC, Cookware Marketing and Sales Practices Litigation
In re: Allergan Biocell Textured Breast Implant Products Liability Litigation
In re: Zicam Cold Remedy Marketing, Sales Practices and Products Liability Litigation
In re: Guidant Corp. Implantable Defibrillators Product Liability Litigation
In re: Ortho Evra Products Liability Litigation
In re: Yasmin and YAZ (Drospirenone) Marketing, Sales Practices and Products Liability Litigation
In re: Kugel Mesh Hernia Patch Products Liability Litigation
In re: Medtronic, Inc. Sprint Fidelis Leads Products Liability Litigation
In re: Stand 'N Seal Products Liability Litigation
In re: Chantix (Varenicline) Products Liability Litigation
In re: Fosamax (alendronate Sodium) Products Liability Litigation
In re: Benicar (Olmesartan) Products Liability Litigation
In re: Onglyza (Saxagliptin) & Kombiglyze Xr (Saxagliptin & Metformin) Products Liability Litigation
In re: Risperdal and Invega Product Liability Cases
In re: Mirena IUS Levonorgestrel-Related Products Liability Litigation
In re: Incretin-based Therapies Product Liability Litigation
In re: Reglan/Metoclopramide
In re: Levaquin Products Liability Litigation
In re: Zimmer Nexgen Knee Implant Products Liability Litigation
In re: Fresenius Granuflo/Naturalyte Dialysate Products Liability Litigation
In re: Propecia (Finasteride) Products Liability Litigation
In re: Transvaginal Mesh (In Re C. R. Bard, Inc., Pelvic Repair System Products Liability Litigation; In Re Ethicon, Inc., Pelvic Repair System Products Liability Litigation; In Re Boston Scientific, Inc., Pelvic Repair System Products Liability; In Re American Medical Systems, Pelvic Repair System Products Liability, and others)
In re: Fluoroquinolone Product Liability Litigation
In re: Depuy Orthopaedics, Inc., Pinnacle Hip Implant Products Liability Litigation
In re: Recalled Abbott Infant Formula Products Liability Litigation
Home Depot, U.S.A., Inc. v. Jackson
Webb v. Injured Workers Pharmacy, LLC

NOTABLE RECOVERIES

\$4 Billion Settlement

In re: Prudential Insurance Co. Sales Practice Litigation

\$3.2 Billion Settlement

In re: Tyco International Ltd., Securities Litigation

\$1.14 Billion Settlement

In Re: Nortel Networks Corp. Securities Litigation

\$1 Billion-plus Trial Verdict

Vivendi Universal, S.A. Securities Litigation

\$1 Billion Settlement

NASDAQ Market-Makers Antitrust Litigation

\$1 Billion Settlement

W.R. Grace & Co.

\$1 Billion-plus Settlement

Merck & Co., Inc. Securities Litigation

\$775 Million Settlement

Washington Public Power Supply System Securities Litigation

\$586 Million Settlement

In re: Initial Public Offering Securities Litigation



MARIYA WEEKES
Partner

Mariya Weekes is a partner at the international plaintiffs' class action firm Milberg, PLLC ("Milberg"). Since Milberg's founding in 1965, it has repeatedly taken the lead in landmark cases that have set groundbreaking legal precedents, prompted changes in corporate governance, and recovered over \$50 billion in verdicts and settlements.¹ Milberg has been instrumental in obtaining precedent setting decisions at every level, including at the United States Supreme Court.² The firm pioneered federal class action litigation and is widely recognized as a leader in defending the rights of victims of corporate and other large-scale wrongdoing. Milberg is recognized as having one of the most respected data privacy practice groups in the United States, having been ranked by Chambers and Partners as Band 3 for Privacy & Data Security Litigation (2024). Law360 recently highlighted Milberg's work in the privacy space. Milberg has more than 100 attorneys on staff and has offices across the United States and the European Union.

Ms. Weekes is a former Florida State Circuit Court Judge, elected to the bench by her constituents. As a Florida Circuit Court Judge, she presided over thousands of complex cases, hundreds of trials, and motions. In her capacity as a Circuit Court Judge, she served on the Circuit's appellate panels reviewing appeals from the lower trial Courts and administrative agencies. Before

¹ See, e.g., *In re Tyco International Ltd., Securities Litigation*, MDL 1335 (D.N.H.) (serving as lead counsel and obtaining approval of \$3.2 billion settlement); *In re Prudential Insurance Co. Sales Practice Litigation*, No. 95-4704 (D.N.J.) (serving as lead counsel and recovering more than \$4 billion for policyholders); see also <https://milberg.com/outstanding-recoveries/>.

² See <https://milberg.com/precedent-setting-decisions/page/3/>.

ascending to the bench, she practiced as a trial lawyer representing individuals and corporations in complex cases throughout the State of Florida. As a practicing attorney, she has personally tried dozens of jury trials to verdict and has participated in many significant cases. Both as a civil trial lawyer and former prosecutor, she has handled complex cases from their inception through appeal.

