# IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS EASTERN DIVISION

IN RE: DEALER MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS ANTITRUST LITIGATION

MDL No. 2817 Case No. 18-cy-00864

This Document Relates To:

Hon. Rebecca R. Pallmeyer

THE DEALERSHIP CLASS ACTION

DEALERSHIP CLASS PLAINTIFFS' UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL OF SETTLEMENT WITH DEFENDANT CDK GLOBAL, LLC AND FOR CONDITIONAL CERTIFICATION OF THE PROPOSED SETTLEMENT CLASS

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#### I. INTRODUCTION

Dealership Class Plaintiffs ("Dealership Plaintiffs") respectfully move this Court for preliminary approval of their settlement ("Settlement") with Defendant CDK Global, LLC ("CDK"), and to certify the proposed settlement class ("CDK Settlement Class"). Pursuant to the Settlement, CDK will pay \$100 million in settlement consideration and up to \$250,000 for notice and claims administration costs. This Settlement was reached as the result of armslength, hard-fought negotiations following years of litigation, with an impending trial set for September 2024. Interim Lead Class Counsel ("Lead Counsel") believes the Settlement is in the best interest of the CDK Settlement Class. *See* Declaration of Peggy J. Wedgworth ("Wedgworth Decl.") ¶¶ 4, 8, 9, 10 filed contemporaneously herewith.

Dealership Class Plaintiffs previously settled with The Reynolds and Reynolds Company ("Reynolds") for \$29.5 million. The Reynolds Settlement funds have been in an interest-bearing escrow account, and if this Settlement is approved, the claims submission and distribution process will include both CDK and Reynolds settlement funds. Dealership Plaintiffs intend to file a motion for distribution at a later date. *See* Section VII, *infra*.

Dealership Plaintiffs respectfully submit that the Court should preliminarily approve the Settlement and permit class notice pursuant to a proposed notice plan ("Notice Plan")<sup>2</sup> that is plainly adequate and even more robust than the notice plan implemented for the Reynolds Settlement. Accordingly, Dealership Plaintiffs respectfully request entry of an Order (1) preliminarily approving the Settlement; (2) provisionally certifying the proposed CDK Settlement Class; (3) appointing Peggy J. Wedgworth and Milberg, Coleman, Bryson Phillips

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Court granted final approval of the Reynolds settlement ("Reynolds Settlement") in January 2019. *See* ECF No. 502.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See Section VI, *infra*; see also the accompanying Declaration of Cameron R. Azari Regarding Settlement Notice Plan and Notices, Senior Vice President of Epiq Class Action and Claim Solutions, Inc. and the Director of Legal Notice of Hilsoft Notifications ("Epiq" or "Settlement Administrator") ("Azari Decl."), filed contemporaneously herewith.

Grossman, PLLC as Lead Settlement Class Counsel and Leonard A. Bellavia and Bellavia Blatt, PC; Daniel Hedlund and Michelle Looby and Gustafson Gluek PLLC; James Barz and Frank Richter and Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd LLP; and Robert A. Clifford and Clifford Law Offices, P.C. as Settlement Class Counsel; (4) directing notice to the CDK Settlement Class pursuant to the proposed manner and form of notice; (5) appointing the twenty-three dealerships ("Class Representatives") listed in Appendix ("App'x) as representatives for the proposed CDK Settlement Class for the purpose of class notice; (6) authorizing retention of Epiq as Settlement Administrator; (7) approving the proposed Schedule in Section VII, *infra*, for final approval of the Settlement; and (8) approving the Allocation Plan and Claim form (*see* Wedgworth Decl. Exhs. B and C).

## II. BACKGROUND

This antitrust class action was brought on behalf of retail automobile dealerships in the United States who purchased Dealer Management Systems ("DMS") from Reynolds and/or CDK. Dealership Plaintiffs allege, *inter alia*, that Defendants conspired to restrain and/or eliminate competition in the related Data Integration Services ("DIS") market, in violation of the Sherman Act, and various state antitrust and consumer protection laws. This Court is familiar with the allegations and evidence in this case, having decided motions for summary judgment motion last year (ECF Nos. 1381, 1382), and was about to issue class certification and *Daubert* decisions when Dealership Plaintiffs and CDK reached a settlement.

Dealership Plaintiffs' counsel have been diligently litigating this case for almost seven years. Interim Lead Class Counsel and the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee have spent tens of thousands of hours advancing Dealership Plaintiffs' claims through extensive discovery of CDK and Reynolds and their experts, which included numerous rounds of briefing and oral argument. Wedgworth Decl. ¶¶ 8, 9.

Discovery has been considerable and far-reaching. Defendants produced over 1.2

million documents. Class Counsel took or defended over one hundred depositions, including those of Defendants' employees and expert witnesses, and subpoenaed at least thirty non-parties for data and information (taking several of their depositions). Class Representatives produced over 81,000 documents and almost all were deposed. There were multiple rounds of interrogatories and requests for production on both sides, as well as extensive motion practice. *Id.* ¶ 9.

On June 29, 2023, the Court granted in part and denied in part CDK's summary judgment motion to dismiss Dealership Plaintiffs' claims (ECF No. 1381) and granted in its entirety Dealership Plaintiffs' motion for summary judgment dismissing CDK's counterclaims (ECF No. 1382). The parties had recently completed class certification and *Daubert* briefing (ECF Nos. 1424, 1425, 1456, 1458, 1476-78, 1499, 1510, 1514, 1516),<sup>3</sup> and the Court held oral argument on July 2, 2024 (ECF No. 1520). Dealership Plaintiffs' class certification motion, the parties' latest *Daubert* motions and a fully briefed request for an interlocutory appeal related to the Court's summary judgment decision were *sub judice* when CDK and Dealers reached an agreement to settle the case, and trial was set to begin in September 2024.

#### III. SUMMARY OF SETTLEMENT NEGOTIATIONS AND TERMS

The Settlement, which was reached through extensive arm's length settlement negotiations, provides for CDK's payment of \$100 million in cash and up to \$250,000 for notice and claims administration costs. *See* Wedgworth Decl. ¶ 6; *see also id.*, Exh. A, Settlement Agreement ¶¶ 1(z), 1(gg), 12, & 13. The Settlement resolves Dealership Plaintiffs' claims against CDK. *Id.*, Exh. A ¶ 37. The Settlement also resolves CDK's claims against the Counterclaim Named Plaintiffs. *Id.* ¶ 7.

The Settlement, however, does not affect, release, or alter any contractual obligations

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> By Order dated July 22, 2024, the Court granted class certification in the related vendor class action. *See* ECF No. 1525.

between that CDK Settlement Class Members and CDK including, for CDK, any obligation to provide products or services to any CDK Settlement Class Member, and for the CDK Settlement Class Member, any obligation to pay for those products or services. Additionally, the Settlement preserves any claims of the Class members arising out of the cybersecurity incident against CDK publicly reported in June 2024 and CDK's defenses to those claims, and does not affect or release any claims, defenses, counterclaims asserted as of the Effective Date in the action entitled *Asbury Automotive Group, Inc. v. CDK Global, LLC*, Civ. No. 24-A-04939-3 (Superior Court of Gwinnett County, State of Georgia). *Id.* ¶¶ 1(1), 33.

Subject to the approval and direction of the Court, the CDK and Reynolds settlement funds, including interest thereon, will be used to (1) pay taxes and tax-related costs; (2) make a distribution to class members in accordance with the proposed Allocation Plan filed with this Motion (*see* Wedgworth Decl. Exh. B); and (3) pay attorneys' fees not to exceed 33.3% of the combined CDK and Reynolds settlement funds; unreimbursed costs and expenses not to exceed \$7.5 million (subject to a separate motion ("Fee and Expense Application") to be filed in accordance with the Schedule (*see* Section VII, *infra*));<sup>4</sup> and class representative service awards up to \$10,000 for each of the twenty-three Class Representatives (*see* App'x) (subject to the Fee and Expense Application).<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Dealership Class Counsel may also seek reimbursement of additional limited expenses related to this Settlement and settlement administration. Notwithstanding the foregoing, CDK is not liable for any amount above the \$100 million plus up to \$250,000 for notice and administration costs as described above.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> The Settlement Agreement (Wedgworth Decl. Exh. A, ¶ 26) provides that CDK shall have the option, but not the obligation, to terminate the Settlement Agreement if a specified number of class members elect to "opt-out" of the proposed CDK Settlement Class. In accordance with Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(e)(3), counsel discloses that the specified number is set forth in a separate confidential agreement, a copy of which will be provided to the Court *in camera* upon request.

# IV. THE SETTLEMENT SATISFIES THE STANDARD FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL

# A. The Proposed Settlement Falls "Within the Range of Possible Approval" and Should Be Preliminarily Approved

Public policy strongly supports the settlement of class actions. *See Isby v. Bayh*, 75 F.3d 1191, 1196 (7th Cir. 1996) ("Federal courts naturally favor the settlement of class action litigation"); *In re Mexico Money Transfer Litig. (W. Union & Valuta)*, 164 F. Supp. 2d 1002, 1014 (N.D. Ill. 2000) (Pallmeyer, J.) ("Courts favor the resolution of a class action by way of settlement and will approve such a settlement if it is fair, reasonable, and adequate when viewed in its entirety.").

Generally, before directing that notice be given to the class members, the court makes a preliminary fairness evaluation of the proposed settlement. As explained in the MANUAL FOR COMPLEX LITIGATION (Fourth):

Review of a proposed class action settlement generally involves two hearings. First, counsel submit the proposed terms of settlement and the judge makes a preliminary fairness evaluation. \* \* \* The judge must make a preliminary determination on the fairness, reasonableness, and adequacy of the settlement terms and must direct the preparation of notice of the certification, proposed settlement, and date of the final fairness hearing.

Id. § 21.632. See also Newberg and Rubenstein on Class Actions, §13:12 (6d ed. 2022); Gautreaux v. Pierce, 690 F.2d 616, 621 n.3 (7th Cir. 1982) ("The first step in district court review of a class action settlement is a preliminary, pre-notification hearing to determine whether the proposed settlement is 'within the range of possible approval'"). A preliminary approval hearing "is not a 'fairness hearing'; its purpose is to determine whether there is any reason to notify the class members of the proposed settlement and to proceed with a fairness hearing." In re AT & T Mobility Wireless Data Servs. Sales Litig., 270 F.R.D. 330, 346 (N.D. Ill. 2010) (citation omitted).

A proposed settlement falls within the "range of possible approval" when it is conceivable that the proposed settlement will meet the criteria of Rule 23(e)(2). *In re TikTok*,

Inc., Consumer Priv. Litig., 565 F. Supp. 3d 1076, 1083 (N.D. Ill. 2021). At preliminary approval a "full-fledged inquiry" into Rule 23(e)'s standards is not required (see id. (citing Am. Intern. Group, Inc. v. ACE INA Holdings, Inc., 2011 WL 3290302, at \*6 (N.D. Ill. July 26, 2011)) – that ultimate determination awaits the final hearing.

# B. The Settlement is Fair and Resulted from Arm's Length Negotiations

Where, as here, the proposed settlement is the result of arm's length negotiations between experienced counsel, there is a presumption that the settlement is fair and reasonable. See Goldsmith v. Tech Solutions Co., 1995 WL 17009594, at \*3 n.2 (N.D. III. Oct. 10, 1995). The Settlement was reached after years of discovery, motion practice (including summary judgment motions, a fully-briefed and argued class certification motion, and Daubert challenges), and other significant proceedings, enabling Dealership Plaintiffs to fully understand the strengths and weakness of the case and achieve the best possible result on behalf of the Class. Wedgworth Decl. ¶¶ 8, 9. Courts routinely look to the judgment of the attorneys for the parties when determining if the proposed settlement is fair. See In re AT&T Mobility Wireless Data Servs. Sales Litig., 270 F.R.D. at 346; In re Mexico Money Transfer, 164 F. Supp. 2d at 1020 ("The court places significant weight on the unanimously strong endorsement of these settlements by Plaintiffs' well-respected attorneys."). Here, it is the opinion of Lead Counsel that the Settlement is fair, reasonable, and adequate. Wedgworth Decl. ¶ 10.

Furthermore, the proposed Allocation Plan (*see id.*, Exh. B) provides a reasonable and equitable method to compensate CDK Settlement Class members for their alleged injuries. *See Lucas v. Vee Pak, Inc.*, 2017 WL 6733688, at \*13 (N.D. Ill. Dec. 20, 2017) (collecting cases); *see also Schulte v. Fifth Third Bank*, 2010 WL 8816289, at \*3-4 (N.D. Ill. Sept. 10, 2010) (evaluating reasonableness of allocation plan at preliminary approval).

## V. THE COURT SHOULD CERTIFY THE PROPOSED SETTLEMENT CLASS

At the preliminary approval stage, the Court must determine whether the class should

be certified for settlement purposes. Class actions may be certified for settlement purposes only. See, e.g., In re AT & T Mobility Wireless Data Servs. Sales Litig., 270 F.R.D. at 340. Certification of a settlement class must satisfy each requirement set forth in Rule 23(a), as well as at least one of the separate provisions of Rule 23(b). See Amchem Prods., Inc. v. Windsor, 521 U.S. 591, 613-14 (1997); see also In re Cmty. Bank of N. Va., 418 F.3d 277, 299 (3d Cir. 2005) ("[C]ertification of classes for settlement purposes only [is] consistent with Fed. R. Civ. P. 23, provided that the district court engages in a Rule 23(a) and (b) inquiry"). Dealership Plaintiffs seek certification of a nationwide CDK Settlement Class consisting of:

All persons and entities located in the United States engaged in the business of the retail sale of automobiles who purchased DMS from CDK and/or Reynolds, or any predecessor, successor, subsidiary, joint venture or affiliate, during the period from September 1, 2013 through the date of this executed Settlement Agreement.

Excluded from the CDK Settlement Class are Defendants, including any entity or division in which any Defendant has a controlling interest, as well as Defendants' joint ventures, subsidiaries, affiliates, assigns, and successors.

See Wedgworth Decl. Ex. A, Settlement Agreement ¶ 1(g). As detailed below, the proposed Settlement Class meets the requirements of Rule 23(a) as well as the requirements of Rule 23(b)(3).

#### A. The Requirements of Rule 23(a) are Satisfied

#### 1. Numerosity

Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(a)(1) requires that the class be so numerous as to make joinder of its members "impracticable." "[A] forty-member class is often regarded as sufficient to meet the numerosity requirement." *Orr v. Shicker*, 953 F.3d 490, 498 (7th Cir. 2020) (citation omitted). Here, the proposed CDK Settlement Class consists of thousands of automobile dealerships located across the United States, thus satisfying the numerosity requirement. *See* ECF No. 502 at 3 (final order approving Reynolds Settlement); *In re Broiler Chicken Antitrust Litig.*, 2022 WL 1720468, at \*3 (N.D. Ill. May 27, 2022).

#### 2. Commonality

Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(a)(2) requires "questions of law or fact common to the class." "[C]ourts within the Seventh Circuit have repeatedly held that 'the question of the existence of a conspiracy in restraint of trade is one that is common to all potential plaintiffs." ECF No. 1525 at 18 (certifying vendor class, citations omitted). Dealership Plaintiffs' conspiracy allegations easily satisfy the commonality requirement. *See* ECF No. 502 at 3.

## 3. Typicality

Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(a)(3) requires that the class representatives' claims be "typical" of class members' claims. "[T]ypicality is closely related to commonality and should be liberally construed." *In re Steel Antitrust Litig.*, 2015 WL 5304629, at \*3 (N.D. III. Sept. 9, 2015) (citations omitted). Here, the typicality requirement is satisfied, as all class members have been damaged by the same alleged conspiracy. *See* ECF No. 502 at 3; ECF No. 1425 at 5-6.

## 4. Adequacy

Fed. R. Civ. P 23(a)(4) requires class representatives to "fairly and adequately protect the interests of the class." *Id.* To satisfy the requirement, "Plaintiffs must show that: 1) they do not have interests that conflict with the class as a whole, 2) they are 'sufficiently interested in the case outcome to ensure vigorous advocacy,' and 3) class counsel is competent and willing to vigorously litigate the case." *Zollicoffer v. Gold Standard Baking, Inc.*, 335 F.R.D. 126, 158 (N.D. Ill. 2020) (citation omitted); *see also Kohen v. Pacific Inv. Mgmt.*, 571 F.3d 672, 679 (7th Cir. 2009).

Here, the interests of Class Representatives (*see* App'x), requesting appointment as representatives for the proposed CDK Settlement Class for the purpose of class notice, are aligned, and do not conflict with those of the CDK Settlement Class. *See* ECF No. 502 at 3. Through their vigorous prosecution of this litigation over many years, Class Representatives and their counsel have demonstrated an unwavering commitment to the favorable resolution of

this case. *Id.* As this Court recognized when it appointed Peggy J. Wedgworth and Milberg to lead the case on an interim basis, as well as the firms comprising the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee and Liaison Counsel, Dealership Class Counsel has extensive experience in prosecuting antitrust cases, class actions, and other complex cases to successful resolution. *See* ECF Nos. 122, 123 (Order appointing Dealership leadership), and ECF Nos. 644, 944, 1285, 1343, 1379, 1484 (annual reappointments through 2024); *see also* ECF Nos. 94, 96-98, & 1425-9. Accordingly, the adequacy requirement is satisfied.

# B. The Proposed Settlement Class Satisfies Rule 23(b)(3)

In addition to Rule 23(a)'s prerequisites, Dealership Plaintiffs also satisfy Rule 23(b)(3)'s predominance and superiority requirements.

#### 1. Predominance

"Predominance is satisfied when common questions represent a significant aspect of a case and ... can be resolved for all members of a class in a single adjudication." *Broiler Chicken*, 2022 WL 1720468, at \*6 (citing *Kleen Prod. LLC v. Int'l Paper Co.*, 831 F.3d 919, 925 (7th Cir. 2016)). "Given the importance of the conspiracy element to an antitrust action, courts and commentators regularly accept that common questions here will predominate over individual questions." ECF No. 1525 at 23; *see also Amchem Prods.*, 521 U.S. at 625; ECF 502 at 3. Here, the existence of the alleged conspiracy and its resultant antitrust injury to class members clearly predominates over any individual issues. *See* ECF No. 502 at 3.

#### 2. Superiority

Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(b)(3) also requires that a class action be "superior to other available methods" for adjudicating the case. *Id.* When courts "find[] that common questions predominate, they generally also find that superiority is also met." ECF No. 1525 at 32 (citation omitted). As this Court stated in approving the Reynolds Settlement: "a class action is superior to other available methods for the fair and efficient adjudication of this controversy." ECF No.

502 at 3. The alternative here – potentially *thousands* of individual cases addressing the *same* alleged conspiracy – would be an enormous waste of the Court's and the parties' resources. The superiority requirement is thus satisfied.

#### VI. THE COURT SHOULD APPROVE THE PROPOSED NOTICE PLAN

Class notice is warranted where, as here, the Court "likely will be able to" approve the Settlement and certify the class. Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(e)(1)(B); see In re TikTok, Inc. Consumer Priv. Litig., 565 F. Supp. 3d at 1083-84. For a class proposed under Rule 23(b)(3), Rule 23(c)(2)(B) requires "the best notice that is practicable under the circumstances, including individual notice to all members who can be identified through reasonable effort." See Schulte, 805 F. Supp. 2d at 595 (N.D. Ill. 2010). The Rule also specifies that "[t]he notice may be by one or more of the following: United States mail, electronic means, or other appropriate means." Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(c)(2)(B). "What comprises the best notice possible depends on various elements, including the size of the class, whether the class members can be easily identified, and the probability notice will reach the intended audience." Schulte, 805 F. Supp. 2d at 595.

As with the previous Reynolds's settlement, Dealership Plaintiffs have retained Epiq as Settlement Administrator, an industry leader in class action administration. *See* Azari Decl. ¶ 4 and Attachment ("Att.") 1. In consultation with Epiq, Dealership Plaintiffs have developed a Notice Plan that is even more robust than the successful notice plan implemented in the Reynolds' Settlement, which was approved by this Court. Epiq expects the proposed Notice Plan will reach approximately 90% of the CDK Settlement Class. Azari Decl. ¶¶ 18, 42.

#### A. Individual Notice

Epiq will send Email Notice and/or Postcard Mail Notice to identified CDK Settlement Class Members ("Individual Notice"). *See id.*, Att. 2 and 3. Epiq will utilize detailed customer lists to send Individual Notice, obtained from both CDK and Reynolds, containing information

for their dealership customers in the United States that purchased DMS from September 1, 2013 to July 20, 2024. *See* Azari Decl. ¶¶ 23-28. Use of defendants' customer lists for notice purposes is commonplace in antitrust cases. *See e.g., In re TikTok, Inc., Consumer Priv. Litig.*, 565 F. Supp. 3d 1076, 1088-3 (N.D. III. 2021) (emails sent through "analysis of class data records" contributed to meeting standard for adequate notice); *In re Visa Check/MasterMoney Antitrust Litig.*, 2002 WL 31528478 at \*2-3 (E.D.N.Y. June 21, 2002) ("For purposes of providing notice, the best way to identify individual merchant class members is ... through merchant contact information.").

# B. Media Plan Summary

To supplement the Individual Notice efforts, Epiq's Media Plan includes various forms of notice including publication notice in a national newspaper for the automotive industry, digital/internet notice, and an information press release ("Publication Notice"). Azari Decl. ¶ 29. A 4" x 9" page ad will appear in *Automotive News*, a premier resource for the auto industry with a national circulation of approximately 64,547. *See id.* ¶ 30 and Att. 4. There will also be targeted "Digital Notice advertising on *AutoNews.com* for two weeks and *CBT News* – *Homepage Banner* Sponsorship for one to four weeks. *See id.* ¶¶ 31-35 and Att. 5.

#### C. Informational Release

To build additional reach and extend exposure, a party-neutral press release ("Informational Release") will be issued nationwide over the Auto Wire and Automotive microlist to media outlets including local and national newspapers, magazines, and national wire services across the United States, as well as websites, online databases, internet networks, blogs and social networking media. *See id.* ¶¶ 36-37 and Att. 6.

#### D. Settlement Website

Epiq will update the existing website www.dealershipclassDMSsettlement.com (where periodic case updated are posted) with information regarding this Settlement. The Settlement

website will allow potential CDK Settlement Class Members to access the Long-Form Posted Notice (*id.* ¶¶ 24, 26, 32, 38 and Att. 7), relevant court documents, including the Settlement Agreement (*see* Wedgworth Decl. Exh. A), review "Frequently Asked Questions," review the Allocation Plan (*id.* Exh. B), submit a Claim Form via an online claim portal on the website (*id.* Exh. C), follow instructions for opting-out or objecting to the Settlement, Fee and Expense Application and/or Allocation Plan, and find any updates concerning the Settlement. Azari Decl. ¶ 38. The Settlement website, Settlement postal mailing address, and the toll-free number (*see id.* ¶ 39) will be listed in the Email Notice, Postcard Mail Notice, Publication Notice, Long-Form Posted Notice and the Informational Release. The Notice Plan schedule will afford enough time to provide full and proper notice to the CDK Settlement Class Members before any opt out or objection deadlines. *Id.* ¶ 45.

A very similar Notice Plan was successfully implemented for the earlier Reynolds settlement which the Court found satisfied Rules 23(c)(2) and (e). ECF No. 432 at 5-6. Accordingly, the Notice Plan is the "best notice that is practicable under the circumstances" and is similar to notice programs approved in other cases. *See, e.g., In re Ins. Brokerage Antitrust Litig.*, 282 F.R.D. 92, 109-10 (D.N.J. 2012).

# VII. THE COURT SHOULD ADOPT THE DEADLINES SET FORTH IN THE SCHEDULE

Dealership Plaintiffs and CDK propose that the Court adopt the following deadlines governing the Settlement:

EVENT	DATE
Order granting preliminary approval of CDK Settlement and directing notice to CDK Settlement Class Members	TBD ("Preliminary Approval Date")
Notice campaign begins through direct email and U.S. mail to CDK and Reynolds Settlement Class Members, and implementation of publication notice ("Notice Date")	Within 30 days of Preliminary Approval Date
Last day for CDK to file with Court proof, by	28 days after Preliminary Approval Date

EVENT	DATE
affidavit or declaration, regarding CAFA compliance	
Last day for CDK Settlement Class Members to request exclusion from the CDK Settlement Class or to object to the CDK Settlement, including notifying the Court if want to speak at final approval hearing	45 days from Notice Date
Last day for Settlement Administrator to provide CDK and Dealership Class Plaintiffs with a list, and supporting documentation, of all persons and entities who have timely and adequately requested exclusion from the CDK Settlement Class	55 days from Notice Date
CDK Class Plaintiffs shall submit: (1) motion for final approval of CDK settlement; and (2) motion for approval of fees & expenses, and class representative service awards	66 days from Notice Date
Last day for CDK or Reynolds Settlement Class Members to object to Dealership Class Plaintiffs' motion for approval of fees & expenses, and class representative service awards	80 days from Notice Date
Last day for CDK and Reynolds Settlement Class Members to submit a claim(s) and supporting documentation	108 days from Notice Date
Last day for Class Counsel to provide to the Court a supplemental declaration from the settlement administrator regarding notice campaign, opt-outs and claim rate	122 days from Notice Date
Last day for CDK to notify Class Counsel of exercise of option to terminate Settlement, if conditions are met under Supplemental Agreement (subject to waiver by CDK)	10 days before final approval / fairness hearing
Last day for Dealership Class Plaintiffs to file responses to all objections	7 days before final approval / fairness hearing
Final approval / fairness hearing, and hearing on request for approval of fees & expenses, and class representative service awards <sup>6</sup>	TBD
Order granting final approval of CDK Settlement	TBD

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Objections, claims, or issues which relate exclusively to the Reynolds Settlement (Reynolds Settlement Class Members may not object or opt-out of that Settlement as the deadline has passed but may object to the Fee and Expense Application and/or the Allocation Plan) do not impact the CDK Settlement, and objections and/or claims which relate exclusively to the CDK Settlement do not impact the Reynolds Settlement.

EVENT	DATE
Dealership Class Plaintiffs shall submit motion for distribution of settlement funds	TBD
Distribution to CDK Settlement Class Members	TBD

<sup>\* &</sup>quot;Days" means calendar days unless otherwise indicated. If any deadline above should fall on a weekend or holiday, the deadline shall be the next business day.

#### VIII. CONCLUSION

For all the foregoing reasons, Dealership Plaintiffs respectfully request that their motion for preliminary settlement approval and certification of the proposed CDK Settlement Class be granted.

Dated August 16, 2024

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#### **APPENDIX**

Lead Counsel will be requesting service awards up to \$10,000 in their Fee and Expense Application for each of the following Class Representatives:

- 1. Baystate Ford Inc.
- 2. Cherry Hill Jaguar
- 3. Cliff Harris Group (Cliff Harris Ford, LLC d/b/a Warrensburg Ford; Warrensburg Chrysler Dodge Jeep, L.L.C. d/b/a Warrensburg Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram Fiat; Marshall Chrysler Jeep Dodge, LLC d/b/a Marshall Chrysler Jeep Dodge Ram)
- 4. Continental Motors Group (including Continental Autos, Inc. d/b/a/ Continental Toyota; Continental Classic Motors, Inc. d/b/a Continental Autosports)
- 5. Duteau Chevrolet Co. d/b/a DuTeau Chevrolet
- 6. Gregoris Motors, Inc.
- 7. GSM Auto Group (GSM Auto Group, LLC d/b/a Infiniti Mission Viejo; GSM Auto Group II, LLC d/b/a Audi Mission Viejo; GSM Auto Group III, LLC d/b/a Volvo Cars Mission Viejo)
- 8. Henry Brown Buick GMC LLC d/b/a Henry Brown Buick GMC
- 9. Hoover Automotive, LLC d/b/a Hoover Dodge Chrysler Jeep of Summerville
- 10. Jim Marsh American Corporation d/b/a Jim Marsh Mitsubishi Suzuki Kia Mahindra
- 11. John O'Neil Johnson Toyota, LLC; Inc.
- 12. Kenny Thomas Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a Olathe Toyota
- 13. L&S Toyota of Beckley
- 14. Landmark Ford
- 15. Pitre Group (Pitre Imports, LLC d/b/a Pitre Kia; Pitre, Inc. d/b/a Pitre Buick GMC)
- 16. Rochester Hills Chrysler Jeep Dodge Ram
- 17. Sandy Sansing Chevrolet, Inc. d/b/a Sandy Sansing Chevrolet Pensacola
- 18. Stevens Group (including Jericho Turnpike Sales LLC d/b/a Ford & Lincoln of Smithtown; JCF Autos LLC d/b/a Stevens Jersey City Ford; Patchogue 112 Motors LLC d/b/a Stevens Ford)
- 19. Teterboro Automall d/b/a Teterboro Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram

- 20. The Automaster (including Automaster BMW; Automaster Honda; Automaster Mercedes-Benz; Mini of Burlington)
- 21. Tony Group (including Tony Automotive Group LLC d/b/a (i) Tony Volkswagen, (ii) Tony Hyundai, (iii) Genesis of Waipio, and (iv) Tony Hyundai Honolulu; Tony Hawaii LLC d/b/a Tony Honda; Pacific Nissan LLC d/b/a Tony Nissan; Tony Hawaii Hilo LLC d/b/a Tony Honda Hilo; Tony Hawaii Kona LLC d/b/a Tony Honda Kona)
- 22. Toyota or Ann Arbor
- 23. Waconia Dodge, Inc. d/b/a Waconia Dodge

# **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Peggy J. Wedgworth, an attorney, hereby certify that on August 16, 2024, I caused a true and correct copy of the foregoing **DEALERSHIP CLASS PLAINTIFFS' UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL OF SETTLEMENT WITH DEFENDANT CDK GLOBAL, LLC AND FOR CONDITIONAL CERTIFICATION OF THE PROPOSED SETTLEMENT CLASS** to be filed and served electronically via the Court's CM/ECF system. Notice of this filing will be sent by email to all parties by operation of the Court's electronic filing system or by mail to anyone unable to accept electronic filing as indicated on the Notice of Electronic Filing. Parties may access this filing through the Court's CM/ECF system.

/s/ Peggy J. Wedgworth
Peggy J. Wedgworth

# IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS EASTERN DIVISION

IN RE: DEALER MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS ANTITRUST LITIGATION

MDL No. 2817 Case No. 18-cv-00864

This Document Relates To:

Hon. Rebecca R. Pallmeyer

THE DEALERSHIP CLASS ACTION

DECLARATION OF PEGGY J. WEDGWORTH IN SUPPORT OF DEALERSHIP CLASS PLAINTIFFS' UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL OF SETTLEMENT WITH DEFENDANT CDK GLOBAL, LLC AND FOR CONDITIONAL CERTIFICATION OF THE PROPOSED SETTLEMENT CLASS

I Peggy J. Wedgworth, pursuant to 28 USC § 1746 declare as follows:

- 1. I am a senior partner at Milberg Coleman Bryson Grossman, PLLC. During the pendency of this litigation, my firm has represented Dealership Class Plaintiffs ("Dealership Plaintiffs") in the above-captioned matter as Dealership Interim Lead Class Counsel and MDL Co-Lead Counsel ("Lead Counsel").
- 2. I respectfully submit this Declaration in support of Dealership Class Plaintiffs' Motion for Preliminary Approval of Settlement with Defendant CDK Global, LLC ("CDK") and for Conditional Certification of the Proposed Settlement Class, filed contemporaneously herewith.
- 3. I make this Declaration based on my personal knowledge and if called as a witness, I could and would competently testify as to the matters stated herein.
- 4. On behalf of Dealership Plaintiffs, I, along with partners from my firm, personally conducted settlement negotiations with counsel for CDK in-person and telephonically over an

extended period of time in the latter part of 2023 with no agreement reached. Settlement negotiations resumed following the class certification hearing held on July 2, 2024, and a settlement agreement in principle was reached on July 12, 2024. The parties' counsel executed the proposed Settlement Agreement on August 15, 2024. Dealership Class counsel and CDK counsel, all highly experienced and capable attorneys, vigorously advocated their respective clients' positions throughout the settlement negotiations. There was no collusion among counsel for the parties at any time during these negotiations. To the contrary, the negotiations were contentious, hard-fought and fully informed. In engaging in these settlement discussions, counsel for Dealership Plaintiffs were focused on obtaining the greatest monetary benefit possible from CDK on behalf of the Class, concluding the lawsuit and establishing a fair and final resolution for all involved.

- 5. A true and correct copy of the Settlement Agreement between the Dealership Class and CDK, fully executed on August 15, 2024, is attached to this Declaration as **Exhibit A**.
- 6. As part of the Settlement, CDK has agreed to pay settlement consideration of \$100 million and \$250,000 towards notice and claims administration costs into an escrow account, for the benefit of Dealership Plaintiffs, no later than thirty (30) days after the Court's preliminary approval of the Settlement. Dealership Plaintiffs previously settled with Defendant The Reynolds and Reynolds Company ("Reynolds") for \$29.5 million ("Reynolds Settlement") and the Court granted final approval of the Reynolds Settlement on January 23, 2019 (ECF No. 502). The Reynolds Settlement funds have been in an interest-bearing escrow account since that time, and the claims submission and distribution process will include both the CDK and Reynolds Settlement funds. The Reynolds Settlement and the CDK Settlement bring the total amount recovered by Dealership Plaintiffs to \$129.5 million, plus interest.

- 7. The proposed CDK Settlement Class consists of all persons and entities located in the United States engaged in the business of the retail sale of automobiles who purchased DMS from CDK and/or Reynolds, or any predecessor, successor, subsidiary, joint venture or affiliate, during the period September 1, 2013 through August 15, 2024. Excluded from the CDK Settlement Class are Defendants, including any entity or division in which any Defendant has a controlling interest, as well as Defendants' joint ventures, subsidiaries, affiliates, assigns, and successors.
- 8. The CDK Settlement follows extensive, protracted arm's-length negotiations between the parties. Dealership Plaintiffs' counsel, having spent tens of thousands of hours over almost seven years advancing Dealership Plaintiffs' claims, was well-informed of the facts and the benefits, and risks and consequences of the proposed Settlement with CDK. Counsel thoroughly evaluated the strengths and weaknesses of the parties' respective litigation positions in relation to the Settlement through investigation, discovery, research, motion practice and settlement discussions, as well as balanced the value of Dealership Plaintiffs' claims against the substantial risks and expense of continuing litigation and trial (which was scheduled for September 2024), as well as potential post-trial appeals.
- 9. Lead Counsel filed this case in this matter on October 19, 2017 and have litigated extensively over almost seven years to develop facts, economic theories, and models for class-wide damages. Discovery in this case has been considerable and far-reaching. Class Counsel negotiated discovery protocols and search terms and reviewed over 1.2 million documents. Class Counsel took or defended over one hundred depositions, including those of Defendants' then CEO's, employees and numerous expert witnesses, and subpoenaed at least thirty non-parties for data and information (taking several of their depositions). Class Representatives produced over

81,000 documents and almost all were deposed. There were multiple rounds of interrogatories and requests for production on both sides, as well as extensive motion practice, including discovery motions, summary judgment motions, a fully briefed and argued class certification motion and *Daubert* challenges. Prior to the parties settling, Dealership Plaintiffs' motion for class certification, the parties' additional *Daubert* motions, and CDK's motion pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1292 to certify for interlocutory appeal a portion of this Court's summary judgment decision, were pending.

- 10. Over my professional career, I have negotiated many settlements and prosecuted numerous antitrust class actions as lead counsel or in other leadership positions. In my opinion, the proposed Settlement with CDK is fair, reasonable, and adequate. The Settlement provides substantial monetary recovery to the Class, and avoids the delay, uncertainty and expense of continued litigation including the trial that was scheduled for September 2024 and any appeals.
- Dealership Plaintiffs will continue to use the services of experienced class action 11. administrator, Epiq Class Action and Claims Solutions, Inc. ("Epiq") to implement and administer a notice program ("Notice Program") for the CDK Settlement Class as well as the claims submission and funds distribution process for Class Members in both the CDK and Reynolds Settlement Classes. Epiq administered notice in the Reynolds settlement in 2018 and has been maintaining settlement website for Dealership **Plaintiffs** since that time (www.dealershipclassDMSsettlement.com), where periodic updates on the case are posted. The details of the proposed Notice Program, which are even more robust than the notice program approved by this Court for the Reynolds Settlement (ECF No. 432 at 5-6), are discussed in our Motion and in the supporting Declaration of Epiq's Senior Vice President and Director of Legal Notice for Hilsoft Notifications, Cameron R. Azari, submitted contemporaneously herewith.

12. Dealership Plaintiffs have and will continue to consult with the previously retained expert economist, Dr. Michael Williams of Berkley Research Group, LLC, with regard to the creation and implementation of the Allocation Plan as well as the distribution of proceeds from both the CDK and Reynolds settlement funds. Dr. Williams has provided numerous expert reports on behalf of the Dealership Class in this matter over the past six years.

13. A true and correct copy of the Allocation Plan is attached to this Declaration as **Exhibit B**.

14. A true and correct copy of the Claim Form is attached to this Declaration as **Exhibit** C.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed in Birmingham, Alabama this 16th day of August 2024.

/s/ Peggy J. Wedgworth
Peggy J. Wedgworth

# Exhibit A

# IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS EASTERN DIVISION

IN RE: DEALER MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS ANTITRUST LITIGATION

MDL No. 2817 Case No. 18-cv-00864

This Document Relates To:

Honorable Rebecca R. Pallmeyer

THE DEALERSHIP CLASS ACTION

# SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE DEALERSHIP CLASS AND CDK

This Settlement Agreement ("Agreement")<sup>1</sup> is made and entered into on August 15, 2024 by and between the Dealership Class Plaintiffs, both individually and on behalf of the CDK Settlement Class, and CDK Global, LLC ("CDK"), through their respective counsel. This Agreement is intended by the Settling Parties to fully, finally, and forever resolve, discharge, and settle the Dealership Released Claims and the CDK Released Claims, upon and subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement and subject to the approval of the Court.