After stepping down from the bench, Ms. Weekes joined Milberg's Cybersecurity and Data Privacy Group, which has extensive experience serving as leadership in numerous privacy class actions, including as lead or co-lead counsel in the largest data breaches in the country. *See, e.g., In Re: Hot Topic Data Breach Litigation*, No. 2:24-cv-9215-MEMF-AS (C.D. Cal.) (Ms. Weekes appointed co-lead counsel in a consolidated action involving more than 57 million customers); *In re Meta Android Privacy Litigation.*, No. 3:25-cv-04674-RFL (N.D. Ca.) (Ms. Weekes appointed as Co-Lead Counsel in a consolidated action involving millions of Google's android users); *In Re: LoanCare Data Security Breach Litig.*, No. 3:23-cv-1508-MMH-MCR (M.D. Fla.) (where Ms. Weekes was appointed co-lead counsel in a consolidated action involving more than 1.3 million consumers); *In re SitusAMC Holdings Corporation Data Breach Litigation*, No. 1:25-cv-9748 (S.D. NY) (Ms. Weekes appointed as Co-Lead counsel in a consolidated action involving over 5 million customers); *In Re: Berry, Dunn, McNeil & Parker Data Security Incident Litigation.*, No. 2:24-cv-00146 (D. Maine) (Ms. Weekes was appointed to the executive committee in a consolidated action involving 1.1 million consumers); *Reichbart v. Financial Business and Consumer Solutions, Inc.*, No. 24-cv-1876 (E.D. Penn.) (Ms. Weekes was appointed chair of the Plaintiffs' Executive Committee in a consolidated action involving more than 1.9 million consumers); *Morrison et al. v. Family Dollar Stores, LLC, et al.*, 0:24-cv-60294-AHS (S.D.Fl.) (Ms. Weekes was appointed as co-lead counsel in a consolidated consumer protection class action involving adulterated medications impacting thousands of consumers across 19 States); *Javid et al.*

v. Finsatra Technology, Inc., No. 6:25-cv-1284-PGB-DCI (M.D. Fla.) (Ms. Weekes appointed Co-Lead Counsel in a consolidated action involving over 800,000 customers); *In Re ConnectonCall.com Data Breach Litigation*, Case No. 2:24-cv-08790-SJB-JMW (E.D NY) (Ms. Weekes appointed Interim Co-Lead Counsel); *Zayatz v. Akumin Operating Corp.*, Case No. 0:24-cv-62439-RS (S.D. Fl) (Ms. Weekes appointed Interim Co-Lead Counsel); *Owings v. Medusind, Inc.*, 1:25-cv-20117-RAR (S.D. Fl) (Ms. Weekes appointed interim co-lead counsel); *W. v. LivaNova USA, Inc.*, Case No. 4:24-cv-02250 (S.D. Tex.) (Ms. Weekes was appointed Interim Co-Lead Counsel); *In re Coastal Orthopedics & Sports Medicine of Southwest Florida Data Breach Litig.*, Case No. 2024-CA-1078AX (12th Judic. Circ. Ct. of Fla., Manatee Cnty) (Ms. Weekes was appointed Interim Class Counsel); *Lomedico v. MarineMax, Inc.*, Case No. 8:24-cv-1784-MSS-AEP (M.D. Fla.) (appointed joint Interim Class Counsel); *In re TRC Staffing Services, Inc. Data Breach Litig.*, Case No. 1:24-cv-02398-VMC (N.D. Ga.) (Ms. Weekes was appointed co-lead counsel); *Lepore et al v. Affiliated Dermatologists & Dermatologic Surgeons, P.A.*, Case No. MRS-L-001091-24 (Ms. Weekes was appointed Interim Class Counsel); *Owens et al v. MGM Resorts International, et al.*, Case No. 2:23-cv-01480-RFB-MDC (D. Nev.) (Ms. Weekes was appointed to Plaintiffs' Steering Committee); *Mckinley v. Doxim, Inc.* Case No. 2:24-cv-11550-TGB-CI (E.D. Mich.) (Ms. Weekes was appointed co-lead counsel); *Cucuta v. FloridaCentral Credit Union*, Case No. 24-CA-006065 (Hillsborough County, Fl.) (Ms. Weekes was appointed co-lead counsel).; *In re: MoveIt Customer Data Security Breach Litigation*, 1:23-md-03083 (D. Mass.) (where Milberg was appointed to the leadership committee in multi-district litigation involving a data breach that impacted more than 95 million consumers).³Milberg's Cybersecurity and Data Privacy Group is

³ See, also *Morrill v. Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC*, Case No. 1:22-cv-20955-DPG (S.D. Fla.) (where Milberg is appointed to the leadership committee in a data breach class action involving 6 million consumers); *Sherwood v. Horizon Actuarial Services, LLC*, Case No. 1:22-cv-01495-ELR

largely responsible for developing the favorable case law that many plaintiffs rely on in the data breach space. *See e.g., Webb v. Injured Workers Pharmacy, LLC*, 72 F.4th 365 (1st Cir. 2023) (Milberg attorneys obtained a decision from the First Circuit reversing the dismissal with prejudice of a data breach case and finding Article III standing); *In re Arthur J. Gallagher Data Breach Litig.*, 631 F. Supp. 3d 573, 586 (N.D. Ill. 2022) (Milberg attorneys largely defeated a motion to dismiss in a data breach case involving 3 million consumers); *In re Blackbaud, Inc., Customer Data Breach Litig.*, No. 3:20-MN-02972-JMC, 2021 WL 2718439, at *1 (D.S.C. July 1, 2021) (Milberg attorneys defeated a standing challenge in a 10 million person data breach case).

(N.D. Ga.) (where Milberg is court-appointed co-lead counsel in a data breach class action involving 4 million consumers).

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