WHEREAS, the Dealership Class Plaintiffs are prosecuting the Dealership Class Action ("Action") on their own behalf and on behalf of the Dealership Class against CDK; and

WHEREAS, the Dealership Class Plaintiffs allege, among other things, that CDK and The Reynolds and Reynolds Company ("Reynolds")<sup>2</sup> unlawfully colluded to restrain and/or eliminate competition by charging supracompetitive prices in the markets for Dealer Management System

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Unless otherwise noted, capitalized terms not immediately defined have the meanings set forth in the Definitions section of this Agreement.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Reynolds settled the Action in 2019. *See* Settlement Agreement Between the Dealership Class and Reynolds (ECF No. 427-2) ("Reynolds Settlement"); Final Approval Order and Judgment for Settlement between the Dealership Class and Reynolds (ECF No. 502).

("DMS") software services and Data Integration Services ("DIS"), in violation of Sections 1 and 2 of the Sherman Act and certain state antitrust and consumer protection laws; and

WHEREAS, the Dealership Class Plaintiffs have conducted an investigation into the facts and the law regarding the Action and have concluded that a settlement with CDK according to the terms of this Agreement is fair, reasonable, and adequate, and beneficial to and in the best interests of the Dealership Class Plaintiffs and the CDK Settlement Class; and

WHEREAS, CDK denies Dealership Class Plaintiffs' allegations and claims in the Action<sup>3</sup> and any wrongdoing or liability to Dealership Class Plaintiffs and members of the CDK Settlement Class; and is entering in this Agreement for settlement purposes only and solely to avoid the inconvenience, distraction and disruption of burdensome litigation and to reach certain and final resolution with CDK's customers, and to obtain the releases, orders, and judgment contemplated by this Agreement, and to put to rest with finality all claims known or unknown asserted against CDK based on the allegations of the Action, as more particularly set out below; and

WHEREAS, Dealership Class Plaintiffs deny any allegations and counterclaims brought by CDK against certain Dealership Class Plaintiffs in the Action<sup>4</sup> and deny any wrongdoing or liability to CDK; and are entering in this Agreement for settlement purposes only and to avoid the further expense, risk, inconvenience, distraction and disruption of burdensome litigation, and to obtain the releases, orders and judgment contemplated by this Agreement, and to put to rest with finality all claims known or unknown asserted against the Counterclaim Named Plaintiffs, as more particularly set out below; and

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Certain claims brought by Dealership Class Plaintiffs were dismissed by this Court on January 25, 2019 (ECF 507) and June 29, 2023 (ECF No. 1382).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> All Counterclaims brought by CDK were dismissed by this Court on September 3, 2019 (ECF No. 749) and June 29, 2023 (ECF No. 1382).

WHEREAS, Dealership Class Lead Counsel and CDK's Counsel have engaged in arm's-length settlement negotiations;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the covenants, agreements, and releases set forth herein and for other good and valuable consideration, it is agreed by and among the undersigned that the Action be settled, compromised and dismissed on the merits with prejudice as to CDK and, except as provided by this Agreement, without costs to the Dealership Class Plaintiffs, the CDK Settlement Class, or CDK, subject to the approval of the Court, following Notice to the CDK Settlement Class, on the following terms and conditions:

#### A. Definitions

- 1. These terms, as used in this Agreement, have the following meanings:
- (a) "Action" means The Dealership Class Action, In Re Dealer Management Systems Antitrust Litigation, MDL No. 2817, 18-cv-00864 (N.D. Ill.).
- (b) "CDK Released Claims" means any and all claims and causes of action (whether class, representative, individual or otherwise), existing as of or prior to the Effective Date, whether asserted or unasserted, known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, foreseen or unforeseen, actual or contingent, liquidated or unliquidated, against the Counterclaim Named Plaintiffs that (i) CDK Releasors asserted against the Counterclaim Named Plaintiffs in MDL Litigation 2817; or (ii) that arise out of the facts asserted in CDK's counterclaims against the Counterclaim Named Plaintiffs for (a) breach of contract due to any provision of login credentials to Authenticom, Inc. and/or other third parties to enable those third parties to access CDK's DMS, (b) violation of the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act, 18 U.S.C. § 1030 et seq., and (c) violation of the Digital Millennium Copyright Act, 17 U.S.C. § 1201 et seq., including claims for damages (whether actual, punitive, treble, compensatory, or otherwise), costs, fees, expenses, penalties, and attorneys' fees.

- (c) "CDK Releasees" and "CDK Releasors" mean CDK, and all of their respective current and former, direct and indirect parents, owners, subsidiaries, affiliates, divisions, predecessors, successors, assigns, insurers, and shareholders; and all respective current and former officers, directors, principals, partners, members, heirs, attorneys, representatives, agents, and employees of each of the foregoing entities.
- (d) "CDK Settlement Class," for purposes of settlement only, means all persons and entities located in the United States engaged in the business of the retail sale of automobiles who purchased DMS from CDK and/or Reynolds ("Defendants"), or any predecessor, successor, subsidiary, joint venture or affiliate, during the period from September 1, 2013 through August 15, 2024 ("CDK Settlement Class Period"). Excluded from the CDK Settlement Class are Defendants, including any entity or division in which any Defendant has a controlling interest, as well as Defendants' joint ventures, subsidiaries, affiliates, assigns, and successors. Subject to Court approval, the parties agree that the CDK Settlement Class shall be certified pursuant to Rules 23(a) and 23(b)(3) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure for settlement purposes only as to CDK.
- (e) "CDK Settlement Class Member" means each member of the CDK Settlement Class who does not timely elect to be excluded from the Dealership Settlement Class.
- (f) "CDK Settlement Class Period" means the period from September 1, 2013 through the Effective Date which is defined as August 15, 2024.
  - (g) "Counsel for CDK" refers to the law firm of Kirkland & Ellis LLP.
- (h) "Counterclaim Named Plaintiffs" are those named counter-defendants in CDK's counterclaims (ECF No. 522): (1) ACA Motors, Inc. d/b/a Continental Acura; (2) Baystate Ford Inc.; (3) Cherry Hill Jaguar; (4) Cliff Harris Ford, LLC d/b/a Warrensburg Ford; (5) Continental Autos, Inc. d/b/a/ Continental Toyota; (6) Continental Classic

Motors, Inc. d/b/a Continental Autosports; (7) 5800 Countryside, LLC d/b/a/ Continental Mitsubishi; (8) HDA Motors, Inc. d/b/a Continental Honda; (9) H & H Continental Motors, Inc. d/b/a Continental Nissan; (10) JCF Autos LLC d/b/a Stevens Jersey City Ford; (11) Jericho Turnpike Sales LLC d/b/a Ford & Lincoln of Smithtown; (12) Marshall Chrysler Jeep Dodge, LLC d/b/a Marshall Chrysler Jeep Dodge Ram; (13) Naperville Zoom Cars, Inc. d/b/a/ Continental Mazda; (14) NV Autos, Inc. d/b/a Continental Audi; (15) Patchogue 112 Motors LLC d/b/a Stevens Ford; (16) Waconia Dodge, Inc. d/b/a Waconia Dodge; and (17) Warrensburg Chrysler Dodge Jeep, L.L.C. d/b/a Warrensburg Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram Fiat. Counterclaim Named Plaintiffs, and all of their current and former, direct and indirect parents, owners, subsidiaries, affiliates, divisions, predecessors, successors, assigns, insurers, and shareholders, and all respective current and former officers, directors, principals, partners, members, heirs, attorneys, representatives, agents, and employees of each of the foregoing entities are collectively referred to as "Plaintiff Releasees."

- (i) "Dealership Class Counsel" means the law firms of Milberg Coleman Bryson Phillips Grossman, PLLC ("Milberg"); Bellavia Blatt, P.C.; Gustafson Gluek PLLC; Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd LLP; and Clifford Law Offices, P.C.
  - (j) "Dealership Class Lead Counsel" means Milberg.
- (k) "Dealership Class Plaintiffs" means each of the named plaintiffs in the Consolidated Class Action Complaint (ECF No. 184) (the "Complaint"): (1) ACA Motors, Inc. d/b/a Continental Acura; (2) Baystate Ford Inc.; (3) Cherry Hill Jaguar; (4) Cliff Harris Ford, LLC d/b/a Warrensburg Ford; (5) Continental Autos, Inc. d/b/a/ Continental Toyota; (6) Continental Classic Motors, Inc. d/b/a Continental Autosports; (7) 5800 Countryside, LLC d/b/a/ Continental Mitsubishi; (8) HDA Motors, Inc. d/b/a Continental Honda; (9) H & H Continental Motors, Inc.

d/b/a Continental Nissan; (10) Gregoris Motors, Inc.; (11) Hoover Automotive, LLC d/b/a Hoover Dodge Chrysler Jeep of Summerville; (12) JCF Autos LLC d/b/a Stevens Jersey City Ford; (13) Jericho Turnpike Sales LLC d/b/a Ford & Lincoln of Smithtown; (14) Jim Marsh American Corporation d/b/a Jim Marsh Mitsubishi Suzuki Kia Mahindra; (15) John O'Neil Johnson Toyota, LLC; (16) Kenny Thomas Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a Olathe Toyota; (17) Marshall Chrysler Jeep Dodge, LLC d/b/a Marshall Chrysler Jeep Dodge Ram; (18) Naperville Zoom Cars, Inc. d/b/a/ Continental Mazda; (19) NV Autos, Inc. d/b/a Continental Audi; (20) Patchogue 112 Motors LLC d/b/a Stevens Ford; (21) Pitre Imports, LLC d/b/a Pitre Kia; (22) Pitre, Inc. d/b/a Pitre Buick GMC; (23) Teterboro Automall, Inc. d/b/a Teterboro Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram; (24) Waconia Dodge, Inc. d/b/a Waconia Dodge; and (25) Warrensburg Chrysler Dodge Jeep, L.L.C. d/b/a Warrensburg Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram Fiat; as well as additional class representatives added in the Motion for Class Certification (ECF No. 1424): (1) Henry Brown Buick GMC, LLC d/b/a Henry Brown Buick GMC; (2) Tony Automotive Group LLC d/b/a (i) Tony Volkswagen; (ii) Tony Hyundai; (iii) Genesis of Waipio; and (iv) Tony Hyundai Honolulu; (3) Tony Hawaii LLC d/b/a Tony Honda; (4) Pacific Nissan LLC d/b/a Tony Nissan; (5) Tony Hawaii Hilo LLC d/b/a Tony Honda Hilo; (6) Tony Hawaii Kona LLC d/b/a Tony Honda Kona; (7) GSM Auto Group, LLC d/b/a Infiniti Mission Viejo; (8) GSM Auto Group II, LLC d/b/a Audi Mission Viejo; (9) GSM Auto Group III, LLC d/b/a Volvo Cars Mission Viejo; (10) Sandy Sansing Chevrolet, Inc. d/b/a Sandy Sansing Chevrolet Pensacola; (11) Duteau Chevrolet Co. d/b/a DuTeau Chevrolet; (12) Landmark Ford; (13) Automaster BMW; (14) Automaster Honda; (15) Automaster Mercedes-Benz; (16) Mini of Burlington; (17) L&S Motors of Beckley, Inc. d/b/a L&S Toyota of Beckley; (18) Toyota of Ann Arbor; and (19) Rochester Hills Chrysler Jeep Dodge Ram.

(1) "Dealership Released Claims" means any and all claims and causes of action (whether class, representative, individual or otherwise), existing as of or prior to the Effective Date whether asserted or unasserted, known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, foreseen or unforeseen, actual or contingent, liquidated or unliquidated, that CDK Settlement Class members ("CDK Settlement Class Releasors") have against CDK Releasees (i) that were asserted in Dealership Class Plaintiffs' complaints previously filed in MDL Litigation 2817 (including the Complaint), or (ii) that arise out of or relate to the facts, agreements, conspiracies, communications, or announcements alleged in such complaints under any antitrust, unjust enrichment, unfair competition, unfair practices, trade practices, price discrimination, unitary pricing, racketeering, contract, civil conspiracy or consumer protection law, whether under federal, state, local or foreign law, including claims for damages (whether actual, punitive, treble, compensatory, or otherwise), costs, fees, expenses, penalties, and attorneys' fees; provided, however, that nothing herein shall release any claim involving any negligence, personal injury, breach of contract, bailment, failure to deliver lost goods, damaged or delayed goods, product defect, securities, or other claims relating to CDK's DMS. For clarity, Dealership Released Claims do not include any and all claims, demands, and causes of action that CDK Settlement Class Releasors have against CDK Releasees, whether known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, suspected or unsuspected, actual or contingent, liquidated or unliquidated, that relate in any way to any data breach, cyberattack, or cybersecurity incident, including but not limited to any data breach, cyberattack, and/or security incident publicly reported in June 2024 involving CDK's DMS.

(m) "Defendants" means CDK and Reynolds.

- (n) "DIS" or "Data Integration Services," for purposes of this Agreement only, means the programs and services for extracting, formatting, integrating, and/or organizing data from DMSs.
- (o) "DMS," for purposes of this Agreement only, means Dealer Management System, which is an enterprise software system and computing platform designed for automobile dealers.
  - (p) "Effective Date" shall mean the Execution Date of this Agreement.
- (q) "Escrow Account" means the separate escrow account at a banking institution into which the Settlement Consideration will be deposited for the benefit of the Dealership Settlement Class.
  - (r) "Escrow Agent" means the Settlement Administrator.
- (s) "Execution Date" means the date of the last signature on the signature pages set forth below. On the Execution Date, the Dealership Class Plaintiffs and CDK are bound by the terms of this Agreement, and this Agreement shall not be rescinded except in accordance with their Rescission Rights, including CDK's Opt-Out Termination Right.
- (t) "Fee and Expense Order" means an order by the Court approving the request for an award of attorneys' fees and litigation expenses and class representative awards.
- (u) "Final," with respect to the Final Approval Order and Judgment or an alternative judgment, means: (a) if no appeal is filed, the expiration date of the time for filing or noticing of any appeal from the Court's Judgment approving the Settlement; i.e., thirty (30) calendar days after entry of the Judgment; or (b) if there is an appeal, the date of final dismissal of any appeal from the Judgment, or the final dismissal of any proceeding on *certiorari* to review the Judgment; or (c) the date of final affirmance on an appeal of the Judgment, the expiration of the

time to file a petition for a writ of *certiorari*, or the denial of a writ of *certiorari* to review the Judgment, and, if *certiorari* is granted, the date of final affirmance of the Judgment following review under that grant. It is agreed that neither the provisions of Rule 60 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure nor the All Writs Act, 28 U.S.C. §1651, shall be taken into account in determining the above-stated times. Any proceeding or order, or any appeal or petition for a writ of *certiorari* pertaining solely to any distribution plan and/or application for attorneys' fees, class representative service awards, costs, or expenses, shall not delay or preclude the Judgment from becoming Final.

- (v) "Final Approval Order and Judgment" means the order and final judgment to be entered by the Court approving the Agreement, as approved by the Settling Parties and substantially in the form submitted with the Motion for Preliminary Approval.
- (w) "MDL" means the multidistrict litigation, In Re Dealer Management Systems Antitrust Litigation, MDL No. 2817 (N.D. Ill.).
- (x) "Notice" means the forms of notice as approved by the Settling Parties and submitted with the Motion for Preliminary Approval, including the email, mail, publication, digital, and long form notices, and information release to be disseminated by the Settlement Administrator to the CDK Settlement Class.
- (y) "Notice and Claims Costs" means actual class notice and claims administration costs up to a maximum limit of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) in U.S. dollars.
- (z) "Opt-Out Deadline" means the deadline for a Class Member to submit a Request for Exclusion as set forth in the Preliminary Approval Order and which will be no more than 45 days from Notice sent to Dealership Settlement Class Members about this Agreement.

- (aa) "Preliminary Approval Order" means the proposed order preliminarily approving the Agreement and directing Notice to the CDK Settlement Class as approved by the Settling Parties and substantially in the form submitted to the Court with the Motion for Preliminary Approval.
- (bb) "Released Claims" means the Dealership Released Claims and the CDK Released Claims.
- (cc) "Request for Exclusion" means the letter that must be written, completed with all information required, signed under penalty of perjury and returned in the manner and within the time frame specified in this Agreement for a CDK Settlement Class Member to request exclusion from the Class.
  - (dd) "Settlement" means the settlement contemplated by this Agreement.
- (ee) "Settlement Administrator" means the firm of Epiq Class Action & Claims Solutions, Inc., which shall administer the Settlement, subject to the Court's approval.
- (ff) "Settlement Consideration" means one hundred million dollars (\$100,000,000) in U.S. dollars.
- (gg) "Settlement Fund" means the funds in the Escrow Account, including the Settlement Consideration and Notice and Claims Costs, and any interest accrued thereon. The Settlement Fund does not include monies paid by Reynolds in connection with the Reynolds Settlement, nor any interest earned on the Reynolds settlement, nor any expenses paid from the Reynolds settlement amount as authorized by the Court.
  - (hh) "Settling Parties" means the Dealership Class Plaintiffs and CDK.

#### B. Approval of this Agreement, Notice, and Dismissal of Claims Against CDK

2. <u>Reasonable Best Efforts to Effectuate this Settlement.</u> The Dealership Class Plaintiffs and CDK will use their best efforts to effectuate this Agreement, including

cooperating in seeking Court approval of the Settlement and securing both the Court's certification of the CDK Settlement Class and the Court's approval of procedures (including issuing class notice under Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 23(c) and (e)) to secure the complete and Final dismissal with prejudice of the Action as to CDK. The parties shall use their best efforts to stay litigation of the Released Claims of CDK Settlement Class Members pending the Final Approval Order and Judgment.

- 3. <u>Motion for Preliminary Approval</u>. On August 16, 2024, Class Counsel will submit a motion for preliminary approval of the Settlement by the Court and for authorization to disseminate Notice to the CDK Settlement Class.
- A. Notice to the CDK Settlement Class. As ordered by the Court in the Preliminary Approval Order, consistent with the requirements of Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and due process, Notice shall be disseminated to the CDK Settlement Class, which shall be provided with the opportunity to request to be excluded from the CDK Settlement Class and the opportunity to object to the Settlement, or any attorneys' fees, costs and expenses, distribution plan, or class representative service award<sup>5</sup> sought by Dealership Class Counsel. On the timetable and in the manner set by the Court in the Preliminary Approval Order, the Settlement Administrator shall disseminate Notice to the CDK Settlement Class. CDK will provide reasonable assistance with Notice to CDK Settlement Class members, including by providing, for Notice purposes only, email and mailing addresses for current CDK dealers and mailing addresses for prior CDK dealers from 2013 to present, that are presently available and accessible in CDK's records.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Class representatives are listed in Paragraph A.1.(k).

5. <u>Motion for Final Approval and Entry of Final Judgment</u>. Prior to the date set by the Court to consider whether this Settlement should be finally approved, Dealership Class Counsel will submit a motion for final approval of the Settlement by the Court. The Settling Parties shall jointly seek entry of a Final Approval Order and Judgment, substantially in the form submitted with the Motion for Preliminary Approval.

#### C. Releases, Discharge, and Covenants Not to Sue

- 6. <u>Release of Claims Against CDK Releasees.</u> Upon entry of the Final Approval Order and Judgment, CDK Settlement Class Releasors release Dealership Released Claims against each CDK Releasee, irrespective of whether any such claim has been asserted against such releasee.
- 7. <u>Release of Claims Against Plaintiff Releasees.</u> Upon entry of the Final Approval Order and Judgment, CDK Releasors release CDK Released Claims against each Plaintiff Releasee, irrespective of whether any such claim has been asserted against such releasee.
- 8. <u>No Future Actions Following Releases</u>. CDK Settlement Class Releasors and CDK Releasors covenant and agree that they will not, after the Effective Date, seek to recover from any releasee on account of the claims released by such releasors.
- 9. <u>Covenant Not to Sue.</u> CDK Settlement Class Releasors and CDK Releasors hereby covenant not to sue CDK Releasees and Plaintiff Releasees, respectively, with respect to any Released Claims. Dealership Settlement Class Releasors and CDK Releasors shall be permanently barred and enjoined from instituting, commencing, or prosecuting against the CDK Releasees and Plaintiff Releasees, respectively, any claims based in whole or in part on the Released Claims. The Settling Parties contemplate and agree that this Agreement may be pleaded as a bar to a lawsuit, and an injunction may be obtained, preventing any action from being initiated

or maintained in any case sought to be prosecuted by or on behalf of any Dealership Class Releasor or CDK Releasor with respect to the Released Claims.

10. Waiver of California Civil Code § 1542 and Similar Laws. CDK Settlement Class Releasors and CDK Releasors expressly waive, upon Final Approval of the Agreement, any and all provisions, rights and benefits conferred by (i) Section 1542 of the California Civil Code, 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."); or (ii) any law of any state or territory of the United States, or principle of common law that is similar, or equivalent to Section 1542 of the California Civil Code.

#### **D.** Motion Practice

11. After the Effective Date, neither CDK nor Dealership Class Plaintiffs shall file any further motions against the other. In the event this Settlement does not become Final, both CDK and Dealership Class Plaintiffs shall retain the right to reinstate and pursue any motions that were previously stayed or taken off calendar.

#### E. Payments

Settlement Consideration. CDK shall pay or cause to be paid the Settlement Consideration. CDK's sole monetary obligation under the Settlement shall be for CDK to pay the Settlement Consideration, and CDK shall not be obligated to pay any other amounts (except for the Notice and Claims Costs). Dealership Class Lead Counsel will establish an Escrow Account. CDK shall fund the Settlement Consideration into the Escrow Account no later than thirty (30) days after the Court's preliminary approval of the settlement. All interest on the funds in the Escrow Account shall accrue to the benefit of the CDK Settlement Class. There shall be no

disbursements from the Escrow Account with the exception of Notice and Claims Costs unless and until the Court enters the Final Approval Order and Judgment.

13. <u>Notice and Claims Costs</u>. In addition to the Settlement Consideration, CDK agrees to pay Notice and Claims Costs. The Notice and Claims Costs shall be paid into the Escrow Account no later than thirty (30) days after the Court's preliminary approval of the settlement. All interest on the funds in the Escrow Account shall accrue to the benefit of the CDK Settlement Class.

#### F. Settlement Fund

- 14. <u>Settlement Fund.</u> Dealership Class Lead Counsel will provide complete and accurate payment instructions and a W-9 for payment of the Settlement Consideration and Notice and Claims Costs into the Escrow Account.
- (a) <u>Escrow Account</u>. All funds required to be held in escrow for the purposes of this Settlement shall be held by the Escrow Agent. All funds required to be held in the Escrow Account are deemed to be in the custody of the Court and will remain subject to the jurisdiction of the Court until the funds are distributed pursuant to this Agreement and/or further order of the Court.
- (b) The Escrow Agent or any independent entity designated by the Escrow Agent will invest any funds held in the Escrow Account in short-term United States Agency or Treasury Securities (or a mutual fund invested solely in such instruments) or in a fully US Government-insured account, and will collect and reinvest any interest accrued thereon, except that any residual cash balances or funds needed for short-term placement up to the amount that is insured by the FDIC may be deposited in any account that is fully insured by the FDIC and held in cash.

- (c) All risks related to the investment of the Settlement Fund shall be borne solely by the Settlement Fund, and the CDK Releasees shall have no responsibility for, interest in, or liability regarding investment decisions or the actions of the Escrow Agent, or any transactions executed by the Escrow Agent.
- (d) The Settling Parties and their counsel shall treat, and shall cause the Settlement Administrator or its designee to treat, the Settlement Fund as at all times a "qualified settlement fund" within the meaning of Treas. Reg. § 1.468B-1. In addition, the Settlement Administrator or its designee and, as required, the parties, shall timely make such elections as necessary or advisable to carry out the provisions of this Paragraph, including the "relation-back election" (as defined in Treas. Reg. § 1.468B-1(j)(2)) back to the earliest permitted date. Such elections shall be made in compliance with the procedures and requirements in such regulations. It shall be the responsibility of the Escrow Agent, the Settlement Administrator or its designee to timely and properly prepare and deliver the necessary documentation for signature by all necessary parties and thereafter to cause the appropriate filing to occur. All provisions of this Agreement shall be interpreted consistent with the Settlement Fund being a "qualified settlement fund" within the meaning of Treas. Reg. § 1.468B-1.
- (e) For the purpose of § 1.468B of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and the regulations promulgated thereunder, the "Administrator" of the Settlement Fund shall be the Escrow Agent, the Settlement Administrator or its designee, who shall timely and properly file or cause to be filed, all tax returns necessary or advisable regarding the Settlement Fund (including, without limitation, all income tax returns, all informational returns, and all returns described in Treas. Reg. § 1.468B-2).

- (f) The Escrow Agent or its designee will file all informational and other tax returns necessary to report any taxable and/or net taxable income earned by the Settlement Fund.
- (g) The Escrow Agent or any independent entity designated by the Escrow Agent will pay out of the Settlement Fund: (i) all taxes (including any estimated taxes, interest or penalties) arising with respect to the income earned by the Settlement Fund, including any taxes or tax detriments that may be imposed upon CDK with respect to any income earned by the Settlement Fund for any period during which the Settlement Fund does not qualify as a qualified settlement fund for federal or state income tax purposes ("Taxes"); and (ii) all expenses and costs incurred in connection with the operation and implementation of this Paragraph (including, without limitation, expenses of tax attorneys and/or accountants and mailing and distribution costs and expenses relating to filing (or failing to file) the returns described in this Paragraph ("Tax Expenses").
- (h) CDK Releasees shall have no liability or responsibility for the Taxes or the Tax Expenses. Further, Taxes and Tax Expenses shall be treated as, and considered, a cost of administration of the Settlement Fund and shall be timely paid by the Escrow Agent out of the Settlement Fund without prior order from the Court and the Escrow Agent shall be obligated (notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary) to withhold from distribution to any claimants authorized by the Court any funds necessary to pay such amounts including the establishment of adequate reserves for any Taxes and Tax Expenses (and any amounts that may be required to be withheld under Treas. Reg. § 1.468B-2(1)(2)). The Settling Parties, through their counsel, agree to cooperate with each other, and their tax attorneys and accountants to the extent reasonably necessary to carry out the provisions of this Paragraph.

#### G. Administration and Distribution of Net Settlement Fund

15. Net Settlement Fund. The Settlement Fund, net of any Taxes and Tax Expenses shall be used to pay (i) any attorneys' fees, litigation expenses and class representative service awards approved by the Court; and (ii) any Court-approved administration expenses involved in distributing funds to CDK Settlement Class Members. The balance of the Settlement Fund after the above payments shall be the "Net Settlement Fund." CDK Settlement Class Releasors shall look solely to the Net Settlement Fund for settlement and satisfaction against the CDK Releasees of all Released Claims and shall have no other recovery against CDK or any other CDK Releasee for such Released Claims.

Distribution of Net Settlement Fund. Upon further orders of the Court, the Settlement Administrator, subject to such supervision and direction of the Court and/or Dealership Class Lead Counsel as may be necessary or as circumstances may require, will distribute the Net Settlement Fund to CDK Settlement Class Members pursuant to a distribution plan to be approved by the Court. Dealership Class Lead Counsel, either before or after final settlement approval, shall propose to the Court a reasonable distribution plan for the Net Settlement Fund designed to effectuate the Settlement and will require CDK Settlement Class Members to submit claim forms and supporting documentation to the Settlement Administrator. In no event shall any CDK Releasee have any responsibility, financial obligation, or liability whatsoever with respect to the costs and expenses of such distribution and administration, with the sole exception of the Notice and Claims Costs Paragraph. CDK's Counsel shall have no involvement in reviewing or challenging claim forms. CDK shall be dismissed from the Action prior to any distribution of this Net Settlement Fund and shall have no involvement in the distribution of the Net Settlement Fund.

- Agreement and it is not a condition of this Agreement that any particular distribution plan be approved. A distribution plan will be considered by the Court separately from the Court's consideration of the fairness, reasonableness and adequacy of the Settlement in this Agreement, and any order or proceedings relating to any distribution plan shall not operate to terminate or cancel this Agreement or affect the finality of the Final Approval Order and Judgment, or any other orders entered pursuant to this Agreement. The time to appeal from an approval of the Settlement shall commence upon the Court's entry of the Final Approval Order and Judgment or an alternative judgment, regardless of whether either any distribution plan or application for attorneys' fees and expenses has been submitted to the Court or approved.
- 18. <u>No Reversion</u>. This is not a claims-made settlement. The Net Settlement Fund shall be distributed to CDK Settlement Class Members pursuant to a Court-approved distribution plan or as otherwise ordered by the Court. CDK shall not be entitled to the return of any of the settlement monies except as set forth in the Status Quo Ante Paragraph below.

#### H. Dealership Class Counsel's Attorneys' Fees, Class Representative Service Awards and Reimbursement of Expenses

19. <u>Fee and Expense Application</u>. Subject to Court approval, Dealership Class Lead Counsel may apply to the Court for an award of fees, reimbursement of expenses and class representative service awards; provided, however, that (i) any fees, expenses and service awards approved by the Court in respect of this Settlement shall be paid solely out of the Settlement Fund and CDK shall have no other liability for payment of any such fees and expenses and service awards, and (ii) CDK agrees not to take any position on any application of Dealership Class Counsel for such fees, expenses and service awards so long as the attorney fee award does not

exceed one-third of all settlement monies collected on behalf of the dealerships in the Action, plus interest thereon.

- 20. The CDK Releasees shall not have any liability for any costs, fees, or expenses of any of Dealership Class Plaintiffs' or the CDK Settlement Class's respective attorneys, experts, advisors, agents, or representatives, but all such costs, fees and expenses as approved by the Court shall be paid out of the Settlement Fund.
- 21. Payment of a Fee and Expense Award. Upon entry of an order by the Court approving the request for an award of attorneys' fees and litigation expenses and class representative awards ("Fee and Expense Order"), attorneys' fees and litigation expenses and class representative awards may be paid from the Settlement Fund pursuant to the terms of the Fee and Expense Order, subject to Dealership Class Lead Counsel's obligations to make appropriate refunds or repayments to the Settlement Fund plus accrued interest at the same net rate as earned by the Settlement Fund, if, because of any appeal and/or further proceedings on remand, or successful collateral attack, the Settlement is terminated or the Fee and Expense Order is modified or reversed.
- 22. Dealership Class Lead Counsel shall receive attorneys' fees, costs, expenses, and funds for class representative service awards when such Fee and Expense Order is signed by the district court, regardless of whether approval of the Settlement or the Fee and Expense Order is appealed. Dealership Class Lead Counsel shall refund any award under the Fee and Expense Order to the extent that it is reversed or reduced by an appellate court.
- 23. Dealership Class Lead Counsel shall allocate the attorneys' fees amongst counsel that worked on the case in a manner in which they in good faith believe reflects the contributions of such counsel to the prosecution and settlement of the Action. CDK has no

liability or obligation to Dealership Class Plaintiffs, the other CDK Settlement Class Members, or Dealership Class Counsel for any type of attorneys' fees or service award other than CDK's obligation to pay or cause to be paid the Settlement Consideration.

- 24. Nothing contained herein shall affect any application to the Court for an award of attorneys' fees, reimbursement of expenses and class representative service awards from the Reynolds Settlement.
- 25. Award of Fees, Class Representative Service Awards and Expenses Not Part of Settlement. The procedure for and the allowance or disallowance by the Court of any fee and expense application are not part of the Settlement, and are separate from the Court's consideration of the fairness, reasonableness, and adequacy of the Settlement, and any order or proceeding relating to any fee and expense application, including without limitation an award of attorneys' fees or expenses less than the amount requested by Dealership Class Counsel, or any appeal from or reversal or modification of any order relating to attorneys' fees or expenses, shall not operate to terminate this Agreement, or affect or delay the finality of the Judgment approving the Settlement, including, but not limited to, the release, discharge, and relinquishment of the Released Claims against the CDK Releasees, or any other orders entered pursuant to the Settlement. Neither CDK nor any CDK Releasee shall have any responsibility for, or interest in, or liability whatsoever with respect to any payment to Dealership Class Counsel of any fee or expense award in the Action. The Dealership Class Plaintiffs and Dealership Class Counsel have no right to terminate this Settlement based on the Court's or any appellate court's ruling regarding fees and expenses or class representative awards.

#### I. Opt-Out Termination Right

26. <u>CDK's Opt-Out Termination Right</u>. Simultaneously herewith, Dealership Class Lead Counsel and CDK's Counsel are executing a "Supplemental Agreement"

setting forth certain conditions under which CDK has the option, but not the obligation, to terminate this Agreement if a certain number of CDK Settlement Class Members exclude themselves from the CDK Settlement Class. The Supplemental Agreement will not be filed unless a dispute arises as to its terms. In the event of termination of the Settlement pursuant to the Supplemental Agreement, this Agreement shall become null and void and of no further force and effect and the Status Quo Ante Provisions, set forth in Paragraph 31, shall apply.

#### J. Dealership Class Plaintiffs' Right of Exclusion/Inclusion

27. Request for Exclusion. A CDK Settlement Class Member may request exclusion from the CDK Settlement Class until the Opt-Out Deadline. To request exclusion, the CDK Settlement Class Member must send a signed letter by U.S. mail to the Settlement Administrator. The Request for Exclusion must be signed by the Class Member seeking exclusion under penalty of perjury. So-called "mass" or "class" optouts shall not be allowed. To be valid, a Request for Exclusion must be postmarked on or before the Opt-Out Deadline. Any CDK Settlement Class Member who submits by U.S. mail a valid and timely Request for Exclusion shall not be entitled to relief under, and shall not be affected by, this Agreement or any relief provided by this Agreement. For a Request for Exclusion to be considered by the Court, it must set forth all of the following: (i) the specific statement that the person or entity is a member of the CDK Settlement Class and wants to be excluded from the Settlement with CDK in the Dealership Class Action, In re Dealer Management Systems Antitrust Litigation, MDL No. 2817, 18-cv-00864 (N.D. Ill.); (ii) the person's or entity's full name, address, email address and telephone number; (iii) all trade names or business names and addresses used by the person or entity; (iv) the number of and physical addresses in the state or U.S. territory for each of the rooftops requesting exclusion; (v) the identity of the person's or entity's counsel for each rooftop, if represented; (vi) the date(s) from September 1, 2013 to August 15, 2024 the person or entity entered into a contract for DMS

services for each rooftop and with whom (*i.e.*, CDK and/or Reynolds) the person or entity entered into the contract; and (vii) the person's or entity's authorized representative's signature (under penalty of perjury) and title; and (vii) the date on which the Exclusion Request was signed.

- An Exclusion Request shall not be valid unless it provides the required information and is made within the time stated above. The Settling Parties shall have the right to challenge the timeliness and validity of any Request for Exclusion. The Court shall determine whether any contested Exclusion Request is valid.
- 29. Within ten (10) days after the Opt-Out Deadline, the Settlement Administrator will provide the Settling Parties with a list of persons or entities who opted out by validly requesting exclusion along with all documentation supporting the determination. At or before the fairness hearing, Dealership Lead Class Counsel shall file or cause to be filed with the Court, under seal, a list of all persons and entities who have timely and validly requested exclusion from the CDK Settlement Class.

#### K. Settling Parties' Rescission Rights

30. CDK and the Dealership Class Plaintiffs may each elect to terminate the Settlement and this Agreement ("Rescission Rights") by providing written notice to the other party within thirty (30) days after any of the following events: (a) the Court's declining to enter the Preliminary Approval Order in any material respect; (b) the Court's refusal to approve this Agreement or any material part of it; (c) the Court's declining to enter the Final Approval Order and Judgment in any material respect; (d) the date upon which the Final Approval Order and Judgment is modified or reversed in any material respect by the Court of Appeals or the Supreme Court; or (e) the date upon which an alternative judgment is modified or reversed in any material respect by the Court of Appeals or the Supreme Court.

#### L. Effect of Termination, Rescission, or Failure to Become Final

Status Quo Ante. Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, if the Settlement is terminated, rescinded, or otherwise does not become Final, then the following provisions ("Status Quo Ante Provisions") shall be applicable: (i) the Settling Parties shall be deemed to have reverted to their respective status in the Action as of July 21, 2024, (ii) except as otherwise provided, the Settling Parties shall proceed as if this Agreement and any related orders had not been entered, (iii) this Agreement will be inadmissible for any purpose, (iv) the following amounts shall be returned to CDK within fourteen (14) calendar days of termination or rescission of this Agreement, or failure of this Agreement to become Final: (a) the Settlement Consideration, with any interest earned thereon, less any paid or accrued taxes and (b) the Notice and Claims Costs, less any expenses paid or payable therefrom, (v) CDK reserves the right to seek full recovery of all Taxes and Tax Expenses paid prior to the termination, rescission, or failure of this Agreement to become Final, as the case may be, and (vi) Dealership Class Plaintiffs and CDK expressly reserve all of their respective claims, rights, and defenses.

#### M. No Admission of Wrongdoing

32. The Dealership Class Plaintiffs and CDK agree this Agreement, whether or not it shall become Final, and any negotiations, documents, and discussions associated with it, shall not be deemed or construed to be an admission or evidence of any violation of any statute or law or of any liability or wrongdoing by CDK or the Dealership Class Plaintiffs or of the truth of the claims or allegations in any complaint or any other pleading filed in the MDL, and evidence thereof shall not be discoverable or used directly or indirectly in the MDL or in any other action or proceeding. Neither this Agreement, nor any of its terms and provisions, nor the negotiations or proceedings connected with it, nor any other action taken to carry out this Agreement by any of the Settling Parties shall be referred to, offered as evidence or received in

evidence in any pending or future civil, criminal, or administrative action or proceedings, except in a proceeding to enforce this Agreement, or to defend against the assertion of Released Claims, or as otherwise required by law.

#### N. Miscellaneous Provisions

- Agreement (a) does not affect, release, or alter any contractual obligation between CDK and any CDK Settlement Class Member including (i) for CDK, any obligation to provide products or services to any CDK Settlement Class Member, and (ii) for the CDK Settlement Class Member, any obligation to pay for those products or services; (b) does not affect or release any claims or counterclaims asserted as of the Effective Date, in the action entitled *Asbury Automotive Group, Inc. v. CDK Global, LLC*, Civ. No. 24-A-04939-3 (Superior Court of Gwinnett County, State of Georgia); and (c) does not relate in any way to, and does not affect or release claims, defenses, or counterclaims related to, any data breach, cyberattack, or cybersecurity incident, including but not limited to any data breach, cyberattack, and/or security incident publicly-reported in June 2024 involving CDK's DMS.
- 34. For the avoidance of doubt, the Agreement shall not constitute a final and complete resolution of all disputes asserted or which could be asserted with respect to the Released Claims, until each of the following conditions has been satisfied: (i) final approval of the settlement by the Court, and entry of the Final Approval Order and Judgment in the form agreed to by the parties, with such approval becoming final after the resolution of objections and any appeal or through the absence of any further right of appeal (if any); and (ii) waiver of the maximum opt-out number agreed to by the parties—if reached—by CDK.
- 35. <u>Solvency Warranty</u>. CDK warrants that, as to the payments to be made by and/or on behalf of it, at the time that such payment was made or caused to be made pursuant

to this Agreement, it was not insolvent, nor did the payment required to be made by or on behalf of it render it insolvent, within the meaning of and/or for the purposes of the United States Bankruptcy Code, including §§ 101 and 547 thereof. This warranty is made by CDK and not by its counsel.

- 36. If a case is commenced with respect to CDK (or any insurer contributing funds to the Settlement Fund on behalf of it) under Title 11 of the United States Code (Bankruptcy), or a trustee, receiver, conservator, or other fiduciary is appointed under any similar law, and in the event of the entry of a final order of a court of competent jurisdiction determining the transfer of money to the Settlement Fund or any portion thereof by or on behalf of CDK to be a preference, voidable transfer, fraudulent transfer or similar transaction and any portion thereof is required to be returned, and such amount is not promptly deposited to the Settlement Fund by others, then, at the election of Dealership Class Lead Counsel, the Settling Parties shall jointly move the Court to vacate and set aside the releases given and Judgment entered in favor of CDK pursuant to this Agreement, which releases and Judgment shall be null and void, and the Settling Parties shall be restored to their respective positions in the Action as of July 21, 2024 and any cash amounts in the Settlement Fund shall be returned as provided by this Agreement.
- 37. <u>Incorporation of Notice and Orders</u>. The Notice to CDK Class Members, Order for Preliminary Approval, and Final Order and Judgment are incorporated by reference as though set forth in this Agreement.
- Settlement. The Settling Parties intend the Settlement to be a final and complete resolution of all disputes asserted or which could be asserted with respect to the Released Claims. Accordingly, the Dealership Class Plaintiffs and CDK agree not to assert in any forum that the litigation was

brought, litigated, or settled by the Dealership Class Plaintiffs or CDK, or defended by CDK or the Dealership Class Plaintiffs in bad faith or without a reasonable basis. The Settling Parties will assert no claims of any violation of Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, 28 U.S.C. § 1927, or any similar rules or statutes relating to the prosecution, defense, or settlement of the Action. Each of the Settling Parties represents that it negotiated this Settlement Agreement in good faith and at arm's length, and the Settling Parties agree that the Settlement was reached voluntarily and after consultation with experienced legal counsel.

- 39. <u>Amendment; Waiver</u>. This Agreement may not be modified or amended, except by a writing signed by or on behalf of all Settling Parties or their successors-in-interest. The provisions of this Agreement may be waived only by an instrument in writing executed by the waiving party. The waiver by any Settling Parties of any breach of this Agreement shall not be deemed to be or construed as a waiver of any other breach, whether prior, subsequent, or contemporaneous, of this Agreement.
- 40. Retention of Exclusive Jurisdiction; Resolution of Disputes; Choice of Law. The United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois shall retain exclusive jurisdiction over the implementation, enforcement, and performance of this Agreement, and shall have exclusive jurisdiction over any suit, action, proceeding, or dispute between the Settling Parties arising out of or relating to this Agreement or the applicability of this Agreement that cannot be resolved by negotiation and agreement by the Dealership Class Plaintiffs and CDK. This Agreement shall be governed by and interpreted according to the substantive laws of the State of Illinois without regard to its choice of law or conflict of laws principles.
- 41. <u>Integrated Agreement</u>. This Agreement supersedes any and all prior and contemporaneous agreements and undertakings of the Dealership Class Plaintiffs and CDK in

connection with this Settlement. This Agreement may be modified or amended only by a writing executed by the Dealership Class Plaintiffs and CDK, through their respective counsel, and approved by the Court.

- 42. Binding Effect. This Agreement shall be binding upon, and inure to the benefit of, the successors and assigns of the Dealership Class Plaintiffs and CDK. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing: (a) every covenant and agreement made in this Agreement by the Dealership Class Plaintiffs shall be binding upon all CDK Settlement Class Releasors; and (b) every covenant and agreement made by CDK shall be binding upon all CDK Releasors. The Dealership Class Releasees and the CDK Releasees (other than the Dealership Class Plaintiffs and CDK, who are parties to this Agreement) are third party beneficiaries of this Agreement and may enforce its terms applicable to them. With the exception of the Dealership Class Releasees and the CDK Releasees, there are no other third-party beneficiaries of any provision of this Agreement, including without limitation the Releases set forth herein. Nothing expressed or implied in this Agreement is intended to or shall be construed to confer upon or give any person or entity other than the CDK Settlement Class Releasors, Dealership Releasees, CDK Releasors, and CDK Releasees any right or remedy under or from this Agreement. For clarity, Reynolds is not a thirdparty beneficiary of this Agreement, and nothing contained herein shall affect or release any claim against Reynolds, or alter any contractual obligation between Reynolds and any other person.
- 43. <u>Execution in Counterparts</u>. This Agreement may be executed in counterparts by Dealership Class Lead Counsel and CDK's Counsel, and an electronically-scanned (in either .pdf or .tiff format) signature will be considered as an original signature for purposes of execution of this Agreement.

- 44. <u>Headings</u>. The headings in this Agreement are included for convenience only and shall not be deemed to constitute part of this Agreement or to affect its construction.
- 45. <u>No Party Deemed to be the Drafter</u>. Neither the Dealership Class Plaintiffs nor CDK are considered 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.
- 46. No Tax Advice. No opinion or advice concerning the tax consequences of the proposed Settlement to individual Dealership Class Members is being given or will be given by Dealership Class Counsel or CDK's Counsel; nor is any representation or warranty made by this Agreement. Each Dealership Class Member's tax obligations, and the determination thereof, are the sole responsibility of the Dealership Class Member, and it is understood that the tax consequences may vary depending on the particular circumstances of each individual Dealership Class Member.
- 47. <u>Changes of Address</u>. Either Settling Party may change the address for notice delivery by giving notice in the manner set forth in this Agreement.
- 48. <u>Authorization to Enter into this Agreement</u>. Each of the undersigned attorneys represents that he or she is fully authorized to enter into the terms and conditions of, and to execute, this Agreement, subject to Court approval.
- Agreement requires either Settling Party to provide notice or any other communication or document to the other Settling Party, this notice, communication, or document must be in writing and provided by email or letter by overnight delivery to the party being notified as follows:

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# Exhibit B

#### **DEALERSHIP CLASS PLAINTIFFS' ALLOCATION PLAN**

Dealership Class Plaintiffs hereby submit this plan to distribute funds from the settlements in this class action lawsuit: *In re Dealer Management Systems Antitrust Litigation*, MDL 2817, 18-cv-00864 (N.D. Ill.) (the "Allocation Plan"). This document describes the Allocation Plan and how settlement proceeds will be distributed from (i) the proposed \$100 million settlement¹ with CDK ("CDK Settlement"), and (ii) the previously approved \$29.5 million settlement with Reynolds ("Reynolds Settlement") (collectively, "Settlement Funds").

Attorney Fees, Expenses & Service Awards: Court awarded attorneys' fees (up to 33.3% of the settlement funds), expenses (up to \$7.5 million), and Class Representative service awards (up to \$10,000 for each Class Representative), will be paid from the Settlement Funds. Expenses and Class Representative service awards will be allocated between the two funds in the amount of 95% from the CDK Settlement fund and 5% from the Reynolds Settlement fund, in recognition of the fact that the expenses were incurred, and Class Representatives' services were provided, principally following the Reynolds Settlement approval in January 2019.<sup>2</sup>

Claim Form: Dealers will be required to complete a form ("Claim Form") for each rooftop providing: (i) the name, address, and contact information of the dealership rooftop submitting the claim; and (ii) proof that the dealership rooftop used either a CDK and/or Reynolds DMS during any time from September 1, 2013 to August 15, 2024. Supporting documentation required to be submitted with the Claim Form includes signed DMS contracts with Reynolds and/or CDK establishing the time period the dealership was using either Reynolds' or CDK's DMS. Each

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Under the CDK Settlement, CDK will pay up to \$250,000 for notice and claims administration costs.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> In January 2019, the Court authorized the advancement to Dealership Class Counsel of up to \$3 million for expenses, payable from the Reynolds Settlement (ECF No 501). Those expenses will be similarly allocated between the two settlement funds.

rooftop submitting a claim must submit contract documents that cover the entire period of their claimed DMS usage. Claim Forms must be submitted on a rooftop basis. In other words, if a single dealership group operated three separate rooftops where they each purchased and used DMS during the applicable Reynolds and/or CDK Settlement Class Period(s)<sup>3</sup>, three separate Claim Forms (one for each rooftop) must be submitted.

Allocation Plan: In consultation with Dealership Class Plaintiffs' expert economists, Class Counsel have formulated this Allocation Plan which awards each Settlement Class Member its *pro rata* share of the available Settlement Funds based on the estimated damages applicable to the period the Class Member used a Reynolds and/or CDK DMS.

Many dealers will be eligible to receive payment from both Settlement Classes regardless of which DMS they purchased. CDK Settlement Class Members will be eligible to receive payment from the CDK Settlement fund, and Reynolds Settlement Class Members will be eligible to receive payment from the Reynolds Settlement fund.<sup>4</sup> Because the CDK Settlement covers a longer Class Period than the Reynolds Settlement Class Period, certain dealers may be members of the CDK Settlement Class but not the Reynolds Settlement Class.

Dealers who exclude themselves from the CDK Settlement Class, or previously excluded themselves from the Reynolds Settlement Class, may still be a member of the Settlement Class from which they did not exclude themselves. Such Dealers are eligible for payment from just one settlement fund.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The Reynolds Settlement Class Period is from January 1, 2015 – October 23, 2018 and the CDK Settlement Class Period is from September 1, 2013 – August 15, 2024.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> The CDK Settlement Class has the meaning set forth in the CDK Settlement Agreement (filed herewith) and the Reynolds Settlement Class has the meaning of the "Dealership Class" defined in the Settlement Agreement Between the Dealership Class and Reynolds (ECF No. 427-2); *see* Final Approval Order and Judgment for Settlement between the Dealership Class and Reynolds (ECF No. 502).

CDK Settlement funds will be distributed based on estimated monthly damages from September 1, 2013 through August 15, 2024. Reynolds Settlement funds will be distributed based on estimated monthly damages from January 1, 2015 through October 23, 2018. The estimated monthly damages (as a percentage of total damages of the Settlement Class Period) are then applied to each settlement fund (net of attorney fees, expenses & service awards) to come up with the total amount of funds to be distributed from each settlement fund per month.

From each settlement fund, a qualifying rooftop shall receive, for each month it used a Reynolds or CDK DMS, a share of the net settlement fund for that month, equal to: 1 divided by the number of rooftops who submit qualifying Claim Forms with respect to that month. Because payment amounts are dependent on the number of rooftops with valid claims submitted, individual payment amounts cannot be determined until all claims are submitted and verified.

Under the supervision of the Court, this Allocation Plan may be altered without additional mailed or emailed notice. To stay informed about any changes to the Allocation Plan, please monitor the docket in this matter or visit the Settlement website at: <a href="https://www.dealershipclassDMSsettlement.com">www.dealershipclassDMSsettlement.com</a>.

# Exhibit C

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c/o Epiq, Settlement Administrator
P.O. Box 6727
Portland, OR 97228-6727
www.dealershipclassDMSsettlement.com

#### DEALERSHIP CLASS CLAIM FORM

If you did not opt-out of BOTH the Reynolds Settlement AND the current CDK Settlement, in order to receive any settlement payment, you must submit this Claim Form, with supporting documentation, at the <u>official settlement website</u>: www.dealershipclassDMSsettlement.com or mail your completed form, with supporting documentation, to the address listed above. The Claim Form and documentation must be received or postmarked by Month xx, 20xx, to be eligible to receive payment. You need to submit only ONE claim form per rooftop which will be applicable to your participation in both the CDK and Reynolds Settlements.

Filing assistance is available from Class Counsel and the Settlement Administrator AT NO COST. If you are approached by or see advertisements from a non-party claims settlement service offering to register you or submit your claims for recovery from the Settlement Fund, know that these entities are not necessary in order for class members to submit claims.

If you opted out of BOTH the Reynolds Settlement and the CDK Settlement, you are not part of either Settlement Class and you should not file this Claim Form.

YOU MUST submit a separate Claim Form for each dealership rooftop. This is true if you are part of a multiple rooftop group, or if from 2013 to present, you have changed the name of your dealership without changing ownership.

If your claim is based upon any full or partial assignment of a claim from another entity, then you must provide no later than **Month xx**, **20xx**: (1) a signed copy of the assignment agreement executed by all parties; and (2) all entity names relevant to the assignment of claims for both assignor and assignee.

\*This claim is based upon an assignment or transfer and I have attached copies of supporting legal

documents.	
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www.dealershipclassDMSsettlement.com	
City: State: ZIP	Code:
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STEP 2: SETTLEMENT OPT-OUT DETAILS	
Only use this section if you have submitted an Opt-Out request (an Exclusion Request) either the Reynolds Settlement Class and/or the CDK Settlement Class. If you did not seem to Exclusion Request, please move to Step 3.  Did You Opt-Out of the Yes No Did You Opt-Out of the Yes No CDK Settlement?	
STEP 3: ESTABLISH YOUR DMS PROVIDER	
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<u>Documentation Requirement</u>: To demonstrate the time periods you were using Reynolds's and/or CDK's DMS, you must attach (or submit) your signed DMS contracts with Reynolds or CDK establishing your DMS usage.

For rooftops who used Reynolds, you must submit signed Master Agreements AND the corresponding "exhibit" to the Master Agreements which lays out the term or length of the contract(s) for the entire time you were on Reynolds's DMS. For rooftops who used CDK, you must submit signed Master Service Agreements (MSA) AND

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the Schedule to the MSAs where the term or length of the contract is specified for the entire time you were on CDK's DMS.

These Master Agreements (for Reynolds) and Master Service Agreements (for CDK) must include: the name of

the rooftop submitting the claim; contract date; and term of the agreement. Dealership Rooftop Name must match the name on the DMS contracts you submit.
Please submit legible copies. <i>Do not send originals. You should retain the originals in your records.</i> Failure to submit required documentation may result in your claim being denied.
I have included required DMS contracts with Reynolds and/or CDK:  Yes: No:
Settlement Funds will be distributed to CDK and/or Reynolds Class Members under the <b>Plan of Allocation</b> available at www.dealershipclassDMSsettlement.com.
STEP 4: SIGN AND SUBMIT
By signing below, I/we certify that (1) the above and foregoing information, including any supporting documentation submitted, is true and correct; (2) I am /we are duly authorized and have the legal capacity to sign this Claim Form on behalf of the dealership entity; (3) I/we are not officers, directors, or employees of any Defendant; any entity in which any Defendant has a controlling interest; an affiliate, legal representative, heir, or assign of any Defendant; or a federal, state, or local government entity; and (4) I/we agree to submit additional information, if requested, in order for the Settlement Administrator to process my/our claim.
Signature: Date: / / / /
Printed Name: First M.I. Last
Title

Please submit your completed Claim Form, along with supporting documentation, to the Settlement Administrator by Month xx, 20xx (postmarked to the address above or preferably submitted online at www.dealershipclassDMSsettlement.com).

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS EASTERN DIVISION

IN RE: DEALER MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS ANTITRUST LITIGATION

**This Document Relates To:** 

THE DEALERSHIP CLASS ACTION

MDL No. 2817 Case No. 18-cv-00864

Honorable Rebecca R. Pallmeyer

### DECLARATION OF CAMERON R. AZARI, ESQ. REGARDING SETTLEMENT NOTICE PLAN AND NOTICES

- I, Cameron R. Azari, Esq., hereby declare and state as follows:
- 1. My name is Cameron R. Azari, Esq. I have personal knowledge of the matters set forth herein, and I believe them to be true and correct.
- 2. I am a nationally recognized expert in the field of legal notice and have served as an expert in hundreds of federal and state cases involving class action notice plans.
- 3. I am a Senior Vice President of Epiq Class Action and Claims Solutions, Inc. ("Epiq") and the Director of Legal Notice for Hilsoft Notifications, a firm that specializes in designing, developing, analyzing, and implementing large-scale, un-biased, legal notification plans. Hilsoft Notifications is a business unit of Epiq. References to Epiq in this declaration include Hilsoft Notifications.
- 4. Epiq is an industry leader in class action administration, having implemented more than a thousand successful class action notice and settlement administration matters. Epiq has been involved with some of the most complex and significant notice programs in recent history, examples of which are discussed below. My team and I have experience with legal noticing in more than 575 cases, including more than 70 multidistrict litigation settlements, and have prepared notices that have appeared in 53 languages and been distributed in almost every country, territory, and dependency in the world. Courts have recognized and approved numerous notice plans developed by Epiq, and those decisions have invariably withstood appellate review.

5. I previously filed declarations in this matter related to Epiq's administration of the Settlement with Reynolds ("Reynolds Settlement"), *Declaration of Cameron Azari, Esq. Regarding Notice Administration*, executed December 19, 2018 (ECF No. 479-2) and *Supplemental Declaration of Cameron Azari, Esq. Regarding Notice Administration*, executed January 15, 2019 (ECF No. 494).

#### **RELEVANT EXPERIENCE**

- 6. I have served as a notice expert and have been recognized and appointed by courts to design and provide notice in many significant cases, including:
- a) In Re: Zoom Video Communications, Inc. Privacy Litigation, 3:20-cv-02155 (N.D. Cal.), involved an extensive notice plan for a \$85 million privacy settlement involving Zoom, the most popular videoconferencing platform. Notice was sent to more than 158 million class members by email or mail and millions of reminder notices were sent to stimulate claim filings. The individual notice efforts reached approximately 91% of the class and were enhanced by supplemental media, which was provided with regional newspaper notice, nationally distributed digital and social media notice (delivering more than 280 million impressions), sponsored search, an informational release, and a settlement website.
- b) In re Takata Airbag Products Liability Litigation, MDL No. 2599, 1:15-md-02599 (S.D. Fla.), involved \$1.91 billion in settlements with BMW, Mazda, Subaru, Toyota, Honda, Nissan, Ford, and Volkswagen regarding Takata airbags. The notice plans for those settlements included individual mailed notice to more than 61.8 million potential class members and extensive nationwide media via consumer publications, U.S. Territory newspapers, radio, internet banners, mobile banners, and behaviorally targeted digital media. Combined, the notice plans reached more than 95% of adults aged 18+ in the U.S. who owned or leased a subject vehicle, with a frequency of 4.0 times each.
- c) In Re: Capital One Consumer Data Security Breach Litigation, MDL No. 2915, 1:19-md-02915 (E.D. Va.), involved an extensive notice program for a \$190 million data breach settlement. Notice was sent to more than 93.6 million settlement class members by email or mail.

The individual notice efforts reached approximately 96% of the identified settlement class members and were enhanced by a supplemental media plan that included banner notices and social media notices (delivering more than 123.4 million impressions), sponsored search, and a settlement website.

- d) *In re: Disposable Contact Lens Antitrust Litigation*, 3:15-md-02626 (M.D. Fla.), involved several notice programs to notify retail purchasers of disposable contact lenses regarding four settlements with different settling defendants totaling \$88 million. For each notice program more than 1.98 million email or postcard notices were sent to potential class members and a comprehensive media plan was implemented, with a well-read nationwide consumer publication, internet banner notices (delivering more than 312.9 million 461.4 million impressions per campaign), sponsored search listings, and a case website.
- e) In re: Fairlife Milk Products Marketing and Sales Practices Litigation, 1:19-cv-03924 (N.D. Ill.), for a \$21 million settlement that involved The Coca-Cola Company, fairlife, LLC, and other defendants regarding allegations of false labeling and marketing of fairlife milk products, a comprehensive media-based notice plan was designed and implemented. The plan included a consumer print publication notice, targeted banner notices, and social media (delivering more than 620.1 million impressions in English and Spanish nationwide). Combined with individual notice to a small percentage of the class, the notice plan reached approximately 80.2% of the class. The reach was further enhanced by sponsored search, an informational release, and a website.
- f) In re Morgan Stanley Data Security Litigation, 1:20-cv-05914 (S.D.N.Y.), involved a \$60 million settlement for Morgan Stanley Smith Barney's account holders in response to "Data Security Incidents." More than 13.8 million email or mailed notices were delivered, reaching approximately 90% of the identified potential settlement class members. The individual notice efforts were supplemented with nationwide newspaper notice and a settlement website.
- g) In re: Payment Card Interchange Fee and Merchant Discount Antitrust Litigation, MDL No. 1720 (E.D.N.Y.), involved a \$5.5 billion settlement reached by Visa and MasterCard. An intensive notice program included more than 19.8 million direct mail notices sent to potential DECLARATION OF CAMERON R. AZARI, ESQ. REGARDING SETTLEMENT NOTICE

class members, together with insertions in over 1,500 newspapers, consumer magazines, national business publications, trade and specialty publications, with notices in multiple languages, and an extensive online notice campaign featuring banner notices that generated more than 770 million adult impressions. Sponsored search listings and a settlement website in eight languages expanded the notice program. For the subsequent settlement reached by Visa and MasterCard, an extensive notice program was implemented, which included over 16.3 million direct mail notices to class members together with more than 354 print publication insertions and banner notices, which generated more than 689 million adult impressions. The Second Circuit recently affirmed the settlement approval. *See* No. 20-339 *et al.*, — F.4th —, 2023 WL 2506455 (2d Cir. Mar. 15, 2023).

- h) In re: Oil Spill by the Oil Rig "Deepwater Horizon" in the Gulf of Mexico, on April 20, 2010, MDL No. 2179 (E.D. La.), involved landmark settlement notice programs to distinct "Economic and Property Damages" and "Medical Benefits" settlement classes for BP's \$7.8 billion settlement of claims related to the Deepwater Horizon oil spill. Notice efforts included more than 7,900 television spots, 5,200 radio spots, and 5,400 print insertions and reached over 95% of Gulf Coast residents.
- 6. Courts have recognized our testimony as to which method of notification is appropriate for a given case, and I have provided testimony on numerous occasions on whether a certain method of notice represents the best notice practicable under the circumstances. Numerous court opinions and comments regarding my testimony, and the adequacy of our notice efforts, are included in our *curriculum vitae* included as **Attachment 1**.
- 7. In forming expert opinions, my staff and I draw from our in-depth class action case experience, as well as our educational and related work experiences. I am an active member of the Oregon State Bar, having received my Bachelor of Science from Willamette University and my Juris Doctor from Northwestern School of Law at Lewis and Clark College. I have served as the Director of Legal Notice for Epiq since 2008 and have overseen the detailed planning of virtually all of our court-approved notice programs during that time. Overall, I have more than 24 years of experience in the design and implementation of legal notification and claims administration

programs, having been personally involved in well over one hundred successful notice programs.

8. The facts in this declaration are based on my personal knowledge, as well as information provided to me by my colleagues in the ordinary course of my business at Epiq.

#### **OVERVIEW**

9. This declaration describes the proposed settlement notice plan ("Notice Plan") and notices (the "Notice" or "Notices") for *In re Dealer Management Systems Antitrust Litigation*, MDL No. 2817, in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois for the Settlement with Dealership Class Plaintiffs, both individually and on behalf of the CDK Settlement Class, and CDK Global, LLC ("CDK") ("CDK Settlement"). Epiq designed this Notice Plan based on our extensive prior experience and research into the notice issues particular to this case. We have analyzed and proposed the best notice practicable of providing notice to the CDK Settlement Class.

#### **DATA PRIVACY AND SECURITY**

- 10. Epiq has procedures in place to protect the security of data for class members. As with all cases, Epiq will maintain extensive data security and privacy safeguards in its official capacity as the Settlement Administrator for this Action. A Services Agreement, which formally retains Epiq as the Settlement Administrator, will govern Epiq's administration responsibilities for the Action. Service changes or modification beyond the original contract scope will require formal contract addendum or modification. Epiq maintains adequate insurance in case of errors.
- 11. As a data processor, Epiq performs services on data provided, only as outlined in a contract and/or associated statement(s) of work. Epiq does not utilize or perform other procedures on personal data provided or obtained as part of services to a client. Epiq will not use such information or information to be provided by CDK Settlement Class Members for any other purpose than the administration of this Action.
- 12. The security and privacy of clients' and class members' information and data are paramount to Epiq. That is why Epiq has invested in a layered and robust set of trusted security personnel, controls, and technology to protect the data we handle. To promote a secure environment

for client and class member data, industry leading firewalls and intrusion prevention systems protect and monitor Epiq's network perimeter with regular vulnerability scans and penetration tests. Epiq deploys best-in-class endpoint detection, response, and anti-virus solutions on our endpoints and servers. Strong authentication mechanisms and multi-factor authentication are required for access to Epiq's systems and the data we protect. In addition, Epiq has employed the use of behavior and signature-based analytics as well as monitoring tools across our entire network, which are managed 24 hours per day, 7 days per week, by a team of experienced professionals.

- 13. Epiq's world class data centers are defended by multi-layered, physical access security, including formal ID and prior approval before access is granted, closed-circuit television ("CCTV"), alarms, biometric devices, and security guards, 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. Epiq manages minimum Tier 3+ data centers in 18 locations worldwide. Our centers have robust environmental controls including uninterruptable power supply ("UPS"), fire detection and suppression controls, flood protection, and cooling systems.
- 14. Beyond Epiq's technology, our people play a vital role in protecting class members' and our clients' information. Epiq has a dedicated information security team comprised of highly trained, experienced, and qualified security professionals. Our teams stay on top of important security issues and retain important industry standard certifications, like SysAdmin, Audit, Network, and Security ("SANS"), Certified Information Systems Security Professional ("CISSP"), and Certified Information Systems Auditor ("CISA"). Epiq is continually improving security infrastructure and processes based on an ever-changing digital landscape. Epiq also partners with best-in-class security service providers. Our robust policies and processes cover all aspects of information security to form part of an industry leading security and compliance program, which is regularly assessed by independent third parties.
- 15. Epiq holds several industry certifications including: Trusted Information Security Assessment Exchange ("TISAX"), Cyber Essentials, Privacy Shield, and ISO 27001. In addition to retaining these certifications, we are aligned to Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act ("HIPAA"), National Institute of Standards and Technology ("NIST"), and Federal Information DECLARATION OF CAMERON R. AZARI, ESQ. REGARDING SETTLEMENT NOTICE

Security Management Act ("FISMA") frameworks. Epiq follows local, national, and international privacy regulations. To support our business and staff, Epiq has a dedicated team to facilitate and monitor compliance with privacy policies. Epiq is also committed to a culture of security mindfulness. All employees routinely undergo cybersecurity trainings to ensure that safeguarding information and cybersecurity vigilance is a core practice in all aspects of the work our teams complete.

16. Upon completion of a project, Epiq continues to host all data until otherwise instructed in writing by a customer to delete, archive or return such data. When a customer requests that Epiq delete or destroy all data, Epiq agrees to delete or destroy all such data; provided, however, that Epiq may retain data as required by applicable law, rule or regulation, and to the extent such copies are electronically stored in accordance with Epiq's record retention or back-up policies or procedures (including those regarding electronic communications) then in effect. Epiq keeps data in line with client retention requirements. If no retention period is specified, Epiq returns the data to the client or securely deletes it as appropriate.

# NOTICE PLANNING METHODOLOGY

- 17. Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule 23 directs that notice must be "the best notice that is practicable under the circumstances, including individual notice to all members who can be identified through reasonable effort" and that "the notice may be by one or more of the following: United States mail, electronic means, or other appropriate means." The Notice Plan will satisfy these requirements.
- 18. This Notice Plan is designed to reach the greatest practicable number of CDK Settlement Class Members. Given our experience with similar notice efforts, we expect the Notice Plan will reach approximately 90% of the CDK Settlement Class using individual notice via email and/or mail to identified CDK Settlement Class Members. The reach will be further enhanced by a Publication Notice in a select national print publication for the automotive industry, digital

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(c)(2)(B).

media, an informational release, and a settlement website. In my experience, the projected reach of the Notice Plan is consistent with other court-approved notice plans, is the best notice practicable under the circumstances of this case, and has been designed to satisfy the requirements of due process, including its "desire to actually inform" requirement.<sup>2</sup>

19. Data sources and tools commonly employed by experts in the advertising industry were used to analyze and develop the media component of the proposed Notice Plan. These resources include MRI-Simmons,<sup>3</sup> which provides statistically significant readership and product usage data, Comscore,<sup>4</sup> which provides similar usage data specific to online media, and Alliance for Audited Media ("AAM")<sup>5</sup> statements, which certify how many readers buy or obtain copies of publications. These tools, as applicable, along with demographic breakdowns indicating how many people use

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Mullane v. Cent. Hanover Bank & Trust Co., 339 U.S. 306, 315 (1950) ("But when notice is a person's due, process which is a mere gesture is not due process. The means employed must be such as one desirous of actually informing the absentee might reasonably adopt to accomplish it. The reasonableness and hence the constitutional validity of any chosen method may be defended on the ground that it is in itself reasonably certain to inform those affected . . .").

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> MRI-Simmons is a leading source of publication readership and product usage data for the communications industry. MRI-Simmons is a joint venture of GfK Mediamark Research & Intelligence, LLC ("MRI") and Simmons Market Research. MRI-Simmons offers comprehensive demographic, lifestyle, product usage and exposure to all forms of advertising media collected from a single sample. As the leading U.S. supplier of multimedia audience research, the company provides information to magazines, televisions, radio, internet, and other media, leading national advertisers, and over 450 advertising agencies—including 90 of the top 100 in the United States. MRI-Simmons's national syndicated data is widely used by companies as the basis for the majority of the media and marketing plans that are written for advertised brands in the United States.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Comscore is a global internet information provider for planning, transacting, and evaluating media across platforms. With a data footprint that combines digital, linear TV, OTT and theatrical viewership intelligence with advanced audience insights, Comscore allows media buyers and sellers to quantify their multiscreen behavior. A leader in measuring digital and TV audiences and advertising at scale, Comscore is the industry's emerging, third-party source for reliable and comprehensive cross-platform measurement.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Established in 1914 as the Audit Bureau of Circulations ("ABC") and rebranded as Alliance for Audited Media ("AAM") in 2012, AAM is a non-profit cooperative formed by media, advertisers, and advertising agencies to audit the paid circulation statements of magazines and newspapers. AAM is the leading third-party auditing organization in the United States. It is the industry's leading, neutral source for documentation on the actual distribution of newspapers, magazines, and other publications. Widely accepted throughout the industry, it certifies thousands of printed publications as well as emerging digital editions read via tablet subscriptions. Its publication audits are conducted in accordance with rules established by its Board of Directors. These rules govern not only how audits are conducted, but also how publishers report their circulation figures. AAM's Board of Directors is comprised of representatives from the publishing and advertising communities.

each media vehicle, as well as computer software that take the underlying data and factor out the duplication among audiences of various media vehicles, allow the net (unduplicated) reach of a particular media schedule to be determined. The combined results of this analysis are used to help determine the sufficiency and effectiveness of a notice plan.

- 20. Tools and data trusted by the communications industry and courts. Virtually all the nation's largest advertising agency media departments utilize, scrutinize, and rely upon such independent, time-tested data and tools, including net reach and de-duplication analysis methodologies, to guide the billions of dollars of advertising placements seen today, providing assurance that these figures are not overstated. These analyses and similar planning tools have become standard analytical tools for evaluating legal notice programs and have been regularly accepted by courts.
- 21. In fact, advertising and media planning firms around the world have long relied on audience data and techniques: AAM data has been relied on since 1914;<sup>6</sup> 90 to 100% of media directors use reach and frequency planning;<sup>7</sup> all the leading advertising and communications textbooks cite the need to use reach and frequency planning.<sup>8</sup> MRI-Simmons data is used by ninety of the top one hundred media firms. Comscore is used by major holding company agencies worldwide, including Dentsu Aegis Networking, GroupM, IPG and Publicis, in addition to independent agencies for TV and digital media buying and planning. At least 25,000 media professionals in 100 different countries use media planning software.<sup>9</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> https://auditedmedia.com/about/who-we-are.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> See generally Peter B. Turk, Effective Frequency Report: Its Use And Evaluation By Major Agency Media Department Executives, 28 J. ADVERTISING RES. 56 (1988); Peggy J. Kreshel et al., How Leading Advertising Agencies Perceive Effective Reach and Frequency, 14 J.ADVERTISING 32 (1985).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Textbook sources that have identified the need for reach and frequency for years include: JACK S. SISSORS & JIM SURMANEK, ADVERTISING MEDIA PLANNING, 57-72 (2d ed. 1982); KENT M. LANCASTER & HELEN E. KATZ, STRATEGIC MEDIA PLANNING 120-156 (1989); DONALD W. JUGENHEIMER & PETER B. TURK, ADVERTISING MEDIA 123-126 (1980); JACK Z. SISSORS & LINCOLN BUMBA, ADVERTISING MEDIA PLANNING 93 122 (4th ed. 1993); JIM SURMANEK, INTRODUCTION TO ADVERTISING MEDIA: RESEARCH, PLANNING, AND BUYING 106-187 (1993).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> For example, Telmar, founded in 1968, provides strategic targeting and media planning solutions to advertisers, agencies, data suppliers and media sales houses. Over 25,000 media professionals in 100 DECLARATION OF CAMERON R. AZARI, ESQ. REGARDING SETTLEMENT NOTICE PLAN AND NOTICE

# **NOTICE PLAN DETAIL**

22. The Notice Plan is designed to provide notice to the following "CDK Settlement Class," defined in the Settlement Agreement as:

[A]ll persons and entities located in the United States engaged in the business of the retail sale of automobiles who purchased DMS from CDK and/or Reynolds ("Defendants"), or any predecessor, successor, subsidiary, joint venture or affiliate, during the period from September 1, 2013 through the date of this executed Agreement ("CDK Settlement Class Period").

Excluded from the CDK Settlement Class are Defendants, including any entity or division in which any Defendant has a controlling interest, as well as Defendants' joint ventures, subsidiaries, affiliates, assigns, and successors. Subject to Court approval, the parties agree that the CDK Settlement Class shall be certified pursuant to Rules 23(a) and 23(b)(3) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure for settlement purposes only as to CDK.

## **NOTICE PLAN**

## Individual Notice

23. It is my understanding from counsel for the parties that CDK and Reynolds will provide data (in addition to the previously produced data from the Reynolds Settlement) for each of their customers, allowing Epiq to identify CDK Settlement Class Members. The data from CDK will consist of names and mailing addresses for prior and current CDK DMS customers from September 1, 2013 to July 20, 2024, and email addresses for current CDK DMS customers, to the extent available. The data from Reynolds will consist of names and mailing addresses used in connection with the notice program for the prior Reynolds Settlement. Additionally, Reynolds is providing names and mailing addresses for current customers. Collectively the CDK and Reynolds data is the Class List that will be used to provide individual notice to identified CDK Settlement Class Members. An Email Notice will be sent to all identified CDK Settlement Class Members for whom a valid email address is available. A postcard Mail Notice will be sent via United States Postal Service ("USPS") first class mail to all identified CDK Settlement Class Members with an

countries use Telmar systems for media and marketing planning tools including reach and frequency planning functions.

associated physical address for whom a valid email address is not available, or for whom the Email Notice is returned as undeliverable after several attempts. The Email Notice and Mail Notice will clearly describe the Settlement and the legal rights of the CDK Settlement Class Members. In addition, the Email Notice and Mail Notice will direct the recipients to a settlement website where they can access additional information.

## Individual Notice – Email

- 24. Epiq will send an Email Notice to all identified CDK Settlement Class Members for whom a valid email address is available. The following industry standard best practices will be followed for the Email Notice efforts. The Email Notice will be drafted in such a way that the subject line, the sender, and the body of the message overcome SPAM filters and ensure readership to the fullest extent reasonably practicable. For instance, the Email Notice will use an embedded html text format. This format will provide easy to read text without graphics, tables, images, attachments, and other elements that would increase the likelihood that the message could be blocked by Internet Service Providers (ISPs) and/or SPAM filters. The Email Notices will be sent from an IP address known to major email providers as one not used to send bulk "SPAM" or "junk" email blasts. Each Email Notice will be transmitted with a digital signature to the header and content of the Email Notice, which will allow ISPs to programmatically authenticate that the Email Notices are from our authorized mail servers. Each Email Notice will also be transmitted with a unique message identifier. The Email Notice will include an embedded link to the settlement website. By clicking the link, recipients will be able to access the Long-Form Posted Notice and other information about the case.
- 25. If the receiving email server cannot deliver the message, a "bounce code" will be returned along with the unique message identifier. For Email Notices for which a bounce code is received indicating that the message was undeliverable for reasons such as an inactive or disabled account, the recipient's mailbox was full, technical autoreplies, etc., at least two additional attempts will be made to deliver the Email Notice. The proposed Email Notice is included as **Attachment 2**.

## Individual Notice – Direct Mail

- 26. Epiq will send a postcard Mail Notice to all identified CDK Settlement Class Members with an associated physical address for whom a valid email address is not available, or for whom the Email Notice is returned as undeliverable after several attempts. The Mail Notice will be sent via USPS first class mail. The Mail Notice will clearly and concisely summarize the Settlement and the legal rights of the CDK Settlement Class Members. In addition, the Mail Notice will also direct the recipients to the settlement website where they can access the Long-Form Posted Notice and additional information about the Settlement. The proposed Mail Notice is included as **Attachment 3**.
- 27. Prior to sending the Mailed Notice, mailing addresses will be checked against the National Change of Address ("NCOA") database maintained by the USPS to ensure the CDK Settlement Class Member address information is up-to-date and accurately formatted for mailing. In addition, the addresses will be certified via the Coding Accuracy Support System ("CASS") to ensure the quality of the zip code, and will be verified through Delivery Point Validation ("DPV") to verify the accuracy of the addresses. This address updating process is standard for the industry and for the majority of promotional mailings that occur today.
- 28. The return address on the Mail Notices will be a post office box that Epiq will maintain for this case. The USPS will automatically forward Mail Notices with an available forwarding address order that has not expired ("Postal Forwards"). Mail Notice returned as undeliverable will be re-mailed to any new address available through USPS information, (for example, to the address provided by the USPS on returned mail pieces for which the automatic forwarding order has expired, but is still within the time period in which the USPS returns the piece

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> The NCOA database is maintained by the USPS and consists of approximately 160 million permanent change-of-address (COA) records consisting of names and addresses of individuals, families, and businesses who have filed a change-of-address with the Postal Service™. The address information is maintained on the database for 48 months and reduces undeliverable mail by providing the most current address information, including standardized and delivery-point-coded addresses, for matches made to the NCOA file for individual, family, and business moves.

with the address indicated), and to better addresses that may be found using a third-party lookup service. Upon successfully locating better addresses, Mail Notices will be promptly remailed.

# Media Plan Summary

29. The Media Plan includes various forms of notice including Publication Notice in a select national print publication for the automotive industry, digital/internet notice, and an informational release.

## **Publication Notice**

30. To supplement the individual notice efforts, a Publication Notice will appear once in a weekly (Mon.) national edition of *Automotive News*, as an approximate 4" x 9" page ad unit. The national circulation of *Automotive News* is approximately 64,547. The proposed Publication Notice is included as **Attachment 4**.

# Internet Digital Notice Campaign

- 31. Internet advertising has become a standard component in legal notice programs. The internet has proven to be an efficient and cost-effective method to target and provide measurable reach of persons covered by a settlement. According to MRI-Simmons data, 97.2% of Adults aged 18+ in the United States are online and 85% of all Adults aged 18+ use social media. 11
- 32. The Notice Plan includes targeted Digital Notice advertising on *AutoNews.com*<sup>12</sup> and *CBT News Homepage Banner*. Consistent with common practice, the Digital Notices will use language from the Long-Form Posted Notice headline, which will allow users to identify themselves as potential CDK Settlement Class Members.
- 33. All Digital Notices will appear on electronic devices and will be distributed to the selected targeted audiences. Digital Notices will also be targeted (remarketed) to people who click on a Digital Notice.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> MRI-Simmons 2023 Survey of the American Consumer®.

 $<sup>^{12}</sup>$  AutoNews.com is the online/digital corollary of  $Automotive\ News'$  national print circulation. See supra.  $\P$  30.

34. More details regarding the duration, specific ad sizes, and number of planned impressions of the Digital Notices are included in the following table.

Network/Property	Ad Sizes	Duration	Planned Impressions
AutoNews.com	300x600	2 weeks	30,000
CBT News – Homepage Banner	1140x418, 1140x667, 300x250	1-4 weeks	TBD at the time of placement

35. Clicking on the Digital Notices will link the readers to the settlement website, where the reader can easily obtain detailed information about the Settlement.<sup>13</sup> The proposed Digital Notice is included as **Attachment 5**.

# Informational Release

- 36. To build additional reach and extend exposures, a party-neutral Informational Release will be issued nationwide over the Auto Wire and Automotive Industry microlist to media outlets, including local and national newspapers, magazines, national wire services, etc. across the United States as well as websites, online databases, internet networks, blogs, and social networking media.
- 37. The Informational Release will include the address of the settlement website and the toll-free telephone number. Although there is no guarantee that any news stories will result, the Informational Release will serve a valuable role by providing additional notice exposures beyond what will be provided by the paid media. The proposed Informational Release is included as **Attachment 6**.

## Settlement Website

38. Epiq will update the existing website www.dealershipclassDMSsettlement.com with information regarding this Settlement. Relevant documents will be posted on the settlement

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> The third-party ad management platform, ClickCease, will be used to audit digital Banner Notice ad placements. This type of platform tracks all Banner Notice ad clicks to provide real-time ad monitoring, fraud traffic analysis, blocks clicks from fraudulent sources, and quarantines dangerous IP addresses. This helps reduce wasted, fraudulent or otherwise invalid traffic (*e.g.*, ads being seen by 'bots' or non-humans, ads not being viewable, etc.).

website, including the Complaint, Long-Form Posted Notice, Claim Form, Settlement Agreement, Preliminary Approval Order, and Final Approval Order (when available), and select other case-related documents. The settlement website will also provide the ability for CDK Settlement Class Members to file an online Claim Form. In addition, the settlement website will include relevant dates, answers to frequently asked questions ("FAQs"), instructions for how CDK Settlement Class Members may opt-out (request exclusion) from or object to the Settlement, Fee and Expense Application and/or Allocation Plan, contact information for the Settlement Administrator, and how to obtain other case-related information. The settlement website address will be prominently displayed in all notice documents. The proposed Long-Form Posted Notice is included as Attachment 7.

# Toll-Free Telephone Number

- 39. A toll-free telephone number will be available for the Settlement. Callers will be able to hear an introductory message and will have the option to learn more about the Settlement in the form of recorded answers to FAQs, and to request that a Long-Form Posted Notice be mailed to them. This automated telephone system will be available 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. The toll-free telephone number will be prominently displayed in all notice documents.
- 40. A postal mailing address will be provided, allowing CDK Settlement Class Members the opportunity to request additional information or ask questions.

# EPIQ'S ROLE AS ESCROW AGENT

41. Epiq will also serve as the escrow agent for the Settlement.

# EPIQ'S ROLE IN CLAIMS PROCESSING

42. In addition to effectuating Notice, and serving as the escrow agent, Epiq, under the supervision of Class Counsel, will administer the processing of claims, including: receipt and review of all claims and supporting documentation; determine the validity and timeliness of all claim submissions; and pursuant to the Allocation Plan provided by Class Counsel and with guidance from Class Counsel's expert economist, will calculate amounts to be paid to CDK and Reynolds Settlement Class Members, subject to Court approval.

# **CONCLUSION**

- 43. In class action notice planning, execution, and analysis, we are guided by due process considerations under the United States Constitution, by federal and local rules and statutes, and further by case law pertaining to notice. This framework directs that the notice plan be designed to reach the greatest practicable number of potential class members and, that the notice or notice plan provide class members with easy access to the details of how the class action may impact their rights. All of these requirements will be met in this case.
- 44. The Notice Plan individual notice efforts via direct email and/or mail to identified CDK Settlement Class Members will reach approximately 90% of the CDK Settlement Class. The reach will be further enhanced by a Publication Notice as set forth in the Media Plan in a select national print publication for the automotive industry, digital media, an informational release, and a settlement website. The Federal Judicial Center's ("FJC") *Judges' Class Action Notice and Claims Process Checklist and Plain Language Guide*, which is relied upon for federal cases, states that, "the lynchpin in an objective determination of the adequacy of a proposed notice effort is whether all the notice efforts together will reach a high percentage of the class. It is reasonable to reach between 70–95%." Here, we have developed a Notice Plan that will readily achieve a reach at the higher end of that standard.
- 45. The Notice Plan follows the guidance for satisfying due process obligations that a notice expert gleans from the United States Supreme Court's seminal decisions, which emphasize the need: (a) to endeavor to actually inform the Settlement Class, and (b) to ensure that notice is reasonably calculated to do so.
  - a) "[W]hen notice is a person's due, process which is a mere gesture is not due process. The means employed must be such as one desirous of actually informing the absentee might reasonably adopt to accomplish it," *Mullane v. Central Hanover Trust*, 339 U.S. 306, 315 (1950); and

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> FED. JUDICIAL CTR, JUDGES' CLASS ACTION NOTICE AND CLAIMS PROCESS CHECKLIST AND PLAIN LANGUAGE GUIDE 3 (2010), available at https://www.fjc.gov/content/judges-class-action-notice-and-claims-process-checklist-and-plain-language-guide-0.

b) "[N]otice must be reasonably calculated, under all the circumstances, to apprise interested parties of the pendency of the action and afford them an opportunity to present their objections," *Eisen v. Carlisle & Jacquelin*, 417 U.S. 156 (1974) (citing *Mullane*, 339 U.S. at 314).

46. The Notice Plan will provide the best notice practicable under the circumstances, conform to all aspects of Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23 regarding notice, comport with the guidance for effective notice articulated in the Manual for Complex Litigation, Fourth and applicable FJC materials, and satisfy the requirements of due process, including its "desire to actually inform" requirement.

47. The Notice Plan schedule will afford enough time to provide full and proper notice to the CDK Settlement Class Members before any Opt-Out Deadline or objection deadlines.

48. At the conclusion of the Notice Plan, I will provide a declaration verifying the effective implementation of the Notice Plan.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on August 16, 2024.

Cameron R. Azari, Esq.

# Attachment 1



Hilsoft Notifications ("Hilsoft") is a leading provider of legal notice services for large-scale class action and bankruptcy matters. We specialize in providing quality, expert, notice plan development. Our notice programs satisfy due process requirements and withstand judicial scrutiny. Hilsoft is a business unit of Epiq Class Action & Claims Solutions, Inc. ("Epiq"). Hilsoft has been retained by defendants or plaintiffs for more than 575 cases, including more than 70 MDL case settlements, with notices appearing in more than 53 languages and in almost every country, territory, and dependency in the world. For more than 25 years, Hilsoft's notice plans have been approved and upheld by courts. Case examples include:

- ➤ Hilsoft implemented an extensive notice program for a \$190 million data breach settlement. Notice was sent to more than 93.6 million settlement class members by email or mail. The individual notice efforts reached approximately 96% of the identified settlement class members and were enhanced by a supplemental media plan that included banner notices and social media notices (delivering more than 123.4 million impressions), sponsored search, and a settlement website. *In Re: Capital One Consumer Data Security Breach Litigation MDL* No. 2915, 1:19-md-02915 (E.D. Va.).
- ➤ Hilsoft designed and implemented an extensive notice plan for a \$85 million privacy settlement involving Zoom, the most popular videoconferencing platform. Notice was sent to more than 158 million class members by email or mail and millions of reminder notices were sent to stimulate claim filings. The individual notice efforts reached approximately 91% of the class and were enhanced by supplemental media provided with regional newspaper notice, nationally distributed digital and social media notice (delivering more than 280 million impressions), sponsored search, an informational release, and a settlement website. *In Re: Zoom Video Communications, Inc. Privacy Litigation* 3:20-cv-02155 (N.D. Cal.).
- ➤ Hilsoft designed and implemented several notice programs to notify retail purchasers of disposable contact lenses regarding four settlements with different settling defendants totaling \$88 million. For each notice program more than 1.98 million email or postcard notices were sent to potential class members and a comprehensive media plan was implemented, with a well-read nationwide consumer publication, internet banner notices (delivering more than 312.9 million 461.4 million impressions per campaign), sponsored search listings, and a case website. *In re: Disposable Contact Lens Antitrust Litigation* 3:15-md-02626 (M.D. Fla.).
- For a \$21 million settlement that involved The Coca-Cola Company, fairlife, LLC, and other defendants regarding allegations of false labeling and marketing of fairlife milk products, Hilsoft designed and implemented a media based notice plan. The plan included a consumer print publication notice, targeted banner notices, and social media (delivering more than 620.1 million impressions in English and Spanish nationwide). Combined with individual notice to a small percentage of the class, the notice plan reached approximately 80.2% of the class. The reach was further enhanced by sponsored search, an informational release, and a website. *In re: fairlife Milk Products Marketing and Sales Practices Litigation* 1:19-cv-03924 (N.D. III.).
- ➤ For a \$60 million settlement for Morgan Stanley Smith Barney's account holders in response to "Data Security Incidents," Hilsoft designed and implemented an extensive individual notice program. More than 13.8 million email or mailed notices were delivered, reaching approximately 90% of the identified potential settlement class members. The individual notice efforts were supplemented with nationwide newspaper notice and a settlement website. *In re Morgan Stanley Data Security Litigation* 1:20-cv-05914 (S.D.N.Y.).
- Hilsoft designed and implemented numerous monumental notice campaigns to notify current or former owners or lessees of certain BMW, Mazda, Subaru, Toyota, Honda, Nissan, Ford, and Volkswagen vehicles as part of \$1.91 billion in settlements regarding Takata airbags. The Notice Plans included mailed notice to more than 61.8 million potential class members and notice via consumer publications, U.S. Territory newspapers, radio, internet banners, mobile banners, and behaviorally targeted digital media. Combined, the notice plans reached more than 95% of adults aged 18+ in the U.S. who owned or leased a subject vehicle, 4.0 times each. *In re: Takata Airbag Products Liability Litigation* MDL No. 2599 (S.D. Fla.).

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- ➤ Hilsoft designed and implemented a notice plan for a false advertising settlement. The notice plan included a nationwide media plan with a consumer print publication, digital notice and social media (delivering more than 231.6 million impressions nationwide in English and Spanish) and was combined with individual notice via email or postcard to more than 1 million identified class members. The notice plan reached approximately 79% of Adults, Aged 21+ in the U.S. who drink alcoholic beverages, an average of 2.4 times each. The reach was further enhanced by internet sponsored search listings, an informational release, and a website. **Browning et al. v. Anheuser-Busch, LLC** 20-cv-00889 (W.D. Mo.).
- For a \$63 million settlement, Hilsoft designed and implemented a comprehensive, nationwide media notice effort using magazines, digital banners and social media (delivering more than 758 million impressions), and radio (traditional and satellite), among other media. The media notice reached at least 85% of the class. In addition, more than 3.5 million email notices and/or postcard notices were delivered to identified class members. The individual notice and media notice were supplemented with outreach to unions and associations, sponsored search listings, an informational release, and a website. *In re: U.S. Office of Personnel Management Data Security Breach Litigation MDL* No. 2664, 15-cv-01394 (D.D.C.).
- For a \$50 million settlement on behalf of certain purchasers of Schiff Move Free® Advanced glucosamine supplements, nearly 4 million email notices and 1.1 million postcard notices were sent. The individual notice efforts sent by Hilsoft were delivered to approximately 98.5% of the identified class sent notice. A media campaign with banner notices and sponsored search combined with the individual notice efforts reached at least 80% of the class. **Yamagata et al. v. Reckitt Benckiser LLC** 3:17-cv-03529 (N.D. Cal.).
- ➤ In response to largescale municipal water contamination in Flint, Michigan, Hilsoft's expertise was relied upon to design and implement a comprehensive notice program. Direct mail notice packages and reminder email notices were sent to identified class members. In addition, Hilsoft implemented a media plan with local newspaper publications, online video and audio ads, local television and radio ads, sponsored search, an informational release, and a website. The media plan also included banner notices and social media notices geo-targeted to Flint, Michigan and the state of Michigan. Combined, the notice program individual notice and media notice efforts reached more than 95% of the class. *In re Flint Water Cases* 5:16-cv-10444, (E.D. Mich.).
- ➤ Hilsoft implemented an extensive notice program for several settlements alleging improper collection and sharing of personally identifiable information (PII) of drivers on certain toll roads in California. The settlements provided benefits of more than \$175 million, including penalty forgiveness. Combined, more than 13.8 million email or postcard notices were sent, reaching approximately 93% 95% of class members across all settlements. Individual notice was supplemented with banner notices and publication notices in select newspapers all geo-targeted within California. Sponsored search listings and a settlement website further extended the reach of the notice program. *In re Toll Roads Litigation* 8:16-cv-00262 (C.D. Cal.).
- For a landmark \$6.05 billion settlement reached by Visa and MasterCard, Hilsoft implemented an extensive notice program with more than 19.8 million direct mail notices together with insertions in more than 1,500 newspapers, consumer magazines, national business publications, and trade and specialty publications, with notices in multiple languages, and an online banner notice campaign that generated more than 770 million impressions. Sponsored search listings and a website in eight languages expanded the notice efforts. For a subsequent, \$5.54 billion settlement reached by Visa and MasterCard, Hilsoft implemented a notice program with more than 16.3 million direct mail notices, more than 354 print publication insertions, and banner notices that generated more than 689 million impressions. *In re: Payment Card Interchange Fee and Merchant Discount Antitrust Litigation* MDL No. 1720, 1:05-md-01720, (E.D.N.Y.). The Second Circuit affirmed the settlement approval. See No. 20-339 *et al.*, F.4th —, 2023 WL 2506455 (2d Cir. Mar. 15, 2023).
- ➤ Hilsoft provided notice for the \$113 million lithium-ion batteries antitrust litigation settlements with individual notice via email to millions of class members, banner and social media ads, an informational release, and a website. *In re: Lithium Ion Batteries Antitrust Litigation MDL* No. 2420, 4:13-md-02420, (N.D. Cal.).
- ➤ For a \$26.5 million settlement, Hilsoft implemented a notice program targeted to people aged 13+ in the U.S. who exchanged or purchased in-game virtual currency for use within *Fortnite* or *Rocket League*. More than 29 million email notices and 27 million reminder notices were sent to class members. In addition, a targeted media notice program was implemented with internet banner and social media notices, *Reddit* feed ads, and *YouTube* pre-roll ads, generating more than 350.4 million impressions. Combined, the notice efforts reached approximately 93.7% of the class. *Zanca et al. v. Epic Games, Inc.* 21-CVS-534 (Sup. Ct. Wake Cnty., N.C.).



- ➤ Hilsoft developed an extensive media-based notice program for a settlement regarding Walmart weighted goods pricing. Notice consisted of highly visible national, consumer print publications and targeted digital banner notices and social media. The banner notices generated more than 522 million impressions. Sponsored search, an informational release, and a settlement website further expanded the reach. The notice program reached approximately 75% of the class an average of 3.5 times each. *Kukorinis v. Walmart, Inc.* 1:19-cv-20592 (S.D. Fla.).
- For a \$250 million settlement with approximately 4.7 million class members, Hilsoft designed and implemented a notice program with individual notice via postcard or email to approximately 1.43 million class members and a robust publication program that reached 78.8% of all U.S. adults aged 35+, approximately 2.4 times each. Hale v. State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company et al. 3:12-cv-00660 (S.D. III.).
- Hilsoft designed and implemented an extensive individual notice program for a \$32 million settlement. Notice efforts included 8.6 million double-postcard notices and 1.4 million email notices sent to inform class members of the settlement. The individual notice efforts reached approximately 93.3% of the settlement class. An informational release, geo-targeted publication notice, and a website further enhanced the notice efforts. *In re: Premera Blue Cross Customer Data Security Breach Litigation MDL* No. 2633, 3:15-md-2633 (D. Ore.).
- For a \$20 million Telephone Consumer Protection Act ("TCPA") settlement, Hilsoft created a notice program with mail or email notice to more than 6.9 million class members and media notice via newspaper and internet banners, which combined reached approximately 90.6% of the class. Vergara et al., v. Uber Technologies, Inc. 1:15-cv-06972 (N.D. III.).
- An extensive notice effort was designed and implemented by Hilsoft for asbestos personal injury claims and rights as to Debtors' Joint Plan of Reorganization and Disclosure Statement. The notice program included nationwide consumer print publications, trade and union labor publications, internet banner ads, an informational release, and a website. *In re: Kaiser Gypsum Company, Inc. et al.* 16-cv-31602 (Bankr. W.D. N.C.).
- A comprehensive notice program within the Volkswagen Emissions Litigation provided individual notice to more than 946,000 vehicle owners via first class mail and to more than 855,000 vehicle owners via email. A targeted internet campaign further enhanced the notice efforts. In re: Volkswagen "Clean Diesel" Marketing, Sales Practices and Product Liability Litigation (Bosch Settlement) MDL No. 2672 (N.D. Cal.).
- Hilsoft handled a large asbestos bankruptcy bar date notice effort with individual notice, national consumer publications, hundreds of local and national newspapers, Spanish newspapers, union labor publications, and digital media to reach the target audience. *In re: Energy Future Holdings Corp. et al.* 14-10979 (Bankr. D. Del.).
- For overdraft fee class action settlements from 2010-2020, Hilsoft developed programs integrating individual notice, and in some cases paid media notice efforts for more than 20 major U.S. commercial banks. *In re:* Checking Account Overdraft Litigation MDL No. 2036 (S.D. Fla.).
- ➤ For one of the largest and most complex class action cases in Canadian history, Hilsoft designed and implemented groundbreaking notice to disparate, remote Indigenous people for this multi-billion-dollar settlement. *In re: Residential Schools Class Action Litigation* 00-cv-192059 CPA (Ont. Super. Ct.).
- For BP's \$7.8 billion settlement related to the Deepwater Horizon oil spill, possibly the most complex class action case in U.S. history, Hilsoft opined on all forms of notice and designed and implemented a dual notice program for "Economic and Property Damages" and "Medical Benefits." The notice program reached at least 95% of Gulf Coast region adults with more than 7,900 television spots, 5,200 radio spots, 5,400 print insertions in newspapers, consumer publications and trade journals, digital media, and individual notice. Hilsoft also implemented one of the largest claim deadline notice campaigns, with a combined measurable paid print, television, radio, and internet notice effort, reaching in excess of 90% of adults aged 18+ in the 26 identified DMAs covering the Gulf Coast Areas, an average of 5.5 times each. *In re: Oil Spill by the Oil Rig "Deepwater Horizon" in the Gulf of Mexico, on April 20, 2010 MDL* No. 2179 (E.D. La.).
- > A point of sale notice effort with 100 million notices distributed to Lowe's purchasers during a six-week period regarding a Chinese drywall settlement. *Vereen v. Lowe's Home Centers* SU10-cv-2267B (Ga. Super. Ct.).



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## **ARTICLES AND PRESENTATIONS**

- ➤ Cameron Azari Chair, "Panel Discussion: Class Actions Case Management." Global Class Actions Symposium 2022, Amsterdam, The Netherlands, Nov. 17, 2022.
- ➤ Cameron Azari Speaker, "Driving Claims in Consumer Settlements: Notice/Claim Filing and Payments in the Digital Age." Mass Torts Made Perfect Bi-Annual Conference, Las Vegas, NV, Oct. 12, 2022.
- > Cameron Azari Chair, "Panel Discussion: Class Actions Case Management." Global Class Actions Symposium 2021, London, UK, Nov. 16, 2021.
- Cameron Azari Speaker, "Mass Torts Made Perfect Bi-Annual Conference." Class Actions Abroad, Las Vegas, NV, Oct. 13, 2021.
- > Cameron Azari Speaker, "Virtual Global Class Actions Symposium 2020, Class Actions Case Management Panel." Nov. 18, 2020.
- Cameron Azari Speaker, "Consumers and Class Action Notices: An FTC Workshop." Federal Trade Commission, Washington, DC, Oct. 29, 2019.
- ➤ Cameron Azari Speaker, "The New Outlook for Automotive Class Action Litigation: Coattails, Recalls, and Loss of Value/Diminution Cases." ACI's Automotive Product Liability Litigation Conference, American Conference Institute, Chicago, IL, July 18, 2019.
- ➤ Cameron Azari Moderator, "Prepare for the Future of Automotive Class Actions." Bloomberg Next, Webinar-CLE, Nov. 6, 2018.
- ➤ Cameron Azari Speaker, "The Battleground for Class Certification: Plaintiff and Defense Burdens, Commonality Requirements and Ascertainability." 30<sup>th</sup> National Forum on Consumer Finance Class Actions and Government Enforcement, Chicago, IL, July 17, 2018.
- ➤ Cameron Azari Speaker, "Recent Developments in Class Action Notice and Claims Administration." PLI's Class Action Litigation 2018 Conference, New York, NY, June 21, 2018.
- ➤ Cameron Azari Speaker, "One Class Action or 50? Choice of Law Considerations as Potential Impediment to Nationwide Class Action Settlements." 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Western Regional CLE Program on Class Actions and Mass Torts, Clyde & Co LLP, San Francisco, CA, June 22, 2018.
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Judge David O. Carter, In re: California Pizza Kitchen Data Breach Litigation (Feb. 22, 2023) 8:21-cv-01928 (C.D. Cal.):

The Court finds that the Class Notice plan provided for in the Settlement Agreement and effectuated pursuant to the Preliminary Approval Order: (i) was the best notice practicable under the circumstances; (ii) was reasonably calculated to provide, and did provide due and sufficient notice to the Settlement Class regarding the existence and nature of the Consolidated Cases, certification of the Settlement Class for settlement purposes only, the existence and terms of the Settlement Agreement, and the rights of Settlement Class members to exclude themselves from the settlement, to object and appear at the Final Approval Hearing, and to receive benefits under the Settlement Agreement; and (iii) satisfied the requirements of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the United States Constitution, and all other applicable law.

**Judge David Knutson,** *Duggan et al. v. Wings Financial Credit Union* (Feb. 3, 2023) 19AV-cv-20-2163 (Dist. Ct., Dakota Cnty., Minn.):

The Court finds that notice of the Settlement to the Class was the best notice practicable and complied with the requirements of Due Process.

Judge Clarence M. Darrow, *Rivera v. IH Mississippi Valley Credit Union* (Jan. 26, 2023) 2019 CH 299 (Cir. Ct 14th Jud. Cir., Rock Island Cnty., III.):

The Court finds that the distribution of the Notices and the notice methodology were properly implemented in accordance with the terms of the Settlement Agreement and the Preliminary Approval Order. The Court further finds that the Notice was simply written and readily understandable and Class members have received the best notice practicable under the circumstances of the pendency of this action, their right to opt out, their right to object to the settlement, and all other relevant matters. The notices provided to the class met all requirements of due process, 735 ILCS 5/8-2001, et seq., and any other applicable law.



Judge Andrew M. Lavin, Brower v. Northwest Community Credit Union (Jan. 18, 2023) 20CV38608 (Ore. Dist. Ct. Multnomah Cnty.):

This Court finds that the distribution of the Class Notice was completed in accordance with the Preliminary Approval/Notice Order, signed September 8, 2022, was made pursuant to ORCP 32 D, and fully met the requirements of the Oregon Rules of Civil Procedure, due process, the United States Constitution, the Oregon Constitution, and any other applicable law.

Judge Gregory H. Woods, *Torretto et al. v. Donnelley Financial Solutions, Inc. and Mediant Communications, Inc.* (Jan. 5, 2023) 1:20-cv-02667 (S.D.N.Y.):

The Court finds that the notice provided to the Class Members was the best notice practicable under the circumstances, and that it complies with the requirements of Rule 23(c)(2).

Judge Ledricka Thierry, Opelousas General Hospital Authority v. Louisiana Health Service & Indemnity Company d/b/a Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Louisiana (Dec. 21, 2022) 16-C-3647 (27<sup>th</sup> Jud. D. Ct. La.):

Notice given to Class Members and all other interested parties pursuant to this Court's order of October 31, 2022, was reasonably calculated to apprise interested parties of the pendency of the action, the certification of the Class as defined, the terms of the Settlement Agreement, Class Members rights to be represented by private counsel, at their own costs, and Class Members' rights to appear in Court to have their objections heard, and to afford persons or entities within the Class definition an opportunity to exclude themselves from the Class. Such notice complied with all requirements of the federal and state constitutions, including the Due Process Clause, and applicable articles of the Louisiana Code of Civil Procedure, and constituted the best notice practicable under the circumstances and constituted due and sufficient notice to all potential members of the Class as defined..."

Judge Dale S. Fischer, DiFlauro, et al. v. Bank of America, N.A. (Dec. 19, 2022) 2:20-cv-05692 (C.D. Cal.):

The form and means of disseminating the Class Notice as provided for in the Order Preliminarily Approving Settlement and Providing for Notice constituted the best notice practicable under the circumstances, including individual notice to all Members of the Class who could be identified through reasonable effort. Said Notice provided the best notice practicable under the circumstances of the proceedings and the matters set forth therein, including the proposed Settlement set forth in the Agreement, to all persons entitled to such notice, and said Notice fully satisfied the requirements of Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23 and complied with all laws, including, but not limited to, the Due Process Clause of the United States Constitution.

Judge Stephen R. Bough, Browning et al. v. Anheuser-Busch, LLC (Dec. 19, 2022) 4:20-cv-00889 (W.D. Mo.):

The Court has determined that the Notice given to the Classes, in accordance with the Notice Plan in the Settlement Agreement and the Preliminary Approval Order, fully and accurately informed members of the Classes of all material elements of the Settlement and constituted the best notice practicable under the circumstances, and fully satisfied the requirements of due process, Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23, and all applicable law. The Court further finds that the Notice given to the Classes was adequate and reasonable.

Judge Robert E. Payne, Haney et al. v. Genworth Life Insurance Co. et al. (Dec. 12, 2022) 3:22-cv-00055 (E.D. Va.):

The Court preliminarily approved the Amended Settlement Agreement on July 7, 2022, and directed that notice be sent to the Class. ECF No. 34. The Notice explained the policy election options afforded to class members, how they could communicate with Class Counsel about the Amended Settlement Agreement, their rights and options thereunder, how they could examine certain information on a website that was set up as part of the settlement process, and their right to object to the proposed settlement and opt out of the proposed case. Class members were also informed that they could contact independent counsel of their choice for advice.

In assessing the adequacy of the Notice, as well as the fairness of the settlement itself, it is important that, according to the record, as of November 1, 2022, the Notice reached more than 99% of the more than 352,000 class members.

All things considered, the Notice is adequate under the applicable law....



Judge Danielle Viola, Dearing v. Magellan Health, Inc. et al. (Dec. 5, 2022) CV2020-013648 (Sup. Ct. Cnty. Maricopa, Ariz.):

The Court finds that the Notice to the Settlement Class fully complied with the requirements of the Arizona Rules of Civil Procedure and due process, has constituted the best notice practicable under the circumstances, was reasonably calculated to provide, and did provide, due and sufficient notice to Settlement Class Members regarding the existence and nature of the Litigation, certification of the Settlement Class for settlement purposes only, the existence and terms of the Settlement Agreement, the rights of Settlement Class Members to exclude themselves from or object to the Settlement, the right to appear at the Final Fairness Hearing, and to receive benefits under the Settlement Agreement.

**Judge Michael A. Duddy,** *Churchill et al. v. Bangor Savings Bank* (Dec. 5, 2022) BCD-CIV-2021-00027 (Maine Bus. & Consumer Ct.):

The Class 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.

**Judge Andrew Schulman,** *Guthrie v. Service Federal Credit Union* (Nov. 22, 2022) 218-2021-CV-00160 (Sup. Ct. Rockingham Cnty., N.H.):

The notice given to the Settlement Class of the Settlement and the other matters set forth therein was the best notice practicable under the circumstances, including individual notice to all Settlement Class Members who could be identified through reasonable effort. Said notice provided due and adequate notice of these proceedings and of the matters set forth in the Agreement, including the proposed Settlement, to all Persons entitled to such notice, and said notice fully satisfied the requirements of New Hampshire law and due process.

Judge Charlene Edwards Honeywell, *Stoll et al. v. Musculoskeletal Institute*, *Chartered d/b/a Florida Orthopaedic Institute* (Nov. 14, 2022) 8:20-cv-01798 (M.D. Fla):

The Court finds and determines that the Notice Program, preliminarily approved on May 16, 2022, and implemented on June 15, 2022, constituted the best notice practicable under the circumstances, constituted due and sufficient notice of the matters set forth in the notices to all persons entitled to receive such notices, and fully satisfies the requirements of due process, Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, 28 U.S.C. § 1715, and all other applicable laws and rules. The Notice Program involved direct notice via e-mail and postal mail providing details of the Settlement, including the benefits available, how to exclude or object to the Settlement, when the Final Fairness Hearing would be held, and how to inquire further about details of the Settlement. The Court further finds that all of the notices are written in plain language and are readily understandable by Class Members. The Court further finds that notice has been provided to the appropriate state and federal officials in accordance with the requirements of the Class Action Fairness Act, 28 U.S.C. § 1715, drawing no objections.

Judge Thomas W. Thrash, Jr., Callen v. Daimler AG and Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC (Nov. 7, 2022) 1:19-cv-01411 (N.D. Ga.):

The Court finds that notice was given in accordance with the Preliminary Approval Order (Dkt. No. 79), and that the form and content of that Notice, and the procedures for dissemination thereof, afforded adequate protections to Class Members and satisfy the requirements of Rule 23(e) and due process and constitute the best notice practicable under the circumstances.

Judge Mark Thomas Bailey, Snyder et al. v. The Urology Center of Colorado, P.C. (Oct. 30, 2022) 2021CV33707 (2nd Dist. Ct, Cnty. of Denver Col.):

The Court finds that the Notice Program, set forth in the Settlement Agreement and effectuated pursuant to the Preliminary Approval Order: (i) was the best notice practicable under the circumstances; (ii) was reasonably calculated to provide, and did provide, due and sufficient notice to the Settlement Class regarding the existence and nature of the Litigation, certification of the Settlement Class for settlement purposes only, the existence and terms of the Settlement Agreement, and the rights of Settlement Class Members to exclude themselves from the Settlement, to object and appear at the Final Approval Hearing, and to receive benefits under the Settlement Agreement; and (iii) satisfied the requirements of the Colorado Rules of Civil Procedure, the United States Constitution, and all other applicable law.



Judge Amy Berman Jackson, In re: U.S. Office of Personnel Management Data Security Breach Litigation (Oct. 28, 2022) MDL No. 2664, 15-cv-01394 (D.D.C.):

The Court finds that notice of the Settlement was given to Class Members in accordance with the Preliminary Approval Order, and that it constituted the best notice practicable of the matters set forth therein, including the Settlement, to all individuals entitled to such notice. It further finds that the notice satisfied the requirements of Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23 and of due process.

Judge John R. Tunheim, *In re Pork Antitrust Litigation (Commercial and Institutional Indirect Purchaser Actions - CIIPPs)* (Smithfield Foods, Inc.) (Oct. 19, 2022) 18-cv-01776 (D. Minn.):

The notice given to the Settlement Class, including individual notice to all members of the Settlement Class who could be identified through reasonable effort, was the most effective and practicable under the circumstances. This notice provided due and sufficient notice of the proceedings and of the matters set forth therein, including the proposed settlement, to all persons entitled to such notice, and this notice fully satisfied the requirements of Rules 23(c)(2) and 23(e)(1) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and the requirements of due process.

Judge Harvey E. Schlesinger, *In re Disposable Contact Lens Antitrust Litigation* (Alcon Laboratories, Inc. and Johnson & Johnson Vision Care, Inc.) (Oct. 12, 2022) 3:15-md-02626 (M.D. Fla):

The Court finds that the dissemination of the Notice: (a) was implemented in accordance with the Preliminary Approval Order; (b) constitutes the best notice practicable under the circumstances; (c) constitutes notice that was reasonably calculated, under the circumstances, to apprise the Settlement Classes of (i) the pendency of the Action; (ii) the effect of the Settlement Agreements (including the Releases to be provided thereunder); (iii) Class Counsel's possible motion for an award of attorneys' fees and reimbursement of expenses; (iv) the right to object to any aspect of the Settlement Agreements, the Plan of Distribution, and/or Class Counsel's motion for attorneys' fees and reimbursement of expenses; (v) the right to opt out of the Settlement Classes; and (vi) the right to appear at the Fairness Hearing; (d) constitutes due, adequate, and sufficient notice to all persons and entities entitled to receive notice of the Settlement Agreements; and (e) satisfies the requirements of Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and the United States Constitution (including the Due Process Clause).

Judge George H. Wu, Hameed-Bolden et al. v. Forever 21 Retail, Inc. et al. (Oct. 11, 2022) 2:18-cv-03019 (C.D. Cal):

[T]he Court finds that the Notice and notice methodology implemented pursuant to the Settlement Agreement and the Court's Preliminary Approval Order: (a) constituted methods that were reasonably calculated to inform the members of the Settlement Class of the Settlement and their rights thereunder; (b) constituted notice that was reasonably calculated, under the circumstances, to apprise Settlement Class Members of the pendency of the litigation, their right to object to the Settlement, and their right to appear at the Final Approval Hearing; (c) were reasonable and constituted due, adequate and sufficient notice to all persons entitled to notice; and (d) met all applicable requirements of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and any other applicable law.

Judge Robert M. Dow, Jr., In re: fairlife Milk Products Marketing and Sales Practices Litigation (Sept. 28, 2022) MDL No. 2909, 1:19-cv-03924 (N.D. III.):

The Court finds that the Class Notice Program implemented pursuant to the Settlement Agreement and the Order preliminarily approving the Settlement ... (i) constituted the best practicable notice, (ii) constituted notice that was reasonably calculated under the circumstances to apprise Settlement Class Members of the pendency of the Litigation, of their right to object to or exclude themselves from the proposed Settlement, of their right to appear at the Fairness Hearing, and of their right to seek monetary and other relief, (iii) constituted reasonable, due, adequate, and sufficient notice to all persons entitled to receive notice, and (iv) met all applicable requirements of due process and any other applicable law.

Judge Ethan P. Schulman, Rodan & Fields LLC; Gorzo et al. v. Rodan & Fields, LLC (Sept. 28, 2022) CJC-18-004981, CIVDS 1723435 & CGC-18-565628 (Sup. Ct. Cal., Cnty. of San Bernadino & Sup. Ct. Cal. Cnty. of San Francisco):

The Court finds the Full Notice, Email Notice, Postcard Notice, and Notice of Opt-Out (collectively, the "Notice Packet") and its distribution to Class Members have been implemented pursuant to the Agreement and this Court's Preliminary Approval Order. The Court also finds the Notice Packet: a) Constitutes notice reasonably calculated to apprise Class Members of: (i) the pendency of the class action lawsuit; (ii) the material terms and provisions of the Settlement and their rights; (iii) their right to object to any aspect of the Settlement; (iv) their right to exclude themselves from the Settlement; (v) their right to claim a Settlement Benefit; (vi) their right to



appear at the Final Approval Hearing; and (vii) the binding effect of the orders and judgment in the class action lawsuit on all Participating Class Members; b) Constitutes notice that fully satisfied the requirements of Code of Civil Procedure section 382, California Rules of Court, rule 3.769, and due process; c) Constitutes the best practicable notice to Class Members under the circumstances of the class action lawsuit; and d) Constitutes reasonable, adequate, and sufficient notice to Class Members.

Judge Anthony J Trenga, *In Re: Capital One Customer Data Security Breach Litigation* (Sept. 13, 2022) MDL No. 1:19-md-2915, 1:19-cv-02915 (E.D Va.):

Pursuant to the Court's direction, the Claims Administrator appointed by the Court implemented a robust notice program ... The Notice Plan has been successfully implemented and reached approximately 96 percent of the Settlement Class by the individual notice efforts alone.... Targeted internet advertising and extensive news coverage enhanced public awareness of the Settlement.

The Court finds that the Notice Program has been implemented by the Settlement Administrator and the Parties in accordance with the requirements of the Settlement Agreement, and that such Notice Program, including the utilized forms of Notice, constitutes the best notice practicable under the circumstances and satisfies due process and the requirements of Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. The Court finds that the Settlement Administrator and Parties have complied with the directives of the Order Granting Preliminary Approval of Class Action Settlement and Directing Notice of Proposed Settlement and the Court reaffirms its findings concerning notice ....

Judge Evelio Grillo, Aseltine v. Chipotle Mexican Grill, Inc. (Sept. 13, 2022) RG21088118 (Cir. Ct. Cal. Alameda Cnty.):

The proposed class notice form and procedure are adequate. The email notice is appropriate given the amount at issue for each member of the class.

**Judge David S. Cunningham, Muransky et al. v. The Cheesecake Factory et al.** (Sept. 9, 2022) 19 stcv 43875 (Sup. Ct. Cal. Cnty. of Los Angeles):

The record shows that Class Notice has been given to the Settlement Class in the manner approved by the Court in its Preliminary Approval Order. The Court finds that such Class Notice: (i) constitutes reasonable and the best notice that is practicable under the circumstances; (ii) constitutes notice that was reasonably calculated, under the circumstances, to apprise Settlement Class Members of the terms of the Agreement and the Class Settlement set forth in the Agreement ("Class Settlement"), and the right of Settlement Class Members to object to or exclude themselves from the Settlement Class and appear at the Fairness Hearing held on May 20, 2022; (iii) constitutes due, adequate, and sufficient notice to all person or entities entitled to receive notice; and (iv) meets the requirements of due process, California Code of Civil Procedure § 382, and California Rules of Court, Rules 3.760-3.771.

Judge Steven E. McCullough, Fallis et al. v. Gate City Bank (Sept. 9, 2022) 09-2019-cv-04007 (East Cent. Dist. Ct. Cass Cnty. N.D.):

The Courts finds that the distribution of the Notices and the Notice Program were properly implemented in accordance with N.D. R. Civ. P. 23, the terms of the Agreement, and the Preliminary Approval Order. The Court further finds that the Notice was simply written and readily understandable and that the Notice (a) constitutes the best notice practicable under the circumstances; (b) constitutes notice that was reasonably calculated, under the circumstances, to apprise the Settlement Classes of the Agreement and their right to exclude themselves or object to the Agreement and to appear at the Final Approval Hearing; (c) is reasonable and constitutes due, adequate, and sufficient notice to all persons entitled to notice; and (d) meets all applicable requirements of North Dakota law and any other applicable law and due process requirements.

Judge Susan N. Burke, Mayo v. Affinity Plus Federal Credit Union (Aug. 29, 2022) 27-cv-20-11786 (4th Jud. Dist. Ct. Minn.):

The Court finds that Notice to the Settlement Class was the best notice practicable and complied with the requirements of Due Process, and that the Notice Program was completed in compliance with the Preliminary Approval Order and the Agreement.

Judge Paul A. Engelmayer, In re Morgan Stanley Data Security Litigation (Aug. 5, 2022) 1:20-cv-05914 (S.D.N.Y.):

The Court finds that the emailed and mailed notice, publication notice, website, and Class Notice plan implemented pursuant to the Settlement Agreement and Judge Analisa Torres' Preliminary Approval Order: (a) were implemented in accordance with the Preliminary Approval Order; (b) constituted the best notice



practicable under the circumstances; (c) constituted notice that was reasonably calculated, under the circumstances, to appraise Settlement Class Members of the pendency of this Action, of the effect of the proposed Settlement (including the Releases to be provided thereunder), of their right to exclude themselves from or object to the proposed Settlement, of their right to appear at the Fairness Hearing, of the Claims Process, and of Class Counsel's application for an award of attorneys' fees, for reimbursement of expenses associated with the Action, and any Service Award; (d) provided a full and fair opportunity to all Settlement Class Members to be heard with respect to the foregoing matters; (e) constituted due, adequate and sufficient notice to all persons and entities entitled to receive notice of the proposed Settlement; and (f) met all applicable requirements of Rule 23 of the Federal Rule of Civil Procedure, the United States Constitution, including the Due Process Clause, and any other applicable rules of law.

Judge Denise Page Hood, Bleachtech L.L.C. v. United Parcel Service Co. (July 20, 2022) 14-cv-12719 (E.D. Mich.):

The Settlement Class Notice Program, consisting of, among other things, the Publication Notice, Long Form Notice, website, and toll-free telephone number, was the best notice practicable under the circumstances. The Notice Program provided due and adequate notice of the proceedings and of the matters set forth therein, including the proposed settlement set forth in the Settlement Agreement, to all persons entitled to such notice and said notice fully satisfied the requirements of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and the United States Constitution, which include the requirement of due process.

Judge Robert E. Payne, Skochin et al. v. Genworth Life Insurance Company et al. (June 29, 2022) 3:21-cv-00019 (E.D. Va.):

The Court finds that the plan to disseminate the Class Notice and Publication Notice the Court previously approved has been implemented and satisfies the requirements of Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(c)(2)(B) and due process. The Class Notice, which the Court approved, clearly defined the Class and explained the rights and obligations of the Class Members. The Class Notice explained how to obtain benefits under the Settlement, and how to contact Class Counsel and the Settlement Administrator. The Court appointed Epig Class Action & Claims Solutions, Inc. ("Epiq") to fulfill the Settlement Administrator duties and disseminate the Class Notice and Publication Notice. The Class Notice and Publication Notice permitted Class Members to access information and documents about the case to inform their decision about whether to opt out of or object to the Settlement.

Judge Fernando M. Olguin, Johnson v. Moss Bros. Auto Group, Inc. et al. (June 24, 2022) 5:19-cv-02456 (C.D. Cal.):

Here, after undertaking the required examination, the court approved the form of the proposed class notice. (See Dkt. 125, PAO at 18-21). As discussed above, the notice program was implemented by Epig. (Dkt. 137-3, Azari Decl. at ¶¶ 15-23 & Exhs. 3-4 (Class Notice)). Accordingly, based on the record and its prior findings, the court finds that the class notice and the notice process fairly and adequately informed the class members of the nature of the action, the terms of the proposed settlement, the effect of the action and release of claims, the class members' right to exclude themselves from the action, and their right to object to the proposed settlement....

Judge Harvey E. Schlesinger, Beiswinger v. West Shore Home, LLC (May 25, 2022) 3:20-cv-01286 (M.D. Fla.):

The Notice and the Notice Plan implemented pursuant to the Agreement (1) constitute the best practicable notice under the circumstances; (2) constitute notice that is reasonably calculated, under the circumstances, to apprise members of the Settlement Class of the pendency of the Litigation, their right to object to or exclude themselves from the proposed Settlement, and to appear at the Final Approval Hearing; (3) are reasonable and constitute due, adequate, and sufficient notice to all Persons entitled to receive notice; and (4) meet all applicable requirements of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the Due Process Clause of the United States Constitution, and the rules of the Court.

Judge Scott Kording, Jackson v. UKG Inc., f/k/a The Ultimate Software Group, Inc. (May 20, 2022) 2020L0000031 (Cir. Ct. of McLean Cnty., III.):

The Court has determined that the Notice given to the Settlement Class Members, in accordance with the Preliminary Approval Order, fully and accurately informed Settlement Class Members of all material elements of the Settlement, constituted the best notice practicable under the circumstances, and fully satisfied the requirements of 735 ILCS 5/2-803, applicable law, and the Due Process Clauses of the U.S. Constitution and Illinois Constitution.



Judge Denise J. Casper, Breda v. Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless (May 2, 2022) 1:16-cv-11512 (D. Mass.):

The Court hereby finds Notice of Settlement was disseminated to persons in the Settlement Class in accordance with the Court's preliminary approval order, was the best notice practicable under the circumstances, and that the Notice satisfied Rule 23 and due process.

Judge William H. Orrick, Maldonado et al. v. Apple Inc. et al. (Apr. 29, 2022) 3:16-cv-04067 (N.D. Cal.):

[N]otice of the Class Settlement to the Certified Class was the best notice practicable under the circumstances. The notice satisfied due process and provided adequate information to the Certified Class of all matters relating to the Class Settlement, and fully satisfied the requirements of Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 23(c)(2) and (e)(1).

Judge Laurel Beeler, In re: Zoom Video Communications, Inc. Privacy Litigation (Apr. 21, 2022) 20-cv-02155 (N.D. Cal.):

Between November 19, 2021, and January 3, 2022, notice was sent to 158,203,160 class members by email (including reminder emails to those who did not submit a claim form) and 189,003 by mail. Of the emailed notices, 14,303,749 were undeliverable, and of that group, Epiq mailed notice to 296,592 class members for whom a physical address was available. Of the mailed notices, efforts were made to ensure address accuracy and currency, and as of March 10, 2022, 11,543 were undeliverable. In total, as of March 10, 2022, notice was accomplished for 144,242,901 class members, or 91% of the total. Additional notice efforts were made by newspaper ... social media, sponsored search, an informational release, and a Settlement Website. Epiq and Class Counsel also complied with the court's prior request that best practices related to the security of class member data be implemented.

[T]he Settlement Administrator provided notice to the class in the form the court approved previously. The notice met all legal prerequisites: it was the best notice practicable, satisfied the requirements of Rule 23(c)(2), adequately advised class members of their rights under the settlement agreement, met the requirements of due process, and complied with the court's order regarding court notice. The forms of notice fairly, plainly, accurately, and reasonably provided class members with all required information ....

Judge Federico A. Moreno, *In re: Takata Airbag Products Liability Litigation* (Volkswagen) (Mar. 28, 2022) MDL No. 2599 (S.D. Fla.):

[T]he Court finds that the Class Notice has been given to the Class in the manner approved by the Court in its Preliminary Approval Order ... The Court finds that such Class Notice: (i) is reasonable and constitutes the best practicable notice to Class Members under the circumstances; (ii) constitutes notice that was reasonably calculated, under the circumstances, to apprise Class Members of the pendency of the Action and the terms of the Settlement Agreement, their right to exclude themselves from the Class or to object to all or any part of the Settlement Agreement, their right to appear at the Fairness Hearing (either on their own or through counsel hired at their own expense) and the binding effect of the orders and Final Order and Final Judgment in the Action, whether favorable or unfavorable, on all persons and entities who or which do not exclude themselves from the Class; (iii) constitutes due, adequate, and sufficient notice to all persons or entities entitled to receive notice; and (iv) fully satisfied the requirements of the United States Constitution (including the Due Process Clause), FED. R. CIV. P. 23 and any other applicable law as well as complying with the Federal Judicial Center's illustrative class action notices.

Judge James Donato, Pennington et al. v. Tetra Tech, Inc. et al. (Mar. 28, 2022) 3:18-cv-05330 (N.D. Cal.):

On the Rule 23(e)(1) notice requirement, the Court approved the parties' notice plan, which included postcard notice, email notice, and a settlement website. Dkt. No. 154. The individual notice efforts reached an impressive 100% of the identified settlement class. Dkt. No. 200-223. The Court finds that notice was provided in the best practicable manner to class members who will be bound by the proposal. Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(e)(1).

Judge Edward J. Davila, Cochran et al. v. The Kroger Co. et al. (Mar. 24, 2022) 5:21-cv-01887 (N.D. Cal.):

The Court finds that the dissemination of the Notices: (a) was implemented in accordance with the Preliminary Approval Order; (b) constituted the best notice practicable under the circumstances; (c) constituted notice that is appropriate, in a manner, content, and format reasonably calculated, under the circumstances, to apprise Settlement Class Members ...; (d) constituted due, adequate, and sufficient notice to all Persons entitled to receive notice of the proposed Settlement; and (e) satisfied the requirements of Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the Constitution of the United (including the Due Process Clause), and all other applicable laws and rules.



Judge Sunshine Sykes, In re Renovate America Finance Cases (Mar. 4, 2022) RICJCCP4940 (Sup. Ct. of Cal., Riverside Cnty.):

The Court finds that notice previously given to Class Members in the Action was the best notice practicable under the circumstances and satisfies the requirements of due process ...The Court further finds that, because (a) adequate notice has been provided to all Class Members and (b) all Class Members have been given the opportunity to object to, and/or request exclusion from, the Settlement, the Court has jurisdiction over all Class Members.

Judge David O. Carter, Fernandez v. Rushmore Loan Management Services LLC (Feb. 14, 2022) 8:21-cv-00621 (C. D. Cal.):

Notice was sent to potential Class Members pursuant to the Settlement Agreement and the method approved by the Court. The Class Notice adequately describes the litigation and the scope of the involved Class. Further, the Class Notice explained the amount of the Settlement Fund, the plan of allocation, that Plaintiff's counsel and Plaintiff will apply for attorneys' fees, costs, and a service award, and the Class Members' option to participate, opt out, or object to the Settlement. The Class Notice consisted of direct notice via USPS, as well as a Settlement Website where Class Members could view the Long Form Notice.

Judge Otis D. Wright, II, In re Toll Roads Litigation (Feb. 11, 2022) 8:16-cv-00262 (C. D. Cal.):

The Class Administrator provided notice to members of the Settlement Classes in compliance with the Agreements, due process, and Rule 23. The notice: (i) fully and accurately informed class members about the lawsuit and settlements; (ii) provided sufficient information so that class members were able to decide whether to accept the benefits offered, opt-out and pursue their own remedies, or object to the proposed settlements; (iii) provided procedures for class members to file written objections to the proposed settlements, to appear at the hearing, and to state objections to the proposed settlements; and (iv) provided the time, date, and place of the final fairness hearing. The Court finds that the Notice provided to the Classes pursuant to the Settlement Agreements and the Preliminary Approval Order and consisting of individual direct postcard and email notice, publication notice, settlement website, and CAFA notice has been successful and (i) constituted the best practicable notice under the circumstances; (ii) constituted notice that was reasonably calculated, under the circumstances, to apprise Class Members of the pendency of the Action, their right to object to the Settlements or exclude themselves from the Classes, and to appear at the Final Approval Hearing; (iii) was reasonable and constituted due, adequate, and sufficient notice to all persons entitled to receive notice; and (iv) otherwise met all applicable requirements of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the Due Process Clause of the United States Constitution, and the rules of the Court.

Judge Virginia M. Kendall, *In re Turkey Antitrust Litigations* (Commercial and Institutional Indirect Purchaser Plaintiffs' Action) Sandee's Bakery d/b/a Sandee's Catering Bakery & Deli et al. v. Agri Stats, Inc. (Feb. 10, 2022) 1:19-cv-08318 (N.D. III.):

The notice given to the Settlement Class, including individual notice all members of the Settlement Class who could be identified through reasonable efforts, was the most effective and practicable under the circumstances. This notice provided due and sufficient notice of proceedings and of the matters set forth therein, including the proposed Settlement, to all persons entitled to such notice, and this notice fully satisfied the requirements of Rules 23(c)(2) and 23(e)(1) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and the requirements of due process.

Judge Beth Labson Freeman, Ford et al. v. [24]7.ai, Inc. (Jan. 28, 2022) 5:18-cv-02770 (N.D. Cal.):

The Court finds that the manner and form of notice (the "Notice Program") set forth in the Settlement Agreement was provided to Settlement Class Members. The Court finds that the Notice Program, as implemented, was the best practicable under the circumstances. The Notice Program was reasonably calculated under the circumstances to apprise the Settlement Class of the pendency of the Action, class certification, the terms of the Settlement, and their rights to opt-out of the Settlement Class and object to the Settlement, Class Counsel's fee request, and the request for Service Award for Plaintiffs. The Notice and notice program constituted sufficient notice to all persons entitled to notice. The Notice and notice program satisfy all applicable requirements of law, including, but not limited to, Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23 and the constitutional requirement of due process.

Judge Terrence W. Boyle, Abramson et al. v. Safe Streets USA LLC et al. (Jan. 12, 2022) 5:19-cv-00394 (E.D.N.C.):

Notice was provided to Settlement Class Members in compliance with Section 4 of the Settlement Agreement, due process, and Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. The notice: (a) fully and accurately informed Settlement Class Members about the Actions and Settlement Agreement; (b) provided sufficient information



so that Settlement Class Members could decide whether to accept the benefits offered, opt-out and pursue their own remedies, or object to the settlement; (c) provided procedures for Settlement Class Members to submit written objections to the proposed settlement, to appear at the hearing, and to state objections to the proposed settlement; and (d) provided the time, date, and place of the Final Approval Hearing.

Judge Joan B. Gottschall, Mercado et al. v. Verde Energy USA, Inc. (Dec. 17, 2021) 1:18-cv-02068 (N.D. III.):

In accordance with the Settlement Agreement, Epiq launched the Settlement Website and mailed out settlement notices in accordance with the preliminary approval order. (ECF No. 149). Pursuant to this Court's preliminary approval order, Epiq mailed and emailed notice to the Class on October 1, 2021. Therefore, direct notice was sent and delivered successfully to the vast majority of Class Members.

The Class Notice, together with all included and ancillary documents thereto, complied with all the requirements of Rule 23(c)(2)(B) and fairly, accurately, and reasonably informed members of the Class of: (a) appropriate information about the nature of this Litigation, including the class claims, issues, and defenses, and the essential terms of the Settlement Agreement; (b) the definition of the Class; (c) appropriate information about, and means for obtaining additional information regarding, the lawsuit and the Settlement Agreement; (d) appropriate information about, and means for obtaining and submitting, a claim; (e) appropriate information about the right of Class Members to appear through an attorney, as well as the time, manner, and effect of excluding themselves from the Settlement, objecting to the terms of the Settlement Agreement, or objecting to Lead and Class Counsel's request for an award of attorneys' fees and costs, and the procedures to do so; (f) appropriate information about the consequences of failing to submit a claim or failing to comply with the procedures and deadline for requesting exclusion from, or objecting to, the Settlement; and (g) the binding effect of a class judgment on Class Members under Rule 23(c)(3) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

The Court finds that Class Members have been provided the best notice practicable of the Settlement and that such notice fully satisfies all requirements of applicable laws and due process.

Judge Patricia M. Lucas, Wallace v. Wells Fargo (Nov. 24, 2021) 17CV317775 (Sup. Ct. Cal. Cnty. of Santa Clara):

On August 29, 2021, a dedicated website was established for the settlement at which class members can obtain detailed information about the case and review key documents, including the long form notice, postcard notice, settlement agreement, complaint, motion for preliminary approval ... (Declaration of Cameron R. Azari, Esq. Regarding Implementation and Adequacy of Settlement Notice Program ["Azari Dec."] ¶19). As of October 18, 2021, there were 2,639 visitors to the website and 4,428 website pages presented. (Ibid.).

On August 30, 2021, a toll-free telephone number was established to allow class members to call for additional information in English or Spanish, listen to answers to frequently asked questions, and request that a long form notice be mailed to them (Azari Dec. ¶20). As of October 18, 2021, the telephone number handled 345 calls, representing 1,207 minutes of use, and the settlement administrator mailed 30 long form notices as a result of requests made via the telephone number.

Also, on August 30, 2021, individual postcard notices were mailed to 177,817 class members. (Azari Dec. ¶14) As of November 10, 2021, 169,404 of those class members successfully received notice. (Supplemental Declaration of Cameron R. Azari, Esq. Regarding Implementation and Adequacy of Settlement Notice Program ["Supp. Azari Dec."] ¶10.).

Judge John R. Tunheim, In Re Pork Antitrust Litigation (Commercial and Institutional Indirect Purchaser Plaintiff Action) (JBS USA Food Company, JBS USA Food Company Holdings) (Nov. 18, 2021) 18-cv-01776 (D. Minn.):

The notice given to the Settlement Class, including individual notice to all members of the Settlement Class who could be identified through reasonable effort, was the most effective and practicable under the circumstances. This notice provided due and sufficient notice of the proceedings and of the matters set forth therein, including the proposed settlement, to all persons entitled to such notice, and this notice fully satisfied the requirements of Rules 23(c)(2) and 23(e)(1) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and the requirements of due process.

Judge H. Russel Holland, Coleman v. Alaska USA Federal Credit Union (Nov. 17, 2021) 3:19-cv-00229 (D. Alaska):

The Court approved Notice Program has been fully implemented. The Court finds that the Notices given to the Settlement Class fully and accurately informed Settlement Class Members of all material elements of the proposed Settlement and constituted valid, due, and sufficient Notice to Settlement Class Members consistent with all applicable requirements. The Court further finds that the Notice Program satisfies due process.



Judge A. Graham Shirley, Zanca et al. v. Epic Games, Inc. (Nov. 16, 2021) 21-CVS-534 (Sup. Ct. Wake Cnty., N.C.):

Notice has been provided to all members of the Settlement Class pursuant to and in the manner directed by the Preliminary Approval Order. The Notice Plan was properly administered by a highly experienced third-party Settlement Administrator. Proof of the provision of that Notice has been filed with the Court and full opportunity to be heard has been offered to all Parties to the Action, the Settlement Class, and all persons in interest. The form and manner of the Notice is hereby determined to have been the best notice practicable under the circumstances and to have been given full compliance with each of the requirements of North Carolina Rule of Civil Procedure 23, due process, and applicable law.

#### Judge Judith E. Levy, In re Flint Water Cases (Nov. 10, 2021) 5:16-cv-10444 (E.D. Mich.):

(1) a "Long Form Notice packet [was] mailed to each Settlement Class member ... a list of over 57,000 addresses—[and] over 90% of [the mailings] resulted in successful delivery;" (2) notices were emailed "to addresses that could be determined for Settlement Class members;" and (3) the "Notice Administrator implemented a comprehensive media notice campaign." ... The media campaign coupled with the mailing was intended to reach the relevant audience in several ways and at several times so that the class members would be fully informed about the settlement and the registration and objection process.

Plaintiffs submitted an affidavit signed by Azari that details the implementation of the Notice plan .... The affidavit is bolstered by several documents attached to it, such as the declaration of Epiq Class Action and Claims Solutions, Inc.'s Legal Notice Manager, Stephanie J. Fiereck. Azari declared that Epiq "delivered individual notice to approximately 91.5% of the identified Settlement Class" and that the media notice brought the overall notice effort to "in excess of 95%." The Court finds that the notice plan was implemented in an appropriate manner.

In conclusion, the Court finds that the Notice Plan as implemented, and its content, satisfies due process.

#### Judge Vince Chhabria, Yamagata et al. v. Reckitt Benckiser LLC (Oct. 28, 2021) 3:17-cv-03529 (N.D. Cal.):

The Court directed that Class Notice be given to the Class Members pursuant to the notice program proposed by the Parties and approved by the Court. In accordance with the Court's Preliminary Approval Order and the Court-approved notice program, the Settlement Administrator caused the forms of Class Notice to be disseminated as ordered. The Long-form Class Notice advised Class Members of the terms of the Settlement Agreement; the Final Approval Hearing, and their right to appear at such hearing; their rights to remain in, or opt out of, the Settlement Class and to object to the Settlement Agreement; procedures for exercising such rights; and the binding effect of this Order and accompanying Final Judgment, whether favorable or unfavorable, to the Settlement Class.

The distribution of the Class Notice pursuant to the Class Notice Program constituted the best notice practicable under the circumstances, and fully satisfies the requirements of Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23, the requirements of due process, 28 U.S.C. § 1715, and any other applicable law.

## Judge Otis D. Wright, II, Silveira v. M&T Bank (Oct. 12, 2021) 2:19-cv-06958 (C.D. Cal.):

Notice was sent to potential class members pursuant to the Settlement Agreement and the method approved by the Court. The Class Notice consisted of direct notice via USPS first class mail, as well as a Settlement Website where Class Members could view and request to be sent the Long Form Notice. The Class Notice adequately described the litigation and the scope of the involved class. Further, the Class Notice explained the amount of the Settlement Fund, the plan of allocation, that Plaintiff's counsel and Plaintiff will apply for attorneys' fees, costs, and a service award, and the class members' option to participate, opt out, or object to the settlement.

# Judge Timothy J. Korrigan, Smith v. Costa Del Mar, Inc. (Sept. 21, 2021) 3:18-cv-01011 (M.D. Fla.):

Following preliminary approval, the settlement administrator carried out the notice program .... The settlement administrator sent a summary notice and long-form notice to all class members, sent CAFA notice to federal and state officials ... and established a website with comprehensive information about the settlement .... Email notice was sent to class members with email addresses, and postcards were sent to class members with only physical addresses .... Multiple attempts were made to contact class members in some cases, and all notices



directed recipients to a website where they could access settlement information .... A paid online media plan was implemented for class members for whom the settlement administrator did not have data .... When the notice program was complete, the settlement administrator submitted a declaration stating that the notice and paid media plan reached at least seventy percent of potential class members .... [N]otices had been delivered via postcards or email to 939,400 of the 939,479 class members to whom the settlement administrator sent notice—a ninety-nine and a half percent deliverable rate....

Notice was disseminated in accordance with the Preliminary Approval Order .... Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(c)(2)(B) requires that notice be "the best notice that is practicable under the circumstances." Upon review of the notice materials ... and of Azari's Declaration ... regarding the notice program, the Court is satisfied with the way in which the notice program was carried out. Class notice fully complied with Rule 23(c)(2)(B) and due process, constituted the best notice practicable under the circumstances, and was sufficient notice to all persons entitled to notice of the settlement of this lawsuit.

## Judge Jose E. Martinez, Kukorinis v. Walmart, Inc. (Sept. 20, 2021) 1:19-cv-20592 (S.D. Fla.):

[T]he Court approved the appointment of Epiq Class Action and Claims Solutions, Inc. as the Claims Administrator with the responsibility of implementing the notice requirements approved in the Court's Order of Approval .... The media plan included various forms of notice, utilizing national consumer print publications, internet banner advertising, social media, sponsored search, and a national informational release .... According to the Azari Declaration, the Court-approved Notice reached approximately seventy-five percent (75%) of the Settlement Class on an average of 3.5 times per Class Member ....

Pertinently, the Claims Administrator implemented digital banner notices across certain social media platforms, including Facebook and Instagram, which linked directly to the Settlement Website ... the digital banner notices generated approximately 522.6 million adult impressions online .... [T]he Court finds that notice was "reasonably calculated, under the circumstances, to apprise interested parties of the pendency of the action and afford them an opportunity to present their objections."

# Judge Steven L. Tiscione, Fiore et al. v. Ingenious Designs, LLC (Sept. 10, 2021) 1:18-cv-07124 (E.D.N.Y.):

Following the Court's Preliminary Approval of the Settlement, the Notice Plan was effectuated by the Parties and the appointed Claims Administrator, Epiq Systems. The Notice Plan included a direct mailing to Class members who could be specifically identified, as well as nationwide notice by publication, social media and retailer displays and posters. The Notice Plan also included the establishment of an informational website and toll-free telephone number. The Court finds the Parties completed all settlement notice obligations imposed in the Order Preliminarily Approving Settlement. In addition, Defendants through the Class Administrator, sent the requisite CAFA notices to 57 federal and state officials. The class notices constitute "the best notice practicable under the circumstances," as required by Rule 23(c)(2).

#### Judge John S. Meyer, Lozano v. CodeMetro, Inc. (Sept. 8, 2021) 37-2020-00022701 (Sup. Ct. Cal. Cnty. of San Diego):

The Court finds that Notice has been given to the Settlement Class in the manner directed by the Court in the Preliminary Approval Order. The Court finds that such Notice: (i) was reasonable and constituted the best practicable notice under the circumstances; (ii) was reasonably calculated, under the circumstances, to apprise Settlement Class Members of the pendency of the Litigation, the terms of the Settlement, their right to exclude themselves from the Settlement Class or object to all or any part of the Settlement, their right to appear at the Final Fairness Hearing (either on their own or through counsel hired at their own expense), and the binding effect of final approval of the Settlement on all persons who do not exclude themselves from the Settlement Class; (iii) constituted due, adequate, and sufficient notice to all persons or entities entitled to receive notice; and (iv) fully satisfied the requirements of the United States Constitution (including the Due Process Clause), and any other applicable law.

# Judge Mae A. D'Agostino, Thompson et al. v. Community Bank, N.A. (Sept. 8, 2021) 8:19-cv-0919 (N.D.N.Y.):

Prior to distributing Notice to the Settlement Class members, the Settlement Administrator established a website, ... as well as a toll-free line that Settlement Class members could access or call for any questions or additional information about the proposed Settlement, including the Long Form Notice. Once Settlement Class members were identified via Defendant's business records, the Notices attached to the Agreement and approved by the Court were sent to each Settlement Class member. For Current Account Holders who have elected to receive bank communications via email, Email Notice was delivered. To Past Defendant Account Holders, and Current Account Holders who have not elected to receive communications by email or for whom



the Defendant does not have a valid email address, Postcard Notice was delivered by U.S. Mail. The Settlement Administrator mailed 36,012 Postcard Notices and sent 16,834 Email Notices to the Settlement Class, and as a result of the Notice Program, 95% of the Settlement Class received Notice of the Settlement.

Judge Anne-Christine Massullo, *UFCW & Employers Benefit Trust v. Sutter Health et al.* (Aug. 27, 2021) CGC 14-538451 consolidated with CGC-18-565398 (Sup. Ct. of Cal., Cnty. of San Fran.):

The notice of the Settlement provided to the Class constitutes due, adequate and sufficient notice and the best notice practicable under the circumstances, and meets the requirements of due process, the laws of the State of California, and Rule 3.769(f) of the California Rules of Court.

Judge Graham C. Mullen, In re: Kaiser Gypsum Company, Inc. et al. (July 27, 2021) 16-cv-31602 (W.D.N.C.):

[T]the Declaration of Cameron R. Azari, Esq. on Implementation of Notice Regarding the Joint Plan of Reorganization of Kaiser Gypsum Company, Inc. and Hanson Permanente Cement, Inc. ... (the "Notice Declaration") was filed with the Bankruptcy Court on July 1, 2020, attesting to publication notice of the Plan.

[T]he Court has reviewed the Plan, the Disclosure Statement, the Disclosure Statement Order, the Voting Agent Declaration, the Affidavits of Service, the Publication Declaration, the Notice Declaration, the Memoranda of Law, the Declarations, the Truck Affidavits and all other pleadings before the Court in connection with the Confirmation of the Plan, including the objections filed to the Plan. The Plan is hereby confirmed in its entirety ....

Judge Anne-Christine Massullo, Morris v. Provident Credit Union (June 23, 2021) CGC-19-581616 (Sup. Ct. Cal. Cnty. of San Fran.):

The Notice approved by this Court was distributed to the Classes in substantial compliance with this Court's Order Certifying Classes for Settlement Purposes and Granting Preliminary Approval of Class Settlement ("Preliminary Approval Order") and the Agreement. The Notice met the requirements of due process and California Rules of Court, rules 3.766 and 3.769(f). The notice to the Classes was adequate.

Judge Esther Salas, Sager et al. v. Volkswagen Group of America, Inc. et al. (June 22, 2021) 18-cv-13556 (D.N.J.):

The Court further finds and concludes that Class Notice was properly and timely disseminated to the Settlement Class in accordance with the Class Notice Plan set forth in the Settlement Agreement and the Preliminary Approval Order (Dkt. No. 69). The Class Notice Plan and its implementation in this case fully satisfy Rule 23, the requirements of due process and constitute the best notice practicable under the circumstances.

Judge Josephine L. Staton, *In re: Hyundai and Kia Engine Litigation and Flaherty v. Hyundai Motor Company, Inc. et al.* (June 10, 2021) 8:17-cv-00838 and 18-cv-02223 (C.D. Cal.):

The Class Notice was disseminated in accordance with the procedures required by the Court's Orders ... in accordance with applicable law, and satisfied the requirements of Rule 23(e) and due process and constituted the best notice practicable for the reasons discussed in the Preliminary Approval Order and Final Approval Order.

Judge Harvey Schlesinger, *In re: Disposable Contact Lens Antitrust Litigation* (ABB Concise Optical Group, LLC) (May 31, 2021) 3:15-md-02626 (M.D. Fla.):

The Court finds that the dissemination of the Notice: (a) was implemented in accordance with the Preliminary Approval Order; (b) constitutes the best notice practicable under the circumstances; (c) constitutes notice that was reasonably calculated, under the circumstances, to apprise the Settlement Class of (i) the pendency of the Action; (ii) the effect of the Settlement Agreement (including the Releases to be provided thereunder); (iii) Class Counsel's possible motion for an award of attorneys' fees and reimbursement of expenses; (iv) the right to object to any aspect of the Settlement Agreement, the Plan of Distribution, and/or Class Counsel's motion for attorneys' fees and reimbursement of expenses; (v) the right to opt out of the Settlement Class; (vi) the right to appear at the Fairness Hearing; and (vii) the fact that Plaintiffs may receive incentive awards; (d) constitutes due, adequate, and sufficient notice to all persons and entities entitled to receive notice of the Settlement Agreement; and (e) satisfies the requirements of Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and the United States Constitution (including the Due Process Clause).

Judge Haywood S. Gilliam, Jr. Richards et al. v. Chime Financial, Inc. (May 24, 2021) 4:19-cv-06864 (N.D. Cal.):

The Court finds that the notice and notice plan previously approved by the Court was implemented and



complies with Rule 23(c)(2)(B) ... The Court ordered that the third-party settlement administrator send class notice via email based on a class list Defendant provided ... Epiq Class Action & Claims Solutions, Inc., the third-party settlement administrator, represents that class notice was provided as directed .... Epiq received a total of 527,505 records for potential Class Members, including their email addresses .... If the receiving email server could not deliver the message, a "bounce code" was returned to Epiq indicating that the message was undeliverable .... Epiq made two additional attempts to deliver the email notice .... As of Mach 1, 2021, a total of 495,006 email notices were delivered, and 32,499 remained undeliverable .... In light of these facts, the Court finds that the parties have sufficiently provided the best practicable notice to the Class Members.

Judge Henry Edward Autrey, Pearlstone v. Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. (Apr. 22, 2021) 4:17-cv-02856 (C.D. Cal.):

The Court finds that adequate notice was given to all Settlement Class Members pursuant to the terms of the Parties' Settlement Agreement and the Preliminary Approval Order. The Court has further determined that the Notice Plan fully and accurately informed Settlement Class Members of all material elements of the Settlement, constituted the best notice practicable under the circumstances, and fully satisfied the requirements of Federal Rule 23(c)(2) and 23(e)(1), applicable law, and the Due Process Clause of the United States Constitution.

Judge Lucy H. Koh, Grace v. Apple, Inc. (Mar. 31, 2021) 17-cv-00551 (N.D. Cal.):

Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(c)(2)(B) requires that the settling parties provide class members with "the best notice that is practicable under the circumstances, including individual notice to all members who can be identified through reasonable effort. The notice must clearly and concisely state in plain, easily understood language: (i) the nature of the action; (ii) the definition of the class certified; (iii) the class claims, issues, or defenses; (iv) that a class member may enter an appearance through an attorney if the member so desires; (v) that the court will exclude from the class any member who requests exclusion; (vi) the time and manner for requesting exclusion; and (vii) the binding effect of a class judgment on members under Rule 23(c)(3)." The Court finds that the Notice Plan, which was direct notice sent to 99.8% of the Settlement Class via email and U.S. Mail, has been implemented in compliance with this Court's Order (ECF No. 426) and complies with Rule 23(c)(2)(B).

Judge Gary A. Fenner, In re: Pre-Filled Propane Tank Antitrust Litigation (Mar. 30, 2021) MDL No. 2567, 14-cv-02567 (W.D. Mo.):

Based upon the Declaration of Cameron Azari, on behalf of Epiq, the Administrator appointed by the Court, the Court finds that the Notice Program has been properly implemented. That Declaration shows that there have been no requests for exclusion from the Settlement, and no objections to the Settlement. Finally, the Declaration reflects that AmeriGas has given appropriate notice of this settlement to the Attorney General of the United States and the appropriate State officials under the Class Action Fairness Act, 28 U.S.C. § 1715, and no objections have been received from any of them.

Judge Richard Seeborg, Bautista v. Valero Marketing and Supply Company (Mar. 17, 2021) 3:15-cv-05557 (N.D. Cal.):

The Notice given to the Settlement Class in accordance with the Notice Order was the best notice practicable under the circumstances of these proceedings and of the matters set forth therein, including the proposed Settlement set forth in the Settlement Agreement, to all Persons entitled to such notice, and said notice fully satisfied the requirements of Fed. R. Civ. P. 23 and due process.

Judge James D. Peterson, Fox et al. v. lowa Health System d.b.a. UnityPoint Health (Mar. 4, 2021) 18-cv-00327 (W.D. Wis.):

The approved Notice plan provided for direct mail notice to all class members at their last known address according to UnityPoint's records, as updated by the administrator through the U.S. Postal Service. For postcards returned undeliverable, the administrator tried to find updated addresses for those class members. The administrator maintained the Settlement website and made Spanish versions of the Long Form Notice and Claim Form available upon request. The administrator also maintained a toll-free telephone line which provides class members detailed information about the settlement and allows individuals to request a claim form be mailed to them.

The Court finds that this Notice (i) constituted the best notice practicable under the circumstances; (ii) was reasonably calculated, under the circumstances, to apprise Settlement Class members of the Settlement, the effect of the Settlement (including the release therein), and their right to object to the terms of the settlement and appear at the Final Approval Hearing; (iii) constituted due and sufficient notice of the Settlement to all reasonably identifiable persons entitled to receive such notice; (iv) satisfied the requirements of due process, Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(e)(1) and the Class Action Fairness Act of 2005, 28 U.S.C. § 1715, and all applicable laws and rules.



## Judge Larry A. Burns, Trujillo et al. v. Ametek, Inc. et al. (Mar. 3, 2021) 3:15-cv-01394 (S.D. Cal.):

The Class has received the best practicable notice under the circumstances of this case. The Parties' selection and retention of Epiq Class Action & Claims Solutions, Inc. ("Epiq") as the Claims Administrator was reasonable and appropriate. Based on the Declaration of Cameron Azari of Epiq, the Court finds that the Settlement Notices were published to the Class Members in the form and manner approved by the Court in its Preliminary Approval Order. See Dkt. 181-6. The Settlement Notices provided fair, effective, and the best practicable notice to the Class of the Settlement's terms. The Settlement Notices informed the Class of Plaintiffs' intent to seek attorneys' fees, costs, and incentive payments, set forth the date, time, and place of the Fairness Hearing, and explained Class Members' rights to object to the Settlement or Fee Motion and to appear at the Fairness Hearing .... The Settlement Notices fully satisfied all notice requirements under the law, including the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the requirements of the California Legal Remedies Act, Cal. Civ. Code § 1781, and all due process rights under the U.S. Constitution and California Constitutions.

## Judge Sherri A. Lydon, Fitzhenry v. Independent Home Products, LLC (Mar. 2, 2021) 2:19-cv-02993 (D.S.C.):

Notice was provided to Class Members in compliance with Section VI of the Settlement Agreement, due process, and Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. The notice: (i) fully and accurately informed Settlement Class Members about the lawsuit and settlement; (ii) provided sufficient information so that Settlement Class Members could decide whether to accept the benefits offered, opt-out and pursue their own remedies, or object to the settlement; (iii) provided procedures for Class Members to file written objections to the proposed settlement, to appear at the hearing, and to state objections to the proposed settlement; and (iv) provided the time, date, and place of the final fairness hearing.

#### Judge James V. Selna, Alvarez v. Sirius XM Radio Inc. (Feb. 9, 2021) 2:18-cv-08605 (C.D. Cal.):

The Court finds that the dissemination of the Notices attached as Exhibits to the Settlement Agreement: (a) was implemented in accordance with the Notice Order; (b) constituted the best notice practicable under the circumstances; (c) constituted notice that was reasonably calculated, under the circumstances, to apprise Settlement Class Members of (i) the pendency of the Action; (ii) their right to submit a claim (where applicable) by submitting a Claim Form; (iii) their right to exclude themselves from the Settlement Class; (iv) the effect of the proposed Settlement (including the Releases to be provided thereunder); (v) Named Plaintiffs' application for the payment of Service Awards; (vi) Class Counsel's motion for an award an attorneys' fees and expenses; (vii) their right to object to any aspect of the Settlement, and/or Class Counsel's motion for attorneys' fees and expenses (including a Service Award to the Named Plaintiffs and Mr. Wright); and (viii) their right to appear at the Final Approval Hearing; (d) constituted due, adequate, and sufficient notice to all Persons entitled to receive notice of the proposed Settlement; and (e) satisfied the requirements of Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the Constitution of the United States (including the Due Process Clause), and all other applicable laws and rules.

# Judge Jon S. Tigar, Elder v. Hilton Worldwide Holdings, Inc. (Feb. 4, 2021) 16-cv-00278 (N.D. Cal.):

"Epiq implemented the notice plan precisely as set out in the Settlement Agreement and as ordered by the Court." ECF No. 162 at 9-10. Epiq sent initial notice by email to 8,777 Class Members and by U.S. Mail to the remaining 1,244 Class members. Id. at 10. The Notice informed Class Members about all aspects of the Settlement, the date and time of the fairness hearing, and the process for objections. ECF No. 155 at 28-37. Epiq then mailed notice to the 2,696 Class Members whose emails were returned as undeliverable. Id. "Of the 10,021 Class Members identified from Defendants' records, Epiq was unable to deliver the notice to only 35 Class Members. Accordingly, the reach of the notice is 99.65%." Id. (citation omitted). Epiq also created and maintained a settlement website and a toll-free hotline that Class Members could call if they had questions about the settlement. Id.

The Court finds that the parties have complied with the Court's preliminary approval order and, because the notice plan complied with Rule 23, have provided adequate notice to class members.

# Judge Michael W. Jones, Wallace et al. v. Monier Lifetile LLC et al. (Jan. 15, 2021) SCV-16410 (Sup. Ct. Cal.):

The Court also finds that the Class Notice and notice process were implemented in accordance with the Preliminary Approval Order, providing the best practicable notice under the circumstances.



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Judge Kristi K. DuBose, *Drazen v. GoDaddy.com, LLC* and *Bennett v. GoDaddy.com, LLC* (Dec. 23, 2020) 1:19-cv-00563 (S.D. Ala.):

The Court finds that the Notice and the claims procedures actually implemented satisfy due process, meet the requirements of Rule 23(e)(1), and the Notice constitutes the best notice practicable under the circumstances.

Judge Haywood S. Gilliam, Jr., Izor v. Abacus Data Systems, Inc. (Dec. 21, 2020) 19-cv-01057 (N.D. Cal.):

The Court finds that the notice plan previously approved by the Court was implemented and that the notice thus satisfied Rule 23(c)(2)(B). [T]he Court finds that the parties have sufficiently provided the best practicable notice to the class members.

Judge Christopher C. Conner, Al's Discount Plumbing et al. v. Viega, LLC (Dec. 18, 2020) 19-cv-00159 (M.D. Pa.):

The Court finds that the notice and notice plan previously approved by the Court was implemented and complies with Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(c)(2)(B) and due process. Specifically, the Court ordered that the third-party Settlement Administrator, Epiq, send class notice via email, U.S. mail, by publication in two recognized industry magazines, Plumber and PHC News, in both their print and online digital forms, and to implement a digital media campaign. (ECF 99). Epiq represents that class notice was provided as directed. See Declaration of Cameron R. Azari, ¶¶ 12-15 (ECF 104-13).

**Judge Naomi Reice Buchwald,** *In re: Libor-Based Financial Instruments Antitrust Litigation* (Dec. 16, 2020) MDL No. 2262, 1:11-md-02262 (S.D.N.Y.):

Upon review of the record, the Court hereby finds that the forms and methods of notifying the members of the Settlement Classes and their terms and conditions have met the requirements of the United States Constitution (including the Due Process Clause), Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and all other applicable law and rules; constituted the best notice practicable under the circumstances; and constituted due and sufficient notice to all members of the Settlement Classes of these proceedings and the matters set forth herein, including the Settlements, the Plan of Allocation and the Fairness Hearing. Therefore, the Class Notice is finally approved.

Judge Larry A. Burns, Cox et al. Ametek, Inc. et al. (Dec 15, 2020) 3:17-cv-00597 (S.D. Cal.):

The Class has received the best practicable notice under the circumstances of this case. The Parties' selection and retention of Epiq Class Action & Claims Solutions, Inc. ("Epiq") as the Claims Administrator was reasonable and appropriate. Based on the Declaration of Cameron Azari of Epiq, the Court finds that the Settlement Notices were published to the Class Members in the form and manner approved by the Court in its Preliminary Approval Order. See Dkt. 129-6. The Settlement Notices provided fair, effective, and the best practicable notice to the Class of the Settlement's terms. The Settlement Notices informed the Class of Plaintiffs' intent to seek attorneys' fees, costs, and incentive payments, set forth the date, time, and place of the Fairness Hearing, and explained Class Members' rights to object to the Settlement or Fee Motion and to appear at the Fairness Hearing ... The Settlement Notices fully satisfied all notice requirements under the law, including the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the requirements of the California Legal Remedies Act, Cal. Civ. Code § 1781, and all due process rights under the U.S. Constitution and California Constitutions.

Judge Timothy J. Sullivan, Robinson v. Nationstar Mortgage LLC (Dec. 11, 2020) 8:14-cv-03667 (D. Md.):

The Class Notice provided to the Settlement Class conforms with the requirements of Fed. Rule Civ. Proc. 23, the United States Constitution, and any other applicable law, and constitutes the best notice practicable under the circumstances, by providing individual notice to all Settlement Class Members who could be identified through reasonable effort, and by providing due and adequate notice of the proceedings and of the matters set forth therein to the other Settlement Class Members. The Class Notice fully satisfied the requirements of Due Process.

**Judge Yvonne Gonzalez Rogers**, *In re: Lithium Ion Batteries Antitrust Litigation* (Dec. 10, 2020) MDL No. 2420, 4:13-md-02420 (N.D. Cal.):

The proposed notice plan was undertaken and carried out pursuant to this Court's preliminary approval order prior to remand, and a second notice campaign thereafter. (See Dkt. No. 2571.) The class received direct and indirect notice through several methods – email notice, mailed notice upon request, an informative settlement website, a telephone support line, and a vigorous online campaign. Digital banner advertisements were targeted specifically to settlement class members, including on Google and Yahoo's ad networks, as well as



Facebook and Instagram, with over 396 million impressions delivered. Sponsored search listings were employed on Google, Yahoo and Bing, resulting in 216,477 results, with 1,845 clicks through to the settlement website. An informational release was distributed to 495 media contacts in the consumer electronics industry. The case website has continued to be maintained as a channel for communications with class members. Between February 11, 2020 and April 23, 2020, there were 207,205 unique visitors to the website. In the same period, the toll-free telephone number available to class members received 515 calls.

Judge Katherine A. Bacal, Garvin v. San Diego Unified Port District (Nov. 20, 2020) 37-2020-00015064 (Sup. Ct. Cal.):

Notice was provided to Class Members in compliance with the Settlement Agreement, California Code of Civil Procedure §382 and California Rules of Court 3.766 and 3.769, the California and United States Constitutions, and any other applicable law, and constitutes the best notice practicable under the circumstances, by providing notice to all individual Class Members who could be identified through reasonable effort, and by providing due and adequate notice of the proceedings and of the matters set forth therein to the other Class Members. The Notice fully satisfied the requirements of due process.

Judge Catherine D. Perry, Pirozzi et al. v. Massage Envy Franchising, LLC (Nov. 13, 2020) 4:19-cv-807 (E.D. Mo.):

The COURT hereby finds that the CLASS NOTICE given to the CLASS: (i) fairly and accurately described the ACTION and the proposed SETTLEMENT; (ii) provided sufficient information so that the CLASS MEMBERS were able to decide whether to accept the benefits offered by the SETTLEMENT, exclude themselves from the SETTLEMENT, or object to the SETTLEMENT; (iii) adequately described the time and manner by which CLASS MEMBERS could submit a CLAIM under the SETTLEMENT, exclude themselves from the SETTLEMENT, or object to the SETTLEMENT and/or appear at the FINAL APPROVAL HEARING; and (iv) provided the date, time, and place of the FINAL APPROVAL HEARING. The COURT hereby finds that the CLASS NOTICE was the best notice practicable under the circumstances, constituted a reasonable manner of notice to all class members who would be bound by the SETTLEMENT, and complied fully with Federal Rule of Civil Procedure Rule 23, due process, and all other applicable laws.

Judge Robert E. Payne, Skochin et al. v. Genworth Life Insurance Company et al. (Nov. 12, 2020) 3:19-cv-00049 (E.D. Va.):

For the reasons set forth in the Court's Memorandum Opinion addressing objections to the Settlement Agreement, ... the plan to disseminate the Class Notice and Publication Notice, which the Court previously approved, has been implemented and satisfied the requirements of Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(c)(2)(B) and due process.

Judge Jeff Carpenter, Eastwood Construction LLC et al. v. City of Monroe (Oct. 27, 2020) 18-cvs-2692 and The Estate of Donald Alan Plyler Sr. et al. v. City of Monroe (Oct. 27, 2020) 19-cvs-1825 (Sup. Ct. N.C.):

The Settlement Agreement and the Settlement Notice are found to be fair, reasonable, adequate, and in the best interests of the Settlement Class, and are hereby approved pursuant to North Carolina Rule of Civil Procedure 23. The Parties are hereby authorized and directed to comply with and to consummate the Settlement Agreement in accordance with the terms and provisions set forth in the Settlement Agreement, and the Clerk of the Court is directed to enter and docket this Order and Final Judgement in the Actions.

Judge M. James Lorenz, Walters et al. v. Target Corp. (Oct. 26, 2020) 3:16-cv-1678 (S.D. Cal.):

The Court has determined that the Class Notices given to Settlement Class members fully and accurately informed Settlement Class members of all material elements of the proposed Settlement and constituted valid, due, and sufficient notice to Settlement Class members consistent with all applicable requirements. The Court further finds that the Notice Program satisfies due process and has been fully implemented.

Judge Maren E. Nelson, *Harris et al. v. Farmers Insurance Exchange and Mid Century Insurance Company* (Oct. 26, 2020) BC 579498 (Sup. Ct. Cal.):

Distribution of Notice directed to the Settlement Class Members as set forth in the Settlement has been completed in conformity with the Preliminary Approval Order, including individual notice to all Settlement Class members who could be identified through reasonable effort, and the best notice practicable under the circumstances. The Notice, which reached 99.9% of all Settlement Class Members, provided due and adequate notice of the proceedings and of the matters set forth therein, including the proposed Settlement, to all persons entitled to Notice, and the Notice and its distribution fully satisfied the requirements of due process.



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Judge Vera M. Scanlon, Lashambae v. Capital One Bank, N.A. (Oct. 21, 2020) 1:17-cv-06406 (E.D.N.Y.):

The Class Notice, as amended, contained all of the necessary elements, including the class definition, the identifies of the named Parties and their counsel, a summary of the terms of the proposed Settlement, information regarding the manner in which objections may be submitted, information regarding the opt-out procedures and deadlines, and the date and location of the Final Approval Hearing. Notice was successfully delivered to approximately 98.7% of the Settlement Class and only 78 individual Settlement Class Members did not receive notice by email or first class mail.

Having reviewed the content of the Class Notice, as amended, and the manner in which the Class Notice was disseminated, this Court finds that the Class Notice, as amended, satisfied the requirements of due process, Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and all other applicable law and rules. The Class Notice, as amended, provided to the Settlement Class in accordance with the Preliminary Approval Order was the best notice practicable under the circumstances and provided this Court with jurisdiction over the absent Settlement Class Members. See Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(c)(2)(B).

Chancellor Walter L. Evans, *K.B., by and through her natural parent, Jennifer Qassis, and Lillian Knox-Bender v. Methodist Healthcare - Memphis Hospitals* (Oct. 14, 2020) CH-13-04871-1 (30<sup>th</sup> Jud. Dist. Tenn.):

Based upon the filings and the record as a whole, the Court finds and determines that dissemination of the Class Notice as set forth herein complies with Tenn. R. Civ. P. 23.03(3) and 23.05 and (i) constitutes the best practicable notice under the circumstances, (ii) was reasonably calculated, under the circumstances, to apprise Class Members of the pendency of Class Settlement, their rights to object to the proposed Settlement, (iii) was reasonable and constitutes due, adequate, and sufficient notice to all persons entitled to receive notice, (iv) meets all applicable requirements of Due Process; (v) and properly provides notice of the attorney's fees that Class Counsel shall seek in this action. As a result, the Court finds that Class Members were properly notified of their rights, received full Due Process ....

Judge Sara L. Ellis, Nelson v. Roadrunner Transportation Systems, Inc. (Sept. 15, 2020) 1:18-cv-07400 (N.D. III.):

Notice of the Final Approval Hearing, the proposed motion for attorneys' fees, costs, and expenses, and the proposed Service Award payment to Plaintiff have been provided to Settlement Class Members as directed by this Court's Orders.

The Court finds that such Notice as therein ordered, constitutes the best possible notice practicable under the circumstances and constitutes valid, due, and sufficient notice to all Settlement Class Members in compliance with the requirements of Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(c)(2)(B).

Judge George H. Wu, Lusnak v. Bank of America, N.A. (Aug. 10, 2020) 14-cv-01855 (C.D. Cal.):

The Court finds that the Notice program for disseminating notice to the Settlement Class, provided for in the Settlement Agreement and previously approved and directed by the Court, has been implemented by the Settlement Administrator and the Parties. The Court finds that such Notice program, including the approved forms of notice: (a) constituted the best notice that is practicable under the circumstances; (b) included direct individual notice to all Settlement Class Members who could be identified through reasonable effort; (c) constituted notice that was reasonably calculated, under the circumstances, to apprise Settlement Class Members of the nature of the Lawsuit, the definition of the Settlement Class certified, the class claims and issues, the opportunity to enter an appearance through an attorney if the member so desires; the opportunity, the time, and manner for requesting exclusion from the Settlement Class, and the binding effect of a class judgment; (d) constituted due, adequate and sufficient notice to all persons entitled to notice; and (e) met all applicable requirements of Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23, due process under the U.S. Constitution, and any other applicable law.

Judge James Lawrence King, Dasher v. RBC Bank (USA) predecessor in interest to PNC Bank, N.A. (Aug. 10, 2020) 1:10-cv-22190 (S.D. Fla.) as part of In re: Checking Account Overdraft Litigation MDL No. 2036 (S.D. Fla.):

The Court finds that the members of the Settlement Class were provided with the best practicable notice; the notice was "reasonably calculated, under [the] circumstances, to apprise interested parties of the pendency of the action and afford them an opportunity to present their objections." Shutts, 472 U.S. at 812 (quoting Mullane, 339 U.S. at 314-15). This Settlement was widely publicized, and any member of the Settlement Class who wished to express comments or objections had ample opportunity and means to do so.



Judge Jeffrey S. Ross, Lehman v. Transbay Joint Powers Authority et al. (Aug. 7, 2020) CGC-16-553758 (Sup. Ct. Cal.):

The Notice approved by this Court was distributed to the Settlement Class Members in compliance with this Court's Order Granting Preliminary Approval of Class Action Settlement, dated May 8, 2020. The Notice provided to the Settlement Class Members met the requirements of due process and constituted the best notice practicable in the circumstances. Based on evidence and other material submitted in conjunction with the final approval hearing, notice to the class was adequate.

**Judge Jean Hoefer Toal, Cook et al. v. South Carolina Public Service Authority et al.** (July 31, 2020) 2019-CP-23-6675 (Ct. of Com. Pleas. 13<sup>th</sup> Jud. Cir. S.C.):

Notice was sent to more than 1.65 million Class members, published in newspapers whose collective circulation covers the entirety of the State, and supplemented with internet banner ads totaling approximately 12.3 million impressions. The notices directed Class members to the settlement website and toll-free line for additional inquiries and further information. After this extensive notice campaign, only 78 individuals (0.0047%) have optedout, and only nine (0.00054%) have objected. The Court finds this response to be overwhelmingly favorable.

Judge Peter J. Messitte, Jackson et al. v. Viking Group, Inc. et al. (July 28, 2020) 8:18-cv-02356 (D. Md.):

[T]he Court finds, that the Notice Plan has been implemented in the manner approved by the Court in its Preliminary Approval Order as amended. The Court finds that the Notice Plan: (i) constitutes the best notice practicable to the Settlement Class under the circumstances; (ii) was reasonably calculated, under the circumstances, to apprise the Settlement Class of the pendency of this Lawsuit and the terms of the Settlement, their right to exclude themselves from the Settlement, or to object to any part of the Settlement, their right to appear at the Final Approval Hearing (either on their own or through counsel hired at their own expense), and the binding effect of the Final Approval Order and the Final Judgment, whether favorable or unfavorable, on all Persons who do not exclude themselves from the Settlement Class, (iii) due, adequate, and sufficient notice to all Persons entitled to receive notice; and (iv) notice that fully satisfies the requirements of the United States Constitution (including the Due Process Clause), Fed. R. Civ. P. 23, and any other applicable law.

Judge Michael P. Shea, Grayson et al. v. General Electric Company (July 27, 2020) 3:13-cv-01799 (D. Conn.):

Pursuant to the Preliminary Approval Order, the Settlement Notice was mailed, emailed and disseminated by the other means described in the Settlement Agreement to the Class Members. This Court finds that this notice procedure was (i) the best practicable notice; (ii) reasonably calculated, under the circumstances, to apprise the Class Members of the pendency of the Civil Action and of their right to object to or exclude themselves from the proposed Settlement; and (iii) reasonable and constitutes due, adequate, and sufficient notice to all entities and persons entitled to receive notice.

Judge Gerald J. Pappert, Rose v. The Travelers Home and Marine Insurance Company et al. (July 20, 2020) 19-cv-00977 (E.D. Pa.):

The Class Notice ... has been given to the Settlement Class in the manner approved by the Court in its Preliminary Approval Order. Such Class Notice (i) constituted the best notice practicable to the Settlement Class under the circumstances; (ii) was reasonably calculated, under the circumstances, to apprise the Settlement Class of the pendency and nature of this Action, the definition of the Settlement Class, the terms of the Settlement Agreement, the rights of the Settlement Class to exclude themselves from the settlement or to object to any part of the settlement, the rights of the Settlement Class to appear at the Final Approval Hearing (either on their own or through counsel hired at their own expense), and the binding effect of the Settlement Agreement on all persons who do not exclude themselves from the Settlement Class, (iii) provided due, adequate, and sufficient notice to the Settlement Class; and (iv) fully satisfied all applicable requirements of law, including, but not limited to, Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23 and the due process requirements of the United States Constitution.

Judge Christina A. Snyder, Waldrup v. Countrywide Financial Corporation et al. (July 16, 2020) 2:13-cv-08833 (C.D. Cal.):

The Court finds that mailed and publication notice previously given to Class Members in the Action was the best notice practicable under the circumstances, and satisfies the requirements of due process and FED. R. CIV. P. 23. The Court further finds that, because (a) adequate notice has been provided to all Class Members and (b) all Class Members have been given the opportunity to object to, and/or request exclusion from, the Settlement, it has jurisdiction over all Class Members. The Court further finds that all requirements of statute



(including but not limited to 28 U.S.C. § 1715), rule, and state and federal constitutions necessary to effectuate this Settlement have been met and satisfied.

Judge James Donato, Coffeng et al. v. Volkswagen Group of America, Inc. (June 10, 2020) 17-cv-01825 (N.D. Cal.):

The Court finds that, as demonstrated by the Declaration and Supplemental Declaration of Cameron Azari, and counsel's submissions, Notice to the Settlement Class was timely and properly effectuated in accordance with FED. R. CIV. P. 23(e) and the approved Notice Plan set forth in the Court's Preliminary Approval Order. The Court finds that said Notice constitutes the best notice practicable under the circumstances, and satisfies all requirements of Rule 23(e) and due process.

Judge Michael W. Fitzgerald, Behfarin v. Pruco Life Insurance Company et al. (June 3, 2020) 17-cv-05290 (C.D. Cal.):

The Court finds that the requirements of Rule 23 of the Federal Rule of Civil Procedure and other laws and rules applicable to final settlement approval of class actions have been satisfied ....

This Court finds that the Claims Administrator caused notice to be disseminated to the Class in accordance with the plan to disseminate Notice outlined in the Settlement Agreement and the Preliminary Approval Order, and that Notice was given in an adequate and sufficient manner and complies with Due Process and Fed. R. Civ. P. 23.

Judge Nancy J. Rosenstengel, First Impressions Salon, Inc. et al. v. National Milk Producers Federation et al. (Apr. 27, 2020) 3:13-cv-00454 (S.D. III.):

The Court finds that the Notice given to the Class Members was completed as approved by this Court and complied in all respects with the requirements of Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and due process. The settlement Notice Plan was modeled on and supplements the previous court-approved plan and, having been completed, constitutes the best notice practicable under the circumstances. In making this determination, the Court finds that the Notice provided Class members due and adequate notice of the Settlement, the Settlement Agreement, the Plan of Distribution, these proceedings, and the rights of Class members to opt-out of the Class and/or object to Final Approval of the Settlement, as well as Plaintiffs' Motion requesting attorney fees, costs, and Class Representative service awards.

Judge Harvey Schlesinger, *In re: Disposable Contact Lens Antitrust Litigation* (CooperVision, Inc.) (Mar. 4, 2020) 3:15-md-02626 (M.D. Fla.):

The Court finds that the dissemination of the Notice: (a) was implemented in accordance with the Preliminary Approval Orders; (b) constitutes the best notice practicable under the circumstances; (c) constitutes notice that was reasonably calculated, under the circumstances, to apprise the Settlement Classes of (i) the pendency of the Action; (ii) the effect of the Settlement Agreements (including the Releases to the provided thereunder); (iii) Class Counsel's possible motion for an award of attorneys' fees and reimbursement of expenses; (iv) the right to object to any aspect of the Settlement Agreements, the Plan of Distribution, and/or Class Counsel's motion for attorneys' fees and reimbursement of expenses; (v) the right to opt out of the Settlement Classes; (vi) the right to appear at the Fairness Hearing; and (vii) the fact that Plaintiffs may receive incentive awards; (d) constitutes due, adequate, and sufficient notice to all persons and entities entitled to receive notice of the Settlement Agreement and (e) satisfies the requirements of Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and the United States Constitution (including the Due Process Clause).

Judge Amos L. Mazzant, Stone et al. v. Porcelana Corona De Mexico, S.A. DE C.V f/k/a Sanitarios Lamosa S.A. DE C.V. a/k/a Vortens (Mar. 3, 2020) 4:17-cv-00001 (E.D. Tex.):

The Court has reviewed the Notice Plan and its implementation and efficacy, and finds that it constituted the best notice practicable under the circumstances and was reasonably calculated, under the circumstances, to apprise Settlement Class Members of the pendency of the Action and their right to object to the proposed settlement in full compliance with the requirements of applicable law, including the Due Process Clause of the United States Constitution and Rules 23(c) and (e) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

In addition, Class Notice clearly and concisely stated in plain, easily understood language: (i) the nature of the action; (ii) the definition of the certified Equitable Relief Settlement Class; (iii) the claims and issues of the Equitable Relief Settlement Class; (iv) that a Settlement Class Member may enter an appearance through an attorney if the member so desires; (v) the binding effect of a class judgment on members under Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(c)(3).



Judge Michael H. Simon, *In re: Premera Blue Cross Customer Data Security Breach Litigation* (Mar. 2, 2020) MDL No. 2633, 3:15-md-2633 (D. Ore.):

The Court confirms that the form and content of the Summary Notice, Long Form Notice, Publication Notice, and Claim Form, and the procedure set forth in the Settlement for providing notice of the Settlement to the Class, were in full compliance with the notice requirements of Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 23(c)(2)(B) and 23(e), fully, fairly, accurately, and adequately advised members of the Class of their rights under the Settlement, provided the best notice practicable under the circumstances, fully satisfied the requirements of due process and Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and afforded Class Members with adequate time and opportunity to file objections to the Settlement and attorney's fee motion, submit Requests for Exclusion, and submit Claim Forms to the Settlement Administrator.

Judge Maxine M. Chesney, McKinney-Drobnis et al. v. Massage Envy Franchising (Mar. 2, 2020) 3:16-cv-06450 (N.D. Cal.):

The COURT hereby finds that the individual direct CLASS NOTICE given to the CLASS via email or First Class U.S. Mail (i) fairly and accurately described the ACTION and the proposed SETTLEMENT; (ii) provided sufficient information so that the CLASS MEMBERS were able to decide whether to accept the benefits offered by the SETTLEMENT, exclude themselves from the SETTLEMENT, or object to the SETTLEMENT; (iii) adequately described the manner in which CLASS MEMBERS could submit a VOUCHER REQUEST under the SETTLEMENT, exclude themselves from the SETTLEMENT, or object to the SETTLEMENT and/or appear at the FINAL APPROVAL HEARING; and (iv) provided the date, time, and place of the FINAL APPROVAL HEARING. The COURT hereby finds that the CLASS NOTICE was the best notice practicable under the circumstances and complied fully with Federal Rule of Civil Procedure Rule 23, due process, and all other applicable laws.

Judge Harry D. Leinenweber, Albrecht v. Oasis Power, LLC d/b/a Oasis Energy (Feb. 6, 2020) 1:18-cv-01061 (N.D. III.):

The Court finds that the distribution of the Class Notice, as provided for in the Settlement Agreement, (i) constituted the best practicable notice under the circumstances to Settlement Class Members, (ii) constituted notice that was reasonably calculated, under the circumstances, to apprise Settlement Class Members of, among other things, the pendency of the Action, the nature and terms of the proposed Settlement, their right to object or to exclude themselves from the proposed Settlement, and their right to appear at the Final Approval Hearing, (iii) was reasonable and constituted due, adequate, and sufficient notice to all persons entitled to be provided with notice, and (iv) complied fully with the requirements of Fed. R. Civ. P. 23, the United States Constitution, the Rules of this Court, and any other applicable law.

The Court finds that the Class Notice and methodology set forth in the Settlement Agreement, the Preliminary Approval Order, and this Final Approval Order (i) constitute the most effective and practicable notice of the Final Approval Order, the relief available to Settlement Class Members pursuant to the Final Approval Order, and applicable time periods; (ii) constitute due, adequate, and sufficient notice for all other purposes to all Settlement Class Members; and (iii) comply fully with the requirements of Fed. R. Civ. P. 23, the United States Constitution, the Rules of this Court, and any other applicable laws.

Judge Robert Scola, Jr., Wilson et al. v. Volkswagen Group of America, Inc. et al. (Jan. 28, 2020) 17-cv-23033 (S.D. Fla.):

The Court finds that the Class Notice, in the form approved by the Court, was properly disseminated to the Settlement Class pursuant to the Notice Plan and constituted the best practicable notice under the circumstances. The forms and methods of the Notice Plan approved by the Court met all applicable requirements of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the United States Code, the United States Constitution (including the Due Process Clause), and any other applicable law.

Judge Michael Davis, Garcia v. Target Corporation (Jan. 27, 2020) 16-cv-02574 (D. Minn.):

The Court finds that the Notice Plan set forth in Section 4 of the Settlement Agreement and effectuated pursuant to the Preliminary Approval Order constitutes the best notice practicable under the circumstances and shall constitute due and sufficient notice to the Settlement Class of the pendency of this case, certification of the Settlement Class for settlement purposes only, the terms of the Settlement Agreement, and the Final Approval Hearing, and satisfies the requirements of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the United States Constitution, and any other applicable law.



Judge Bruce Howe Hendricks, *In re: TD Bank, N.A. Debit Card Overdraft Fee Litigation* (Jan. 9, 2020) MDL No. 2613, 6:15-MN-02613 (D.S.C.):

The Classes have been notified of the settlement pursuant to the plan approved by the Court. After having reviewed the Declaration of Cameron R. Azari (ECF No. 220-1) and the Supplemental Declaration of Cameron R. Azari (ECF No. 225-1), the Court hereby finds that notice was accomplished in accordance with the Court's directives. The Court further finds that the notice program constituted the best practicable notice to the Settlement Classes under the circumstances and fully satisfies the requirements of due process and Federal Rule 23.

Judge Margo K. Brodie, *In re: Payment Card Interchange Fee and Merchant Discount Antitrust Litigation* (Dec. 13, 2019) MDL No. 1720, 05-md-01720 (E.D.N.Y.):

The notice and exclusion procedures provided to the Rule 23(b)(3) Settlement Class, including but not limited to the methods of identifying and notifying members of the Rule 23(b)(3) Settlement Class, were fair, adequate, and sufficient, constituted the best practicable notice under the circumstances, and were reasonably calculated to apprise members of the Rule 23(b)(3) Settlement Class of the Action, the terms of the Superseding Settlement Agreement, and their objection rights, and to apprise members of the Rule 23(b)(3) Settlement Class of their exclusion rights, and fully satisfied the requirements of Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, any other applicable laws or rules of the Court, and due process.

Judge Steven Logan, Knapper v. Cox Communications, Inc. (Dec. 13, 2019) 2:17-cv-00913 (D. Ariz.):

The Court finds that the form and method for notifying the class members of the settlement and its terms and conditions was in conformity with this Court's Preliminary Approval Order (Doc. 120). The Court further finds that the notice satisfied due process principles and the requirements of Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(c), and the Plaintiff chose the best practicable notice under the circumstances. The Court further finds that the notice was clearly designed to advise the class members of their rights.

Judge Manish Shah, Prather v. Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. (Dec. 10, 2019) 1:17-cv-00481 (N.D. III.):

The Court finds that the Notice Plan set forth in Section VIII of the Settlement Agreement and effectuated pursuant to the Preliminary Approval Order constitutes the best notice practicable under the circumstances and shall constitute due and sufficient notice to the Settlement Class of the pendency of this case, certification of the Settlement Class for settlement purposes only, the terms of the Settlement Agreement, and the Final Approval Hearing, and satisfies the requirements of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the United States Constitution, and any other applicable law.

Judge Liam O'Grady, Liggio v. Apple Federal Credit Union (Dec. 6, 2019) 1:18-cv-01059 (E.D. Va.):

The Court finds that the manner and form of notice (the "Notice Plan") as provided for in this Court's July 2, 2019 Order granting preliminary approval of class settlement, and as set forth in the Parties' Settlement Agreement was provided to Settlement Class Members by the Settlement Administrator .... The Notice Plan was reasonably calculated to give actual notice to Settlement Class Members of the right to receive benefits from the Settlement, and to be excluded from or object to the Settlement. The Notice Plan met the requirements of Rule 23(c)(2)(B) and due process and constituted the best notice practicable under the circumstances.

**Judge Brian McDonald,** *Armon et al. v. Washington State University* (Nov. 8, 2019) 17-2-23244-1 (consolidated with 17-2-25052-0) (Sup. Ct. Wash.):

The Court finds that the Notice Program, as set forth in the Settlement and effectuated pursuant to the Preliminary Approval Order, satisfied CR 23(c)(2), was the best Notice practicable under the circumstances, was reasonably calculated to provide-and did provide-due and sufficient Notice to the Settlement Class of the pendency of the Litigation; certification of the Settlement Class for settlement purposes only; the existence and terms of the Settlement; the identity of Class Counsel and appropriate information about Class Counsel's then-forthcoming application for attorneys' fees and incentive awards to the Class Representatives; appropriate information about how to participate in the Settlement; Settlement Class Members' right to exclude themselves; their right to object to the Settlement and to appear at the Final Approval Hearing, through counsel if they desired; and appropriate instructions as to how to obtain additional information regarding this Litigation and the Settlement. In addition, pursuant to CR 23(c)(2)(B), the Notice properly informed Settlement Class Members that any Settlement Class Member who failed to opt-out would be prohibited from bringing a lawsuit against Defendant based on or related to any of the claims asserted by Plaintiffs, and it satisfied the other requirements of the Civil Rules.



Judge Andrew J. Guilford, In re: Wells Fargo Collateral Protection Insurance Litigation (Nov. 4, 2019) 8:17-ml-02797 (C.D. Cal.):

Epiq Class Action & Claims Solutions, Inc. ("Epiq"), the parties' settlement administrator, was able to deliver the court-approved notice materials to all class members, including 2,254,411 notice packets and 1,019,408 summary notices.

Judge Paul L. Maloney, Burch v. Whirlpool Corporation (Oct. 16, 2019) 1:17-cv-00018 (W.D. Mich.):

[T]he Court hereby finds and concludes that members of the Settlement Class have been provided the best notice practicable of the Settlement and that such notice satisfies all requirements of federal and applicable state laws and due process.

Judge Gene E.K. Pratter, Tashica Fulton-Green et al. v. Accolade, Inc. (Sept. 24, 2019) 2:18-cv-00274 (E.D. Pa.):

The Court finds that such Notice as therein ordered, constitutes the best possible notice practicable under the circumstances and constitutes valid, due, and sufficient notice to all Settlement Class Members in compliance with the requirements of Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(c)(2)(B).

Judge Edwin Torres, Burrow et al. v. Forjas Taurus S.A. et al. (Sept. 6, 2019) 1:16-cv-21606 (S.D. Fla.):

Because the Parties complied with the agreed-to notice provisions as preliminarily approved by this Court, and given that there are no developments or changes in the facts to alter the Court's previous conclusion, the Court finds that the notice provided in this case satisfied the requirements of due process and of Rule 23(c)(2)(B).

Judge Amos L. Mazzant, Fessler v. Porcelana Corona De Mexico, S.A. DE C.V f/k/a Sanitarios Lamosa S.A. DE C.V. a/k/a Vortens (Aug. 30, 2019) 4:19-cv-00248 (E.D. Tex.):

The Court has reviewed the Notice Plan and its implementation and efficacy, and finds that it constituted the best notice practicable under the circumstances and was reasonably calculated, under the circumstances, to apprise Settlement Class Members of the pendency of the Action and their right to object to the proposed settlement or opt out of the Settlement Class in full compliance with the requirements of applicable law, including the Due Process Clause of the United States Constitution and Rules 23(c) and (e) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

In addition, Class Notice clearly and concisely stated in plain, easily understood language: (i) the nature of the action; (ii) the definition of the certified 2011 Settlement Class; (iii) the claims and issues of the 2011 Settlement Class; (iv) that a Settlement Class Member may enter an appearance through an attorney if the member so desires; (v) that the Court will exclude from the Settlement Class any member who requests exclusions; (vi) the time and manner for requesting exclusion; and (vii) the binding effect of a class judgment on members under Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(c)(3).

Judge Karon Owen Bowdre, *In re: Community Health Systems, Inc. Customer Data Security Breach Litigation* (Aug. 22, 2019) MDL No. 2595, 2:15-cv-00222 (N.D. Ala.):

The court finds that the Notice Program: (1) satisfied the requirements of Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(c)(2)(B) and due process; (2) was the best practicable notice under the circumstances; (3) reasonably apprised Settlement Class members of the pendency of the Action and their right to object to the settlement or opt-out of the Settlement Class; and (4) was reasonable and constituted due, adequate and sufficient notice to all persons entitled to receive notice. Approximately 90% of the 6,081,189 individuals identified as Settlement Class members received the Initial Postcard Notice of this Settlement Action.

The court further finds, pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(c)(2)(B), that the Class Notice adequately informed Settlement Class members of their rights with respect to this action.

Judge Christina A. Snyder, Zaklit et al. v. Nationstar Mortgage LLC et al. (Aug. 21, 2019) 5:15-cv-02190 (C.D. Cal.):

The Class Notice provided to the Settlement Class conforms with the requirements of Fed. Rule Civ. Proc. 23, the California and United States Constitutions, and any other applicable law, and constitutes the best notice practicable under the circumstances, by providing individual notice to all Settlement Class Members who could be identified through reasonable effort, and by providing due and adequate notice of the proceedings and of the matters set forth therein to the other Settlement Class Members. The notice fully satisfied the requirements of Due Process. No Settlement Class Members have objected to the terms of the Settlement.



Judge Brian M. Cogan, Luib v. Henkel Consumer Goods Inc. (Aug. 19, 2019) 1:17-cv-03021 (E.D.N.Y.):

The Court finds that the Notice Plan, set forth in the Settlement Agreement and effectuated pursuant to the Preliminary Approval Order: (i) was the best notice practicable under the circumstances; (ii) was reasonably calculated to provide, and did provide, due and sufficient notice to the Settlement Class regarding the existence and nature of the Action, certification of the Settlement Class for settlement purposes only, the existence and terms of the Settlement Agreement, and the rights of Settlement Class members to exclude themselves from the Settlement Agreement, to object and appear at the Final Approval Hearing, and to receive benefits under the Settlement Agreement; and (iii) satisfied the requirements of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the United States Constitution, and all other applicable law.

Judge Yvonne Gonzalez Rogers, *In re: Lithium Ion Batteries Antitrust Litigation* (Aug. 16, 2019) MDL No. 2420, 4:13-md-02420 (N.D. Cal.):

The proposed notice plan was undertaken and carried out pursuant to this Court's preliminary approval order. [T]he notice program reached approximately 87 percent of adults who purchased portable computers, power tools, camcorders, or replacement batteries, and these class members were notified an average of 3.5 times each. As a result of Plaintiffs' notice efforts, in total, 1,025,449 class members have submitted claims. That includes 51,961 new claims, and 973,488 claims filed under the prior settlements.

Judge Jon Tigar, McKnight et al. v. Uber Technologies, Inc. et al. (Aug. 13, 2019) 3:14-cv-05615 (N.D. Cal.):

The settlement administrator, Epiq Systems, Inc., carried out the notice procedures as outlined in the preliminary approval. ECF No. 162 at 17-18. Notices were mailed to over 22 million class members with a success rate of over 90%. Id. at 17. Epiq also created a website, banner ads, and a toll free number. Id. at 17-18. Epiq estimates that it reached through mail and other formats 94.3% of class members. ECF No. 164 ¶ 28. In light of these actions, and the Court's prior order granting preliminary approval, the Court finds that the parties have provided adequate notice to class members.

Judge Gary W.B. Chang, Robinson v. First Hawaiian Bank (Aug. 8, 2019) 17-1-0167-01 (Cir. Ct. of First Cir. Haw.):

This Court determines that the Notice Program satisfies all of the due process requirements for a class action settlement.

**Judge Karin Crump,** *Hyder et al. v. Consumers County Mutual Insurance Company* (July 30, 2019) D-1-GN-16-000596 (D. Ct. of Travis Cnty. Tex.):

Due and adequate Notice of the pendency of this Action and of this Settlement has been provided to members of the Settlement Class, and this Court hereby finds that the Notice Plan described in the Preliminary Approval Order and completed by Defendant complied fully with the requirements of due process, the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, and the requirements of due process under the Texas and United States Constitutions, and any other applicable laws.

Judge Wendy Bettlestone, Underwood v. Kohl's Department Stores, Inc. et al. (July 24, 2019) 2:15-cv-00730 (E.D. Pa.):

The Notice, the contents of which were previously approved by the Court, was disseminated in accordance with the procedures required by the Court's Preliminary Approval Order in accordance with applicable law.

Judge Andrew G. Ceresia, J.S.C., Denier et al. v. Taconic Biosciences, Inc. (July 15, 2019) 00255851 (Sup Ct. N.Y.):

The Court finds that such Notice as therein ordered, constitutes the best possible notice practicable under the circumstances and constitutes valid, due, and sufficient notice to all Settlement Class Members in compliance with the requirements of the CPLR.

Judge Vince G. Chhabria, Parsons v. Kimpton Hotel & Restaurant Group, LLC (July 11, 2019) 3:16-cv-05387 (N.D. Cal.):

Pursuant to the Preliminary Approval Order, the notice documents were sent to Settlement Class Members by email or by first-class mail, and further notice was achieved via publication in People magazine, internet banner notices, and internet sponsored search listings. The Court finds that the manner and form of notice (the "Notice Program") set forth in the Settlement Agreement was provided to Settlement Class Members. The Court finds that the Notice Program, as implemented, was the best practicable under the circumstances. The Notice Program was reasonably calculated under the circumstances to apprise the Settlement Class of the pendency of the Action, class certification, the terms of the Settlement, and their rights to opt-out of the Settlement Class



and object to the Settlement, Class Counsel's fee request, and the request for Service Award for Plaintiff. The Notice and Notice Program constituted sufficient notice to all persons entitled to notice. The Notice and Notice Program satisfy all applicable requirements of law, including, but not limited to, Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23 and the constitutional requirement of due process.

Judge Daniel J. Buckley, Adlouni v. UCLA Health Systems Auxiliary et al. (June 28, 2019) BC589243 (Sup. Ct. Cal.):

The Court finds that the notice to the Settlement Class pursuant to the Preliminary Approval Order was appropriate, adequate, and sufficient, and constituted the best notice practicable under the circumstances to all Persons within the definition of the Settlement Class to apprise interested parties of the pendency of the Action, the nature of the claims, the definition of the Settlement Class, and the opportunity to exclude themselves from the Settlement Class or present objections to the settlement. The notice fully complied with the requirements of due process and all applicable statutes and laws and with the California Rules of Court.

Judge John C. Hayes III, Lightsey et al. v. South Carolina Electric & Gas Company, a Wholly Owned Subsidiary of SCANA et al. (June 11, 2019) 2017-CP-25-335 (Ct. of Com. Pleas., S.C.):

These multiple efforts at notification far exceed the due process requirement that the class representative provide the best practical notice.... Following this extensive notice campaign reaching over 1.6 million potential class member accounts, Class counsel have received just two objections to the settlement and only 24 opt outs.

Judge Stephen K. Bushong, Scharfstein v. BP West Coast Products, LLC (June 4, 2019) 1112-17046 (Ore. Cir., Cnty. of Multnomah):

The Court finds that the Notice Plan ... fully met the requirements of the Oregon Rules of Civil Procedure, due process, the United States Constitution, the Oregon Constitution, and any other applicable law.

Judge Cynthia Bashant, Lloyd et al. v. Navy Federal Credit Union (May 28, 2019) 17-cv-1280 (S.D. Cal.):

This Court previously reviewed, and conditionally approved Plaintiffs' class notices subject to certain amendments. The Court affirms once more that notice was adequate.

Judge Robert W. Gettleman, Cowen v. Lenny & Larry's Inc. (May 2, 2019) 1:17-cv-01530 (N.D. III.):

Notice to the Settlement Class and other potentially interested parties has been provided in accordance with the elements specified by the Court in the preliminary approval order. Adequate notice of the amended settlement and the final approval hearing has also been given. Such notice informed the Settlement Class members of all material elements of the proposed Settlement and of their opportunity to object or comment thereon or to exclude themselves from the Settlement; provided Settlement Class Members adequate instructions and a means to obtain additional information; was adequate notice under the circumstances; was valid, due, and sufficient notice to all Settlement Class [M]embers; and complied fully with the laws of the State of Illinois, Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the United States Constitution, due process, and other applicable law.

Judge Edward J. Davila, In re: HP Printer Firmware Update Litigation (Apr. 25, 2019) 5:16-cv-05820 (N.D. Cal.):

Due and adequate notice has been given of the Settlement as required by the Preliminary Approval Order. The Court finds that notice of this Settlement was given to Class Members in accordance with the Preliminary Approval Order and constituted the best notice practicable of the proceedings and matters set forth therein, including the Settlement, to all Persons entitled to such notice, and that this notice satisfied the requirements of Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23 and of due process.

Judge Claudia Wilken, Naiman v. Total Merchant Services, Inc. et al. (Apr. 16, 2019) 4:17-cv-03806 (N.D. Cal.):

The Court also finds that the notice program satisfied the requirements of Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23 and due process. The notice approved by the Court and disseminated by Epiq constituted the best practicable method for informing the class about the Final Settlement Agreement and relevant aspects of the litigation.

Judge Paul Gardephe, 37 Besen Parkway, LLC v. John Hancock Life Insurance Company (U.S.A.) (Mar. 31, 2019) 15-cv-9924 (S.D.N.Y.):

The Notice given to Class Members complied in all respects with the requirements of Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and due process and provided due and adequate notice to the Class.



Judge Alison J. Nathan, Pantelyat et al. v. Bank of America, N.A. et al. (Jan. 31, 2019) 16-cv-08964 (S.D.N.Y.):

The Class 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 fully satisfied the requirements of due process, Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and all other applicable law and rules.

Judge Kenneth M. Hoyt, Al's Pals Pet Card, LLC et al. v. Woodforest National Bank, N.A. et al. (Jan. 30, 2019) 4:17-cv-3852 (S.D. Tex.):

[I]he Court finds that the class has been notified of the Settlement pursuant to the plan approved by the Court. The Court further finds that the notice program constituted the best practicable notice to the class under the circumstances and fully satisfies the requirements of due process, including Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(e)(1) and 28 U.S.C. § 1715.

Judge Robert M. Dow, Jr., In re: Dealer Management Systems Antitrust Litigation (Jan. 23, 2019) MDL No. 2817, 18-cv-00864 (N.D. III.):

The Court finds that the Settlement Administrator fully complied with the Preliminary Approval Order and that the form and manner of providing notice to the Dealership Class of the proposed Settlement with Reynolds was the best notice practicable under the circumstances, including individual notice to all members of the Dealership Class who could be identified through the exercise of reasonable effort. The Court further finds that the notice program provided due and adequate notice of these proceedings and of the matters set forth therein, including the terms of the Agreement, to all parties entitled to such notice and fully satisfied the requirements of Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, 28 U.S.C. § 1715(b), and constitutional due process.

Judge Federico A. Moreno, In re: Takata Airbag Products Liability Litigation (Ford) (Dec. 20, 2018) MDL No. 2599 (S.D. Fla.):

The record shows and the Court finds that the Class Notice has been given to the Class in the manner approved by the Court in its Preliminary Approval Order. The Court finds that such Class Notice: .(i) is reasonable and constitutes the best practicable notice to Class Members under the circumstances; (ii) constitutes notice that was reasonably calculated, under the circumstances, to apprise Class Members of the pendency of the Action and the terms of the Settlement Agreement, their right to exclude themselves from the Class or to object to all or any part of the Settlement Agreement, their right to appear at the Fairness Hearing (either on their own or through counsel hired at their own expense) and the binding effect of the orders and Final Order and Final Judgment in the Action, whether favorable or unfavorable, on all persons and entities who or which do not exclude themselves from the Class; (iii) constitutes due, adequate, and sufficient notice to all persons or entities entitled to receive notice; and (iv) fully satisfied the requirements of the United States Constitution (including the Due Process Clause), FED. R. Civ. P. 23 and any other applicable law as well as complying with the Federal Judicial Center's illustrative class action notices.

Judge Herndon, Hale v. State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company et al. (Dec. 16, 2018) 3:12-cv-00660 (S.D. III.):

The Class here is estimated to include approximately 4.7 million members. Approximately 1.43 million of them received individual postcard or email notice of the terms of the proposed Settlement, and the rest were notified via a robust publication program "estimated to reach 78.8% of all U.S. Adults Aged 35+ approximately 2.4 times." Doc. 966-2 ¶¶ 26, 41. The Court previously approved the notice plan (Doc. 947), and now, having carefully reviewed the declaration of the Notice Administrator (Doc. 966-2), concludes that it was fully and properly executed, and reflected "the best notice that is practicable under the circumstances, including individual notice to all members who can be identified through reasonable effort." See Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(c)(2)(B). The Court further concludes that CAFA notice was properly effectuated to the attorneys general and insurance commissioners of all 50 states and District of Columbia.

Judge Jesse M. Furman, *Alaska Electrical Pension Fund et al. v. Bank of America, N.A. et al.* (Nov. 13, 2018) 14-cv-07126 (S.D.N.Y.):

The mailing and distribution of the Notice to all members of the Settlement Class who could be identified through reasonable effort, the publication of the Summary Notice, and the other Notice efforts described in the Motion for Final Approval, as provided for in the Court's June 26, 2018 Preliminary Approval Order, satisfy the requirements of Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and due process, constitute the best notice practicable under the circumstances, and constitute due and sufficient notice to all Persons entitled to notice.



Judge William L. Campbell, Jr., Ajose et al. v. Interline Brands, Inc. (Oct. 23, 2018) 3:14-cv-01707 (M.D. Tenn.):

The Court finds that the Notice Plan, as approved by the Preliminary Approval Order: (i) satisfied the requirements of Rule 23(c)(3) and due process; (ii) was reasonable and the best practicable notice under the circumstances; (iii) reasonably apprised the Settlement Class of the pendency of the action, the terms of the Agreement, their right to object to the proposed settlement or opt out of the Settlement Class, the right to appear at the Final Fairness Hearing, and the Claims Process; and (iv) was reasonable and constituted due, adequate, and sufficient notice to all those entitled to receive notice.

Judge Joseph C. Spero, Abante Rooter and Plumbing v. Pivotal Payments Inc., d/b/a/ Capital Processing Network and CPN (Oct. 15, 2018) 3:16-cv-05486 (N.D. Cal.):

[T]the Court finds that notice to the class of the settlement complied with Rule 23(c)(3) and (e) and due process. Rule 23(e)(1) states that "[t]he court must direct notice in a reasonable manner to all class members who would be bound by" a proposed settlement, voluntary dismissal, or compromise. Class members are entitled to the "best notice that is practicable under the circumstances" of any proposed settlement before it is finally approved by the Court. Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(c)(2)(B) ... The notice program included notice sent by first class mail to 1,750,564 class members and reached approximately 95.2% of the class.

Judge Marcia G. Cooke, Dipuglia v. US Coachways, Inc. (Sept. 28, 2018) 1:17-cv-23006 (S.D. Fla.):

The Settlement Class Notice Program was the best notice practicable under the circumstances. The Notice Program provided due and adequate notice of the proceedings and of the matters set forth therein, including the proposed settlement set forth in the Agreement, to all persons entitled to such notice and said notice fully satisfied the requirements of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and the United States Constitution, which include the requirement of due process.

Judge Beth Labson Freeman, Gergetz v. Telenav, Inc. (Sept. 27, 2018) 5:16-cv-04261 (N.D. Cal.):

The Court finds that the Notice and Notice Plan implemented pursuant to the Settlement Agreement, which consists of individual notice sent via first-class U.S. Mail postcard, notice provided via email, and the posting of relevant Settlement documents on the Settlement Website, has been successfully implemented and was the best notice practicable under the circumstances and: (1) constituted notice that was reasonably calculated, under the circumstances, to apprise the Settlement Class Members of the pendency of the Action, their right to object to or to exclude themselves from the Settlement Agreement, and their right to appear at the Final Approval Hearing; (2) was reasonable and constituted due, adequate, and sufficient notice to all persons entitled to receive notice; and (3) met all applicable requirements of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the Due Process Clause, and the Rules of this Court.

Judge M. James Lorenz, Farrell v. Bank of America, N.A. (Aug. 31, 2018) 3:16-cv-00492 (S.D. Cal.):

The Court therefore finds that the Class Notices given to Settlement Class members adequately informed Settlement Class members of all material elements of the proposed Settlement and constituted valid, due, and sufficient notice to Settlement Class members. The Court further finds that the Notice Program satisfies due process and has been fully implemented.

Judge Dean D. Pregerson, Falco et al. v. Nissan North America, Inc. et al. (July 16, 2018) 2:13-cv-00686 (C.D. Cal.):

Notice to the Settlement Class as required by Rule 23(e) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure has been provided in accordance with the Court's Preliminary Approval Order, and such Notice by first-class mail was given in an adequate and sufficient manner, and constitutes the best notice practicable under the circumstances, and satisfies all requirements of Rule 23(e) and due process.

**Judge Lynn Adelman,** *In re: Windsor Wood Clad Window Product Liability Litigation* (July 16, 2018) MDL No. 2688, 16-md-02688 (E.D. Wis.):

The Court finds that the Notice Program was appropriately administered, and was the best practicable notice to the Class under the circumstances, satisfying the requirements of Rule 23 and due process. The Notice Program, constitutes due, adequate, and sufficient notice to all persons, entities, and/or organizations entitled to receive notice; fully satisfied the requirements of the Constitution of the United States (including the Due



Process Clause), Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and any other applicable law; and is based on the Federal Judicial Center's illustrative class action notices.

Judge Stephen K. Bushong, Surrett et al. v. Western Culinary Institute et al. (June 18, 2018) 0803-03530 (Ore. Cir. Cnty. of Multnomah):

This Court finds that the distribution of the Notice of Settlement ... fully met the requirements of the Oregon Rules of Civil Procedure, due process, the United States Constitution, the Oregon Constitution, and any other applicable law.

Judge Jesse M. Furman, Alaska Electrical Pension Fund et al. v. Bank of America, N.A. et al. (June 1, 2018) 14-cv-07126 (S.D.N.Y.):

The mailing of the Notice to all members of the Settlement Class who could be identified through reasonable effort, the publication of the Summary Notice, and the other Notice distribution efforts described in the Motion for Final Approval, as provided for in the Court's October 24, 2017 Order Providing for Notice to the Settlement Class and Preliminarily Approving the Plan of Distribution, satisfy the requirements of Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and due process, constitute the best notice practicable under the circumstances, and constitute due and sufficient notice to all Persons entitled to notice.

Judge Brad Seligman, Larson v. John Hancock Life Insurance Company (U.S.A.) (May 8, 2018) RG16813803 (Sup. Ct. Cal.):

The Court finds that the Class Notice and dissemination of the Class Notice as carried out by the Settlement Administrator complied with the Court's order granting preliminary approval and all applicable requirements of law, including, but not limited to California Rules of Court, rule 3.769(f) and the Constitutional requirements of due process, and constituted the best notice practicable under the circumstances and sufficient notice to all persons entitled to notice of the Settlement.

[T]he dissemination of the Class Notice constituted the best notice practicable because it included mailing individual notice to all Settlement Class Members who are reasonably identifiable using the same method used to inform class members of certification of the class, following a National Change of Address search and run through the LexisNexis Deceased Database.

Judge Federico A. Moreno, Masson v. Tallahassee Dodge Chrysler Jeep, LLC (May 8, 2018) 17-cv-22967 (S.D. Fla.):

The Settlement Class Notice Program was the best notice practicable under the circumstances. The Notice Program provided due and adequate notice of the proceedings and of the matters set forth therein, including the proposed settlement set forth in the Agreement, to all persons entitled to such notice and said notice fully satisfied the requirements of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and the United States Constitution, which include the requirement of due process.

Chancellor Russell T. Perkins, Morton v. GreenBank (Apr. 18, 2018) 11-135-IV (20th Jud. Dist. Tenn.):

The Notice Program as provided or in the Agreement and the Preliminary Amended Approval Order constituted the best notice practicable under the circumstances, including individual notice to all Settlement Class members who could be identified through reasonable effort. The Notice Plan fully satisfied the requirements of Tennessee Rule of Civil Procedure 23.03, due process and any other applicable law.

Judge James V. Selna, Callaway v. Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC (Mar. 8, 2018) 8:14-cv-02011 (C.D. Cal.):

The Court finds that the notice given to the Class was the best notice practicable under the circumstances of this case, and that the notice complied with the requirements of Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23 and due process.

The notice given by the Class Administrator constituted due and sufficient notice to the Settlement Class, and adequately informed members of the Settlement Class of their right to exclude themselves from the Settlement Class so as not to be bound by the terms of the Settlement Agreement and how to object to the Settlement.

The Court has considered and rejected the objection ... [regarding] the adequacy of the notice plan. The notice given provided ample information regarding the case. Class members also had the ability to seek additional information from the settlement website, from Class Counsel or from the Class Administrator.



Judge Thomas M. Durkin, Vergara et al., v. Uber Technologies, Inc. (Mar. 1, 2018) 1:15-cv-06972 (N.D. III.):

The Court finds that the Notice Plan set forth in Section IX of the Settlement Agreement and effectuated pursuant to the Preliminary Approval Order constitutes the best notice practicable under the circumstances and shall constitute due and sufficient notice to the Settlement Classes of the pendency of this case, certification of the Settlement Classes for settlement purposes only, the terms of the Settlement Agreement, and the Final Approval Hearing, and satisfies the requirements of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the United States Constitution, and any other applicable law. Further, the Court finds that Defendant has timely satisfied the notice requirements of 28 U.S.C. Section 1715.

Judge Federico A. Moreno, *In re: Takata Airbag Products Liability Litigation* (Honda & Nissan) (Feb. 28, 2018) MDL No. 2599 (S.D. Fla.):

The Court finds that the Class Notice has been given to the Class in the manner approved by the Court in its Preliminary Approval Order. The Court finds that such Class Notice: (i) is reasonable and constitutes the best practicable notice to Class Members under the circumstances; (ii) constitutes notice that was reasonably calculated, under the circumstances, to apprise Class Members of the pendency of the Action and the terms of the Settlement Agreement, their right to exclude themselves from the Class or to object to all or any part of the Settlement Agreement, their right to appear at the Fairness Hearing (either on their own or through counsel hired at their own expense) and the binding effect of the orders and Final Order and Final Judgment in the Action, whether favorable or unfavorable, on all persons and entities who or which do not exclude themselves from the Class; (iii) constitutes due, adequate, and sufficient notice to all persons or entities entitled to receive notice; and (iv) fully satisfied the requirements of the United States Constitution (including the Due Process Clause), FED R. CIV. R. 23 and any other applicable law as well as complying with the Federal Judicial Center's illustrative class action notices.

Judge Susan O. Hickey, Larey v. Allstate Property and Casualty Insurance Company (Feb. 9, 2018) 4:14-cv-04008 (W.D. Kan.):

Based on the Court's review of the evidence submitted and argument of counsel, the Court finds and concludes that the Class Notice and Claim Form was mailed to potential Class Members in accordance with the provisions of the Preliminary Approval Order, and together with the Publication Notice, the automated toll-free telephone number, and the settlement website: (i) constituted, under the circumstances, the most effective and practicable notice of the pendency of the Lawsuit, this Stipulation, and the Final Approval Hearing to all Class Members who could be identified through reasonable effort; and (ii) met all requirements of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the requirements of due process under the United States Constitution, and the requirements of any other applicable rules or law.

Judge Muriel D. Hughes, Glaske v. Independent Bank Corporation (Jan. 11, 2018) 13-009983 (Cir. Ct. Mich.):

The Court-approved Notice Plan satisfied due process requirements ... The notice, among other things, was calculated to reach Settlement Class Members because it was sent to their last known email or mail address in the Bank's files.

Judge Naomi Reice Buchwald, Orlander v. Staples, Inc. (Dec. 13, 2017) 13-cv-00703 (S.D.N.Y.):

The Notice of Class Action Settlement ("Notice") was given to all Class Members who could be identified with reasonable effort in accordance with the terms of the Settlement Agreement and Preliminary Approval Order. The form and method of notifying the Class of the pendency of the Action as a class action and the terms and conditions of the proposed Settlement met the requirements of Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23 and the Constitution of the United States (including the Due Process Clause); and any other applicable law, constituted the best notice practicable under the circumstances, and constituted due and sufficient notice to all persons and entities entitled thereto.

Judge Lisa Godbey Wood, T.A.N. v. PNI Digital Media, Inc. (Dec. 1, 2017) 2:16-cv-132 (S.D. Ga.):

Notice to the Settlement Class Members required by Rule 23 has been provided as directed by this Court in the Preliminary Approval Order, and such notice constituted the best notice practicable, including, but not limited to, the forms of notice and methods of identifying and providing notice to the Settlement Class Members, and satisfied the requirements of Rule 23 and due process, and all other applicable laws.



Judge Robin L. Rosenberg, Gottlieb v. Citgo Petroleum Corporation (Nov. 29, 2017) 9:16-cv-81911 (S.D. Fla):

The Settlement Class Notice Program was the best notice practicable under the circumstances. The Notice Program provided due and adequate notice of the proceedings and of the matters set forth therein, including the proposed settlement set forth in the Settlement Agreement, to all persons entitled to such notice and said notice fully satisfied the requirements of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and the United States Constitution, which include the requirement of due process.

Judge Donald M. Middlebrooks, Mahoney v. TT of Pine Ridge, Inc. (Nov. 20, 2017) 9:17-cv-80029 (S.D. Fla.):

Based on the Settlement Agreement, Order Granting Preliminary Approval of Class Action Settlement Agreement, and upon the Declaration of Cameron Azari, Esq. (DE 61-1), the Court finds that Class Notice provided to the Settlement Class was the best notice practicable under the circumstances, and that it satisfied the requirements of due process and Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(e)(1).

Judge Gerald Austin McHugh, Sobiech v. U.S. Gas & Electric, Inc., i/t/d/b/a Pennsylvania Gas & Electric et al. (Nov. 8, 2017) 2:14-cv-04464 (E.D. Pa.):

Notice has been provided to the Settlement Class of the pendency of this Action, the conditional certification of the Settlement Class for purposes of this Settlement, and the preliminary approval of the Settlement Agreement and the Settlement contemplated thereby. The Court finds that the notice provided was the best notice practicable under the circumstances to all persons entitled to such notice and fully satisfied the requirements of Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and the requirements of due process.

Judge Federico A. Moreno, *In re: Takata Airbag Products Liability Litigation* (BMW, Mazda, Toyota, & Subaru) (Nov. 1, 2017) MDL No. 2599 (S.D. Fla.):

[T]he Court finds that the Class Notice has been given to the Class in the manner approved in the Preliminary Approval Order. The Class Notice: (i) is reasonable and constitutes the best practicable notice to Class Members under the circumstances; (ii) constitutes notice that was reasonably calculated, under the circumstances, to apprise Class Members of the pendency of the Action and the terms of the Settlement Agreement, their right to exclude themselves from the Class or to object to all or any part of the Settlement Agreement, their right to appear at the Fairness Hearing (either on their own or through counsel hired at their own expense), and the binding effect of the orders and Final Order and Final Judgment in the Action, whether favorable or unfavorable, on all persons and entities who or which do not exclude themselves from the Class; (iii) constitutes due, adequate, and sufficient notice to all persons or entities entitled to receive notice; and (iv) fully satisfied the requirements of the United States Constitution (including the Due Process Clause), Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23 and any other applicable law as well as complying with the Federal Judicial Center's illustrative class action notices.

Judge Charles R. Breyer, *In re: Volkswagen "Clean Diesel" Marketing, Sales Practices and Products Liability Litigation* (May 17, 2017) MDL No. 2672 (N.D. Cal.):

The Court is satisfied that the Notice Program was reasonably calculated to notify Class Members of the proposed Settlement. The Notice "apprise[d] interested parties of the pendency of the action and afford[ed] them an opportunity to present their objections." Mullane v. Cent. Hanover Bank & Trust Co., 339 U.S. 306, 314 (1950). Indeed, the Notice Administrator reports that the notice delivery rate of 97.04% "exceed[ed] the expected range and is indicative of the extensive address updating and re-mailing protocols used." (Dkt. No. 3188-2 ¶ 24.)

Judge Rebecca Brett Nightingale, *Ratzlaff et al. v. BOKF, NA d/b/a Bank of Oklahoma et al.* (May 15, 2017) CJ-2015-00859 (Dist. Ct. Okla.):

The Court-approved Notice Plan satisfies Oklahoma law because it is "reasonable" (12 O.S. § 2023(E)(I)) and it satisfies due process requirements because it was "reasonably calculated, under [the] circumstances, to apprise interested parties of the pendency of the action and afford them an opportunity to present their objections." Shutts, 472 U.S. at 812 (quoting Mullane, 339 U.S. at 314-15).

Judge Joseph F. Bataillon, Klug v. Watts Regulator Company (Apr. 13, 2017) 8:15-cv-00061 (D. Neb.):

The court finds that the notice to the Settlement Class of the pendency of the Class Action and of this settlement, as provided by the Settlement Agreement and by the Preliminary Approval Order dated December



7, 2017, constituted the best notice practicable under the circumstances to all persons and entities within the definition of the Settlement Class, and fully complied with the requirements of Federal Rules of Civil Procedure Rule 23 and due process. Due and sufficient proof of the execution of the Notice Plan as outlined in the Preliminary Approval Order has been filed.

Judge Yvonne Gonzalez Rogers, Bias v. Wells Fargo & Company et al. (Apr. 13, 2017) 4:12-cv-00664 (N.D. Cal.):

The form, content, and method of dissemination of Notice of Settlement given to the Settlement Class was adequate and reasonable and constituted the best notice practicable under the circumstances, including both individual notice to all Settlement Class Members who could be identified through reasonable effort and publication notice.

Notice of Settlement, as given, complied with the requirements of Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, satisfied the requirements of due process, and constituted due and sufficient notice of the matters set forth herein.

Notice of the Settlement was provided to the appropriate regulators pursuant to the Class Action Fairness Act, 28 U.S.C. § 1715(c)(1).

Judge Carlos Murguia, Whitton v. Deffenbaugh Industries, Inc. et al. (Dec. 14, 2016) 2:12-cv-02247 and Gary, LLC v. Deffenbaugh Industries, Inc. et al. 2:13-cv-02634 (D. Kan.):

The Court determines that the Notice Plan as implemented was reasonably calculated to provide the best notice practicable under the circumstances and contained all required information for members of the proposed Settlement Class to act to protect their interests. The Court also finds that Class Members were provided an adequate period of time to receive Notice and respond accordingly.

Judge Yvette Kane, In re: Shop-Vac Marketing and Sales Practices Litigation (Dec. 9, 2016) MDL No. 2380 (M.D. Pa.):

The Court hereby finds and concludes that members of the Settlement Class have been provided the best notice practicable of the Settlement and that such notice satisfies all requirements of due process, Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the Class Action Fairness Act of 2005, 28 U.S.C. § 1715, and all other applicable laws.

Judge Timothy D. Fox, Miner v. Philip Morris USA, Inc. (Nov. 21, 2016) 60CV03-4661 (Ark. Cir. Ct.):

The Court finds that the Settlement Notice provided to potential members of the Class constituted the best and most practicable notice under the circumstances, thereby complying fully with due process and Rule 23 of the Arkansas Rules of Civil Procedure.

Judge Eileen Bransten, *In re: HSBC Bank USA, N.A.*, as part of *In re: Checking Account Overdraft Litigation* (Oct. 13, 2016) 650562/2011 (Sup. Ct. N.Y.):

This Court finds that the Notice Program and the Notice provided to Settlement Class members fully satisfied the requirements of constitutional due process, the N.Y. C.P.L.R., and any other applicable laws, and constituted the best notice practicable under the circumstances and constituted due and sufficient notice to all persons entitled thereto.

Judge Jerome B. Simandle, *In re: Caterpillar, Inc. C13 and C15 Engine Products Liability Litigation* (Sept. 20, 2016) MDL No. 2540 (D.N.J.):

The Court hereby finds that the Notice provided to the Settlement Class constituted the best notice practicable under the circumstances. Said Notice provided due and adequate notice of these proceedings and the matters set forth herein, including the terms of the Settlement Agreement, to all persons entitled to such notice, and said notice fully satisfied the requirements of Fed. R. Civ. P. 23, requirements of due process and any other applicable law.

Judge Marcia G. Cooke, Chimeno-Buzzi v. Hollister Co. and Abercrombie & Fitch Co. (Apr. 11, 2016) 14-cv-23120 (S.D. Fla.):

Pursuant to the Court's Preliminary Approval Order, the Settlement Administrator, Epiq Systems, Inc. [Hilsoft Notifications], has complied with the approved notice process as confirmed in its Declaration filed with the



Court on March 23, 2016. The Court finds that the notice process was designed to advise Class Members of their rights. The form and method for notifying Class Members of the settlement and its terms and conditions was in conformity with this Court's Preliminary Approval Order, constituted the best notice practicable under the circumstances, and satisfied the requirements of Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(c)(2)(B), the Class Action Fairness Act of 2005 ("CAFA"), 28 U.S.C. § 1715, and due process under the United States Constitution and other applicable laws.

Judge Yvonne Gonzalez Rogers, *In re: Lithium Ion Batteries Antitrust Litigation* (Mar. 22, 2016) MDL No. 2420, 4:13-md-02420 (N.D. Cal.):

From what I could tell, I liked your approach and the way you did it. I get a lot of these notices that I think are all legalese and no one can really understand them. Yours was not that way.

Judge Christopher S. Sontchi, In re: Energy Future Holdings Corp et al. (July 30, 2015) 14-cv-10979 (Bankr. D. Del.):

Notice of the Asbestos Bar Date as set forth in this Asbestos Bar Date Order and in the manner set forth herein constitutes adequate and sufficient notice of the Asbestos Bar Date and satisfies the requirements of the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules, and the Local Rules.

Judge David C. Norton, *In re: MI Windows and Doors Inc. Products Liability Litigation* (July 22, 2015) MDL No. 2333, 2:12-mn-00001 (D.S.C.):

The court finds that the Notice Plan, as described in the Settlement and related declarations, has been faithfully carried out and constituted the best practicable notice to Class Members under the circumstances of this Action, and was reasonable and constituted due, adequate, and sufficient notice to all Persons entitled to be provided with Notice.

The court also finds that the Notice Plan was reasonably calculated, under the circumstances, to apprise Class Members of: (1) the pendency of this class action; (2) their right to exclude themselves from the Settlement Class and the proposed Settlement; (3) their right to object to any aspect of the proposed Settlement (including final certification of the Settlement Class, the fairness, reasonableness, or adequacy of the proposed Settlement, the adequacy of the Settlement Class's representation by Named Plaintiffs or Class Counsel, or the award of attorney's and representative fees); (4) their right to appear at the fairness hearing (either on their own or through counsel hired at their own expense); and (5) the binding and preclusive effect of the orders and Final Order and Judgment in this Action, whether favorable or unfavorable, on all Persons who do not request exclusion from the Settlement Class. As such, the court finds that the Notice fully satisfied the requirements of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, including Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(c)(2) and (e), the United States Constitution (including the Due Process Clause), the rules of this court, and any other applicable law, and provided sufficient notice to bind all Class Members, regardless of whether a particular Class Member received actual notice.

Judge Robert W. Gettleman, Adkins et al. v. Nestlé Purina PetCare Company et al. (June 23, 2015) 1:12-cv-02871 (N.D. III.):

Notice to the Settlement Class and other potentially interested parties has been provided in accordance with the notice requirements specified by the Court in the Preliminary Approval Order. Such notice fully and accurately informed the Settlement Class members of all material elements of the proposed Settlement and of their opportunity to object or comment thereon or to exclude themselves from the Settlement; provided Settlement Class Members adequate instructions and a variety of means to obtain additional information; was the best notice practicable under the circumstances; was valid, due, and sufficient notice to all Settlement Class members; and complied fully with the laws of the State of Illinois, Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the United States Constitution, due process, and other applicable law.

**Judge James Lawrence King, Steen v. Capital One, N.A.** (May 22, 2015) 2:10-cv-01505 (E.D. La.) and 1:10-cv-22058 (S.D. Fla.) as part of *In re: Checking Account Overdraft Litigation*, MDL No. 2036 (S.D. Fla.):

The Court finds that the Settlement Class Members were provided with the best practicable notice; the notice was reasonably calculated, under [the] circumstances, to apprise interested parties of the pendency of the action and afford them an opportunity to present their objections." Shutts, 472 U.S. at 812 (quoting Mullane, 339 U.S. at 314-15). This Settlement with Capital One was widely publicized, and any Settlement Class Member who wished to express comments or objections had ample opportunity and means to do so. Azari Decl. ¶¶ 30-39.



Judge Rya W. Zobel, Gulbankian et al. v. MW Manufacturers, Inc. (Dec. 29, 2014) 1:10-cv-10392 (D. Mass.):

This Court finds that the Class Notice was provided to the Settlement Class consistent with the Preliminary Approval Order and that it was the best notice practicable and fully satisfied the requirements of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, due process, and applicable law. The Court finds that the Notice Plan that was implemented by the Claims Administrator satisfies the requirements of FED. R. CIV. P. 23, 28 U.S.C. § 1715, and Due Process, and is the best notice practicable under the circumstances. The Notice Plan constituted due and sufficient notice of the Settlement, the Final Approval Hearing, and the other matters referred to in the notices. Proof of the giving of such notices has been filed with the Court via the Azari Declaration and its exhibits.

Judge Edward J. Davila, Rose v. Bank of America Corporation et al. (Aug. 29, 2014) 5:11-cv-02390 & 5:12-cv-00400 (N.D. Cal.):

The Court finds that the notice was reasonably calculated under the circumstances to apprise the Settlement Class of the pendency of this action, all material elements of the Settlement, the opportunity for Settlement Class Members to exclude themselves from, object to, or comment on the settlement and to appear at the final approval hearing. The notice was the best notice practicable under the circumstances, satisfying the requirements of Rule 23(c)(2)(B); provided notice in a reasonable manner to all class members, satisfying Rule 23(e)(1)(B); was adequate and sufficient notice to all Class Members; and, complied fully with the laws of the United States and of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, due process and any other applicable rules of court.

Judge James A. Robertson, II, Wong et al. v. Alacer Corp. (June 27, 2014) CGC-12-519221 (Sup. Ct. Cal.):

Notice to the Settlement Class has been provided in accordance with the Preliminary Approval Order. Based on the Declaration of Cameron Azari dated March 7, 2014, such Class Notice has been provided in an adequate and sufficient manner, constitutes the best notice practicable under the circumstances and satisfies the requirements of California Civil Code Section 1781, California Civil Code of Civil Procedure Section 382, Rules 3.766 of the California Rules of Court, and due process.

Judge John Gleeson, *In re: Payment Card Interchange Fee and Merchant Discount Antitrust Litigation* (Dec. 13, 2013) MDL No. 1720, 05-md-01720 (E.D.N.Y.):

The Class Administrator notified class members of the terms of the proposed settlement through a mailed notice and publication campaign that included more than 20 million mailings and publication in more than 400 publications. The notice here meets the requirements of due process and notice standards ... The objectors' complaints provide no reason to conclude that the purposes and requirements of a notice to a class were not met here.

Judge Lance M. Africk, Evans et al. v. TIN, Inc. et al. (July 7, 2013) 2:11-cv-02067 (E.D. La.):

The Court finds that the dissemination of the Class Notice... as described in Notice Agent Lauran Schultz's Declaration: (a) constituted the best practicable notice to Class Members under the circumstances; (b) constituted notice that was reasonably calculated, under the circumstances...; (c) constituted notice that was reasonable, due, adequate, and sufficient; and (d) constituted notice that fully satisfied all applicable legal requirements, including Rules 23(c)(2)(B) and (e)(1) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the United States Constitution (including Due Process Clause), the Rules of this Court, and any other applicable law, as well as complied with the Federal Judicial Center's illustrative class action notices.

Judge Edward M. Chen, Marolda v. Symantec Corporation (Apr. 5, 2013) 3:08-cv-05701 (N.D. Cal.):

Approximately 3.9 million notices were delivered by email to class members, but only a very small percentage objected or opted out ... The Court ... concludes that notice of settlement to the class was adequate and satisfied all requirements of Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(e) and due process. Class members received direct notice by email, and additional notice was given by publication in numerous widely circulated publications as well as in numerous targeted publications. These were the best practicable means of informing class members of their rights and of the settlement's terms.

**Judge Ann D. Montgomery, In re: Zurn Pex Plumbing Products Liability Litigation** (Feb. 27, 2013) MDL No. 1958, 08-md-01958 (D. Minn.):

The parties retained Hilsoft Notifications ("Hilsoft"), an experienced class-notice consultant, to design and carry out the notice plan. The form and content of the notices provided to the class were direct, understandable, and consistent with the "plain language" principles advanced by the Federal Judicial Center.



The notice plan's multi-faceted approach to providing notice to settlement class members whose identity is not known to the settling parties constitutes "the best notice [\*26] that is practicable under the circumstances" consistent with Rule 23(c)(2)(B).

Magistrate Judge Stewart, Gessele et al. v. Jack in the Box, Inc. (Jan. 28, 2013) 3:10-cv-00960 (D. Ore.):

Moreover, plaintiffs have submitted [a] declaration from Cameron Azari (docket #129), a nationally recognized notice expert, who attests that fashioning an effective joint notice is not unworkable or unduly confusing. Azari also provides a detailed analysis of how he would approach fashioning an effective notice in this case.

Judge Carl J. Barbier, In re: Oil Spill by the Oil Rig "Deepwater Horizon" in the Gulf of Mexico, on April 20, 2010 (Medical Benefits Settlement) (Jan. 11, 2013) MDL No. 2179 (E.D. La.):

Through August 9, 2012, 366,242 individual notices had been sent to potential [Medical Benefits] Settlement Class Members by postal mail and 56,136 individual notices had been e-mailed. Only 10,700 mailings—or 3.3%—were known to be undeliverable. (Azari Decl. ¶¶ 8, 9.) Notice was also provided through an extensive schedule of local newspaper, radio, television and Internet placements, well-read consumer magazines, a national daily business newspaper, highly-trafficked websites, and Sunday local newspapers (via newspaper supplements). Notice was also provided in non-measured trade, business and specialty publications, African-American, Vietnamese, and Spanish language publications, and Cajun radio programming. The combined measurable paid print, television, radio, and Internet effort reached an estimated 95% of adults aged 18+ in the Gulf Coast region an average of 10.3 times each, and an estimated 83% of all adults in the United States aged 18+ an average of 4 times each. (Id. ¶¶ 8, 10.) All notice documents were designed to be clear, substantive, and informative. (Id. ¶ 5.)

The Court received no objections to the scope or content of the [Medical Benefits] Notice Program. (Azari Supp. Decl. ¶ 12.) The Court finds that the Notice and Notice Plan as implemented satisfied the best notice practicable standard of Rule 23(c) and, in accordance with Rule 23(e)(1), provided notice in a reasonable manner to Class Members who would be bound by the Settlement, including individual notice to all Class Members who could be identified through reasonable effort. Likewise, the Notice and Notice Plan satisfied the requirements of Due Process. The Court also finds the Notice and Notice Plan satisfied the requirements of CAFA.

Judge Carl J. Barbier, *In re: Oil Spill by the Oil Rig "Deepwater Horizon" in the Gulf of Mexico, on April 20, 2010 (Economic and Property Damages Settlement)* (Dec. 21, 2012) MDL No. 2179 (E.D. La.):

The Court finds that the Class Notice and Class Notice Plan satisfied and continue to satisfy the applicable requirements of Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(c)(2)(b) and 23(e), the Class Action Fairness Act (28 U.S.C. § 1711 et seq.), and the Due Process Clause of the United States Constitution (U.S. Const., amend. V), constituting the best notice that is practicable under the circumstances of this litigation. The notice program surpassed the requirements of Due Process, Rule 23, and CAFA. Based on the factual elements of the Notice Program as detailed below, the Notice Program surpassed all of the requirements of Due Process, Rule 23, and CAFA.

The Notice Program, as duly implemented, surpasses other notice programs that Hilsoft Notifications has designed and executed with court approval. The Notice Program included notification to known or potential Class Members via postal mail and e-mail; an extensive schedule of local newspaper, radio, television and Internet placements, well-read consumer magazines, a national daily business newspaper, and Sunday local newspapers. Notice placements also appeared in non-measured trade, business, and specialty publications, African-American, Vietnamese, and Spanish language publications, and Cajun radio programming. The Notice Program met the objective of reaching the greatest possible number of class members and providing them with every reasonable opportunity to understand their legal rights. See Azari Decl. ¶¶ 8, 15, 68. The Notice Program was substantially completed on July 15, 2012, allowing class members adequate time to make decisions before the opt-out and objections deadlines.

The media notice effort alone reached an estimated 95% of adults in the Gulf region an average of 10.3 times each, and an estimated 83% of all adults in the United States an average of 4 times each. These figures do not include notice efforts that cannot be measured, such as advertisements in trade publications and sponsored search engine listings. The Notice Program fairly and adequately covered and notified the class without excluding any demographic group or geographic area, and it exceeded the reach percentage achieved in most other court-approved notice programs.



Judge Alonzo Harris, Opelousas General Hospital Authority, A Public Trust, D/B/A Opelousas General Health System and Arklamiss Surgery Center, L.L.C. v. FairPay Solutions, Inc. (Aug. 17, 2012) 12-C-1599 (27th Jud. D. Ct. La.):

Notice given to Class Members and all other interested parties pursuant to this Court's order of April 18, 2012, was reasonably calculated to apprise interested parties of the pendency of the action, the certification of the Class as Defined for settlement purposes only, the terms of the Settlement Agreement, Class Members rights to be represented by private counsel, at their own costs, and Class Members rights to appear in Court to have their objections heard, and to afford persons or entities within the Class Definition an opportunity to exclude themselves from the Class. Such notice complied with all requirements of the federal and state constitutions, including the Due Process Clause, and applicable articles of the Louisiana Code of Civil Procedure, and constituted the best notice practicable under the circumstances and constituted due and sufficient notice to all potential members of the Class as Defined.

**Judge James Lawrence King, Sachar v. Iberiabank Corporation** (Apr. 26, 2012) as part of **In re: Checking Account Overdraft** MDL No. 2036 (S.D. Fla):

The Court finds that the Notice previously approved was fully and properly effectuated and was sufficient to satisfy the requirements of due process because it described "the substantive claims ... [and] contained information reasonably necessary to [allow Settlement Class Members to] make a decision to remain a class member and be bound by the final judgment.".... The Notice, among other things, defined the Settlement Class, described the release as well as the amount and method and manner of proposed distribution of the Settlement proceeds, and informed Settlement Class Members of their rights to opt-out or object, the procedures for doing so, and the time and place of the Final Approval Hearing. The Notice also informed Settlement Class Members that a class judgment would bind them unless they opted out, and told them where they could obtain more information, such as access to a full copy of the Agreement. Further, the Notice described in summary form the fact that Class Counsel would be seeking attorneys' fees of up to 30 percent of the Settlement. Settlement Class Members were provided with the best practicable notice "reasonably calculated, under [the] circumstances, to apprise them of the pendency of the action and afford them an opportunity to present their objections." Mullane, 339 U.S. at 314. The content of the Notice fully complied with the requirements of Rule 23.

Judge Bobby Peters, Vereen v. Lowe's Home Centers (Apr. 13, 2012) SU10-cv-2267B (Ga. Super. Ct.):

The Court finds that the Notice and the Notice Plan was fulfilled, in accordance with the terms of the Settlement Agreement, the Amendment, and this Court's Preliminary Approval Order and that this Notice and Notice Plan constituted the best practicable notice to Class Members under the circumstances of this action, constituted due and sufficient Notice of the proposed Settlement to all persons entitled to participate in the proposed Settlement, and was in full compliance with Ga. Code Ann § 9-11-23 and the constitutional requirements of due process. Extensive notice was provided to the class, including point of sale notification, publication notice and notice by first-class mail for certain potential Class Members.

The affidavit of the notice expert conclusively supports this Court's finding that the notice program was adequate, appropriate, and comported with Georgia Code Ann. § 9-11-23(b)(2), the Due Process Clause of the Constitution, and the guidance for effective notice articulate in the FJC's Manual for Complex Litigation. 4th.

Judge Lee Rosenthal, *In re: Heartland Payment Systems, Inc. Customer Data Security Breach Litigation* (Mar. 2, 2012) MDL No. 2046 (S.D. Tex.):

The notice that has been given clearly complies with Rule 23(e)(1)'s reasonableness requirement ... Hilsoft Notifications analyzed the notice plan after its implementation and conservatively estimated that notice reached 81.4 percent of the class members. (Docket Entry No. 106, ¶ 32). Both the summary notice and the detailed notice provided the information reasonably necessary for the presumptive class members to determine whether to object to the proposed settlement. See Katrina Canal Breaches, 628 F.3d at 197. Both the summary notice and the detailed notice "were written in easy-to-understand plain English." In re: Black Farmers Discrimination Litig., — F. Supp. 2d —, 2011 WL 5117058, at \*23 (D.D.C. 2011); accord AGGREGATE LITIGATION § 3.04(c).15 The notice provided "satisf[ies] the broad reasonableness standards imposed by due process" and Rule 23. Katrina Canal Breaches, 628 F.3d at 197.

Judge John D. Bates, *Trombley v. National City Bank* (Dec. 1, 2011) 1:10-cv-00232 (D.D.C.) as part of *In re: Checking Account Overdraft Litigation MDL* No. 2036 (S.D. Fla.):

The form, content, and method of dissemination of Notice given to the Settlement Class were in full compliance with the Court's January 11, 2011 Order, the requirements of Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(e), and due process. The notice was adequate



and reasonable, and constituted the best notice practicable under the circumstances. In addition, adequate notice of the proceedings and an opportunity to participate in the final fairness hearing were provided to the Settlement Class.

Judge Robert M. Dow, Jr., Schulte v. Fifth Third Bank (July 29, 2011) 1:09-cv-06655 (N.D. III.):

The Court has reviewed the content of all of the various notices, as well as the manner in which Notice was disseminated, and concludes that the Notice given to the Class fully complied with Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23, as it was the best notice practicable, satisfied all constitutional due process concerns, and provided the Court with jurisdiction over the absent Class Members.

Judge Ellis J. Daigle, Williams v. Hammerman & Gainer Inc. (June 30, 2011) 11-C-3187-B (27th Jud. D. Ct. La.):

Notices given to Settlement Class members and all other interested parties throughout this proceeding with respect to the certification of the Settlement Class, the proposed settlement, and all related procedures and hearings—including, without limitation, the notice to putative Settlement Class members and others ... were reasonably calculated under all the circumstances and have been sufficient, as to form, content, and manner of dissemination, to apprise interested parties and members of the Settlement Class of the pendency of the action, the certification of the Settlement Class, the Settlement Agreement and its contents, Settlement Class members' right to be represented by private counsel, at their own cost, and Settlement Class members' right to appear in Court to have their objections heard, and to afford Settlement Class members an opportunity to exclude themselves from the Settlement Class. Such notices complied with all requirements of the federal and state constitutions, including the due process clause, and applicable articles of the Louisiana Code of Civil Procedures, and constituted the best notice practicable under the circumstances and constituted due and sufficient notice to all potential members of the Settlement Class.

Judge Stefan R. Underhill, *Mathena v. Webster Bank, N.A.* (Mar. 24, 2011) 3:10-cv-01448 (D. Conn.) as part of *In re: Checking Account Overdraft Litigation* MDL No. 2036 (S.D. Fla.):

The form, content, and method of dissemination of Notice given to the Settlement Class were adequate and reasonable, and constituted the best notice practicable under the circumstances. The Notice, as given, provided valid, due, and sufficient notice of the proposed settlement, the terms and conditions set forth in the Settlement Agreement, and these proceedings to all persons entitled to such notice, and said notice fully satisfied the requirements of Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and due process.

Judge Ted Stewart, Miller v. Basic Research, LLC (Sept. 2, 2010) 2:07-cv-00871 (D. Utah):

Plaintiffs state that they have hired a firm specializing in designing and implementing large scale, unbiased, legal notification plans. Plaintiffs represent to the Court that such notice will include: 1) individual notice by electronic mail and/or first-class mail sent to all reasonably identifiable Class members; 2) nationwide paid media notice through a combination of print publications, including newspapers, consumer magazines, newspaper supplements and the Internet; 3) a neutral, Court-approved, informational press release; 4) a neutral, Court-approved Internet website; and 5) a toll-free telephone number. Similar mixed media plans have been approved by other district courts post class certification. The Court finds this plan is sufficient to meet the notice requirement.

Judge Sara Loi, Pavlov v. Continental Casualty Co. (Oct. 7, 2009) 5:07-cv-02580 (N.D. Ohio):

[T]he elaborate notice program contained in the Settlement Agreement provides for notice through a variety of means, including direct mail to each class member, notice to the United States Attorney General and each State, a toll free number, and a website designed to provide information about the settlement and instructions on submitting claims. With a 99.9% effective rate, the Court finds that the notice program constituted the "best notice that is practicable under the circumstances," Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(c)(2)(B), and clearly satisfies the requirements of Rule 23(c)(2)(B).

Judge James Robertson, *In re: Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Data Theft Litigation* (Sept. 23, 2009) MDL No. 1796 (D.D.C.):

The Notice Plan, as implemented, satisfied the requirements of due process and was the best notice practicable under the circumstances. The Notice Plan was reasonably calculated, under the circumstances, to apprise Class Members of the pendency of the action, the terms of the Settlement, and their right to appear, object to or exclude themselves from the Settlement. Further, the notice was reasonable and constituted due, adequate and sufficient notice to all persons entitled to receive notice.



#### **LEGAL NOTICE CASES**

Hilsoft has served as a notice expert for planning, implementation and/or analysis in the following partial list of cases:

In Re Juul Labs, Inc., Marketing, Sales Practices, and Products Liability Litigation	N.D. Cal., No. 19-md-02913
Rogowski et al. v. State Farm Life Insurance Company et al. (Whole Life or Universal Life Insurance)	W.D. Mo., No. 4:22-cv-00203
Ingram v. Jamestown Import Auto Sales, Inc. d/b/a Kia of Jamestown (TCPA)	W.D.N.Y., No. 1:22-cv-00309
In re: Midwestern Pet Foods Marketing, Sales Practices and Product Liability Litigation	S.D. Ind., No. 3:21-cv-00007
Meier v. Prosperity Bank (Bank Fees & Overdraft)	239th Jud. Dist., Brazoria Cnty, Tex., No. 109569-CV
Middleton et al. v. Liberty Mutual Personal Insurance Company et al. (Auto Insurance Claims Sales Tax)	S.D. Ohio, No. 1:20-cv-00668
Checchia v. Bank of America, N.A. (Bank Fees)	E.D. Penn., No. 2:21-cv-03585
McCullough v. True Health New Mexico, Inc. (Data Breach)	2nd Dist. Ct, N.M., No. D-202-CV-2021-06816
Sonterra Capital Master Fund Ltd. v. Credit Suisse Group AG et al. (Swiss Franc LIBOR-Based Derivatives)	S.D.N.Y., No. 1:15-cv-00871
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Opelousas General Hospital Authority, A Public Trust, D/B/A Opelousas General Health System and Arklamiss Surgery Center, L.L.C. v. FairPay Solutions, Inc.	27 <sup>th</sup> Jud. D. Ct. La., No. 12-C-1599
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In re: Katrina Canal Breaches Consolidated Litigation	E.D. La., No. 05-cv-04182

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# Attachment 2

From: EMAIL ADDRESS

To: EMAIL ADDRESS

Re: CDK or Reynolds Dealer Management System Court Ordered Settlement

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A settlement with CDK Global, LLC ("CDK") was reached in *In re Dealership Management Systems Antitrust Litigation*, MDL No. 2817 (N.D. Ill.), an antitrust class action lawsuit concerning DMS services purchased from CDK and/or The Reynolds and Reynolds Company ("Reynolds"), including related vendor integration services.

### Click <u>Here</u> to File a Claim for a Cash Payment Using your Unique ID: <<<u>UniqueID>></u>

What Is The Purpose Of This Notice? The purpose of this notice is to inform you of (1) your rights related to the CDK Settlement; (2) the proposed distribution of the funds from the 2019 settlement with Reynolds; and (3) the fee and expense application to be filed by Class Counsel with respect to the CDK and Reynolds settlements ("Settlement Funds").

<u>What Is This Lawsuit About?</u> This lawsuit alleges CDK and Reynolds unlawfully colluded to force dealerships to pay more for DMS integration than they should have. CDK denies any wrongdoing and the Court has not ruled it did anything wrong. The CDK Settlement, as well as a 2019 settlement with Reynolds for \$29.5 million ("Reynolds Settlement"), resolves all litigation in this matter on behalf of a nationwide class of auto dealerships.

Who Is Included In This Settlement? The "CDK Settlement Class" means all persons and entities located in the United States engaged in the business of the retail sale of automobiles who purchased DMS from CDK and/or Reynolds, or any predecessor, successor, subsidiary, joint venture or affiliate, during the period September 1, 2013 through August 15, 2024.

What Does the CDK Settlement Provide? If approved by the Court, as part of the Settlement, CDK has agreed to pay \$100 million plus up to \$250,000 for notice and administration costs. The CDK Settlement Agreement is available <a href="here">here</a>.

How Do You Get a Payment? Submit a Claim Form here to be eligible to receive a payment from the Settlement Funds. Claim Forms and supporting documentation must be submitted on the website or postmarked by Month xx, 20xx. If you do not submit a claim, you will remain a member of the CDK Settlement Class but will not receive any payment from the CDK Settlement (and/or the Reynolds Settlement if you are a member of the Reynolds Class). At this time, the exact payment each Settlement Class Member will receive is unknown; however, if approved by the Court, Settlement Funds will be distributed to CDK and Reynolds Settlement Class Members under the Allocation Plan available here.

<u>What Are Your Other Options?</u> You may exclude yourself from the CDK Settlement Class by submitting a valid request for exclusion by **Month xx**, **20xx**. If you exclude yourself, you cannot get a settlement payment but you keep any rights you may have to sue CDK over the claims in this case. CDK

Settlement Class Members may also object to the CDK Settlement, the Fee and Expense Application and/or Allocation Plan, by submitting an objection by **Month xx**, **20xx**. The time to exclude yourself or object to the Reynolds Settlement has passed, but Reynolds Settlement Class Members may object to the Fee and Expense Application and/or Allocation Plan. Specific information and instructions are available on the website. The Court will hold a Fairness Hearing at **xx:xx a.m. CT** on **Month xx**, **20xx**.

How Will The Lawyers Be Paid? Class Counsel will ask the Court for (1) attorneys' fees, based on their services to date, not to exceed 33.3% of the Settlement Funds plus; (2) unreimbursed litigation expenses to date not to exceed \$7.5 million; and (3) service awards of up to \$10,000 each for twenty-three (23) Class Representatives in this case. Any payment to the attorneys and Class Representatives will be subject to Court approval. The Fee and Expense Application will be filed by Month xx, 20xx and a copy will be available on the website. Class Counsel may also seek reimbursement of additional limited expenses related to this Settlement and settlement administration. Notwithstanding the foregoing, CDK is not liable for any amount above the \$100 million plus up to \$250,000 for notice and administration costs as described above.

Where Can You Get More Information? Visit here, call 888-842-3161, write to Settlement Administrator, P.O. Box 6727, Portland, OR 97228-6727 or contact Class Counsel Peggy Wedgworth, Milberg Coleman Bryson Phillips Grossman, PLLC at pwedgworth@milberg.com or 646-515-1269 or Leonard A. Bellavia, Bellavia Blatt, PC at lbellavia@dealerlaw.com or 516-873-3000. You do not need to sign up with a Claims Recovery Service. Claims assistance is available from Class Counsel and the Settlement Administrator AT NO COST.

## Attachment 3

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#### DEALERSHIP CLASS COUNSEL ANNOUNCES \$100 MILLION CDK SETTLEMENT

On August 16, 2024, counsel for a class of Dealership Plaintiffs in the lawsuit *In re: Dealer Management Systems Antitrust Litigation* in Illinois federal court filed a motion to preliminarily approve a settlement with Defendant, CDK Global, LLC. If approved by the Court, the CDK Settlement will resolve all remaining claims on behalf of dealerships involving an alleged conspiracy by CDK and Reynolds to charge unlawful prices in the markets for Dealer Management System Services and Data Integration Services.

As part of the Settlement, CDK has agreed to pay \$100 million for the benefit of U.S.-based retail automotive dealerships that bought a Reynolds and/or CDK DMS from September 1, 2013 through August 15, 2024. CDK will also pay up to \$250,000 for notice and claims administration costs. This Settlement does not constitute any admission of wrongdoing or liability by any party, and was entered solely to avoid the further inconvenience, distraction and disruption of burdensome litigation and to reach certain and final resolution between CDK and dealerships. The CDK Settlement Agreement, Motion for Preliminary Approval, as well as other important documents settlement, available review website **CDK** are for at the www.dealershipclassDMSsettlement.com.

Until the Court signs an order preliminarily approving the CDK Settlement, no claims can be filed. Once the Court has signed that order, dealerships will receive notice of the CDK Settlement and be able to log onto the website to file a claim. Dealership Counsel emphasizes that assistance at NO COST to dealerships in filing claim forms can be provided by Dealership Counsel and the settlement administrator – no additional assistance from third parties is needed.

If the Court preliminarily approves the CDK Settlement, formal notice will be issued to the Dealership Class, and additional information will be made available on the website, including information about the claims submission process.

A prior settlement with Reynolds in the amount of \$29.5 million was previously approved by the Court in 2019, and that money is currently in an escrow account. If any Dealer has bought a CDK and/or Reynolds DMS from September 1, 2013 through August 15, 2024, that Dealer may be entitled to money back from one or both of the settlements. If the Court gives final approval to the CDK Settlement, the allocation of the funds from both the settlements will be determined based upon several factors, including the number of claims filed. Once the Court has approved the distribution of the settlement funds, the settlement proceeds will be distributed as approved by the Court.

For more information please contact Class Counsel: Peggy J. Wedgworth or Leonard A. Bellavia.

If You Are a U.S.-Based Retail Auto Dealership that Bought a CDK or Reynolds Dealer Management System ("DMS") from September 1, 2013 through August 15, 2024, You Could Benefit from a Class Action Settlement.

A federal court authorized this notice which summarizes your legal rights and options.

This is not a solicitation from a lawyer.

- The purpose of this notice is to inform you of (1) your rights related to a proposed class action settlement with CDK Global, LLC ("CDK Settlement") in the class action lawsuit, In re Dealer Management Systems Antitrust Litigation, MDL 2817, 18-cv-00864 (N.D. Ill.); (2) the proposed distribution of the funds from the 2019 settlement with The Reynolds and Reynolds Company ("Reynolds"); and (3) the fee and expense application that will be filed by Dealership Class Counsel with respect to the CDK and Reynolds settlement funds. Please read this notice and the settlement documents Agreement, carefully, CDK Settlement available including the www.dealershipclassDMSsettlement.com. Your legal rights may be affected whether or not you act.
- If you are in the business of the retail sale of automobiles in the United States and purchased DMS from CDK and/or Reynolds (or any predecessor, successor, subsidiary, joint venture or affiliate) during the period from September 1, 2013 through August 15, 2024, you are a member of the CDK settlement class ("CDK Settlement Class"). Unless you exclude yourself from the CDK Settlement Class (as detailed below), you may be entitled to money back as part of the CDK Settlement.
- If approved by the Court, the CDK Settlement will resolve claims involving an alleged conspiracy by CDK and Reynolds to charge unlawful prices in the markets for DMS Services and Data Integration Services ("DIS"). CDK denies any wrongdoing and the Court has not ruled that CDK did anything wrong or violated any law.
- As part of the Settlement, CDK has agreed to pay \$100 million plus \$250,000 for notice and administration costs. The full text of the CDK Settlement Agreement is available for review at <a href="www.dealershipclassDMSsettlement.com">www.dealershipclassDMSsettlement.com</a>. In the event of any inconsistency between this notice and the terms of the CDK Settlement Agreement, the terms of the Agreement control.
- A prior settlement with Reynolds in the amount of \$29.5 million was previously approved by the Court ("Reynolds Settlement"). If you are a member of the Reynolds Settlement Class, you may also be entitled to money back as part of that settlement.
- The funds from the Settlements with CDK and Reynolds are collectively referred to as
  the "Settlement Funds". The claims submission process discussed below in Question
  9 includes both the CDK and Reynolds Settlements. The time to exclude yourself or
  object to the Reynolds Settlement has passed.

- If the CDK Settlement is approved by the Court, the Settlement Funds will be distributed according to the Allocation Plan available at <a href="https://www.dealershipclassDMSsettlement.com">www.dealershipclassDMSsettlement.com</a>.
- of the Settlement Funds plus (2) payment of unreimbursed litigation expenses (including expert fees and deposition costs) ("Litigation Expenses") not to exceed \$7.5 million; and (3) service awards of up to \$10,000 for each of the twenty-three (23) Class Representatives in this case ("Fee and Expense Application"). Any payment will be subject to Court approval. The Fee and Expense Application will be available on the Settlement website after it is filed on **Month xx**, **20xx**. Dealership Class Counsel may also seek reimbursement of additional limited expenses related to this Settlement and settlement administration. Notwithstanding the foregoing, CDK is not liable for any amount above the \$100 million plus up to \$250,000 for notice and administration costs as described above.
- The CDK Settlement does not affect any claims arising out of any data breach, cyberattack, and/or security incident publicly reported in June 2024 involving CDK's DMS, or defenses to those claims, and does not affect or release any claims, defenses, or counterclaims asserted as of the Effective Date, in the action entitled *Asbury Automotive Group, Inc. v. CDK Global, LLC*, Civ. No. 24-A-04939-3 (Superior Court of Gwinnett County, State of Georgia).
- If you have any questions about the lawsuit, the CDK Settlement, the Claim Form filing process or other issues, you may contact: Peggy J. Wedgworth, Milberg Coleman Bryson Phillips Grossman, PLLC, 405 East 50th Street, New York, NY 10022, Tel: (646) 515-1269, <a href="mailto:pwedgworth@milberg.com">pwedgworth@milberg.com</a>; or Leonard A. Bellavia, Bellavia Blatt, PC, 200 Old Country Road, Suite 400, Mineola, NY 11501, Tel: (516) 873-3000, <a href="mailto:lbellavia@dealerlaw.com">lbellavia@dealerlaw.com</a>.

YOUR I SUBMIT A CLAIM FORM(S)	The only way to be eligible to receive a payment from the Settlement Funds	DUE DATE Month xx, 20xx
EXCLUDE YOURSELF	You must submit a valid request for exclusion to remove yourself from the CDK Settlement Class. You will receive no benefits from the CDK Settlement, but you will keep any rights you currently have to sue CDK about the claims in this lawsuit. The deadline for exclusion from the Reynolds Settlement has passed.	Postmarked on or before Month xx, 20xx
Do Nothing	If you do not exclude yourself from the CDK Settlement Class, you will remain a member of that Class and you will give up your right to sue CDK about the claims in this lawsuit. If you do	

	not submit a Claim Form, you will not receive any payment from the Settlement Funds.	
<b>OBJECT TO THE</b>	If you do not exclude yourself, you can write to	Filed with the
CDK SETTLEMENT,	the Court explaining why you object to the	Court and
FEE & EXPENSE	CDK Settlement. The deadline for objecting	postmarked on
APPLICATION	to the Reynolds Settlement has passed, but	or before Month
AND/OR THE	Reynolds and CDK Settlement Class Members	xx, 20xx
ALLOCATION PLAN	may object to the Fee and Expense Application	
	and/or the Allocation Plan.	
ATTEND THE	The Court will consider whether the CDK	Month xx, 20xx
HEARING	Settlement and the Fee and Expense	
	Application is fair, reasonable, and adequate.	

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#### **BASIC INFORMATION**

1. Do I Need to Sign Up with a Claims Recovery Service to Get a Payment or Maximize My Recovery?

No. Filing assistance is available from Class Counsel and the Settlement Administrator AT NO COST.

You will recover the maximum amount you are entitled to by directly filing your own claim with the Settlement Administrator. If you are approached by or see advertisements from a non-party claims settlement service offering to register you or submit your claims for recovery from the Settlement Fund, know that entities other than Class Counsel or the Settlement Administrator, Epiq, are not approved by the Court in this lawsuit. Non-party claims settlement services are not necessary in order for class members to submit claims – the claim submission process is streamlined and minimal documentation is required.

If you previously signed up with a Claims Recovery Service for the Reynolds Settlement you do not need to use a Claims Recovery Service for the CDK Settlement.

#### 2. What is this Lawsuit About?

This lawsuit is a class action formally known as *In re Dealer Management Systems Antitrust Litigation*, MDL 2817, 18-cv-00864 (N.D. Ill.) and is pending in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois before Judge Rebecca R. Pallmeyer (the "Court").

A group of U.S. auto dealerships ("Dealership Plaintiffs") sued CDK and Reynolds ("Defendants") alleging that they conspired, in violation of federal antitrust laws and certain state antitrust and consumer protection laws, to restrain and/or eliminate competition by charging Dealership Plaintiffs more than they should have in the markets for DMS and DIS. CDK and Reynolds deny the claims in the lawsuit. The Court has not decided which side is right. A copy of the complaint and other important court filings are available at <a href="https://www.dealershipclassDMSsettlement.com">www.dealershipclassDMSsettlement.com</a>.

The Court previously approved a class action settlement with Reynolds in 2019. Dealership Plaintiffs continued to litigate this case against CDK until this settlement. A trial was scheduled to begin in September 2024. Dealership Plaintiffs and CDK agreed to settle the lawsuit prior to the trial.

#### 3. Why is there a Settlement?

The Court did not decide in favor of the Dealership Plaintiffs or CDK. The parties agreed to settle the case, allowing them to avoid the cost and risk of trial, concluding the lawsuit and establishing a fair and final resolution for all involved. If the Court approves the CDK Settlement, members of the CDK Settlement Class will be eligible to receive a payment from that Settlement. The lawyers representing CDK and the lawyers representing the Dealership Class ("Class Counsel") have engaged in extensive negotiations regarding the issues presented in the lawsuit and the terms

of a settlement. Dealership Plaintiffs and Class Counsel believe the CDK Settlement is fair, reasonable, adequate, and in the best interests of the Dealership Class.

#### 4. Why am I Receiving this Notice?

The Court has directed this notice be sent to the CDK and Reynolds Settlement Classes to advise you of the CDK Settlement, the claims process for the Settlement Funds and the Fee and Expense Application Class Counsel will make with respect to the Settlement Funds. The Court has directed this notice be sent as it may affect your rights. This notice explains the lawsuit, the CDK Settlement, your legal rights in relation to the CDK Settlement, and the Claim Form filing process for the CDK and Reynolds Settlements.

This notice also provides information regarding your ability to exclude yourself from the CDK Settlement Class and the effect of doing so, as well as your ability to object to the CDK Settlement, the Fee and Expense Application and/or the Allocation Plan. You cannot exclude yourself or object to the Reynolds Settlement as that deadline passed years ago. Any member of the CDK Settlement Class or the Reynolds Settlement Class Members may object to the Fee and Expense Application and/or the Allocation Plan.

#### 5. What is a Class Action and Who is Involved?

In a class action, one or more people called "Class Representatives" sue on behalf of those who have similar claims. The individuals together are a "Class" or "Class Members." Class Members do not have to file a lawsuit to participate in the class action settlement or be bound by the judgment in the class action. One court resolves the issues for everyone in the Class, except for those who properly exclude themselves from the Class (see **Question 13**). Because Dealership Plaintiffs and CDK seek to resolve this lawsuit on behalf of a Class through settlement, that class is referred to as a "Settlement Class."

#### 6. Am I Part of the CDK Settlement Class?

The Court directed, for the purposes of the proposed CDK Settlement only, that everyone who fits the following description is a CDK Settlement Class Member:

All persons and entities located in the United States engaged in the business of the retail sale of automobiles **who purchased DMS from CDK and/or Reynolds**, or any predecessor, successor, subsidiary, joint venture or affiliate, during the period from September 1, 2013 through August 15, 2024.

If you meet the above definition, unless you exclude yourself, you are a member of the CDK Settlement Class and will be included in the CDK Settlement.

The CDK Settlement Class does not include:

The Defendants in this litigation (CDK and Reynolds), including any entity or division in which any Defendant has a controlling interest, as well as Defendants' joint ventures, subsidiaries, affiliates, assigns and successors.

#### THE BENEFITS OF THE SETTLEMENT WITH CDK

#### 7. What Does the CDK Settlement Provide?

If the CDK Settlement is approved, in exchange for the release of claims in the Dealership Class Action (see **Question 11**), CDK will pay \$100 million for the benefit of CDK Settlement Class Members, plus notice and administration costs of \$250,000. The CDK Settlement resolves all CDK Settlement Class Members' claims against CDK for the released claims (as described in the CDK Settlement Agreement). The CDK Settlement also resolves all of CDK's claims against certain Dealership Named Plaintiffs alleging breach of contract, and violations of the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act and Digital Millennium Copyright Act. A copy of the CDK Settlement Agreement, including a description of the released claims, can be found at www.dealershipclassDMSsettlement.com.

#### 8. What Did the Prior Settlement with Reynolds Provide?

A settlement was previously reached with Reynolds for \$29.5 million plus payment of notice to Reynolds Settlement Class Members ("Reynolds Settlement"). There was no claims process at the time of the Reynolds Settlement. The Reynolds Settlement will be distributed with the CDK Settlement to valid Class Members of each Settlement.

If the CDK Settlement is approved by the Court, the Settlement Funds (representing settlements with both CDK and Reynolds) will be \$129.5 million, plus interest.

#### HOW TO GET A PAYMENT FROM THE SETTLEMENT FUND

#### 9. How Can I File a Claim to Get a Payment from the Settlement Funds?

Claim Forms are available at <u>www.dealershipclassDMSsettlement.com</u> where an online claim submission portal is available. Claim Forms and supporting documentation must be submitted on the settlement website or postmarked by **Month xx**, **20xx** and sent to the following address for you to be eligible to receive payment:

Dealership Class—DMS Antitrust Litigation ATTN: CLAIMS c/o Epiq P.O. Box 6727 Portland, OR 97228-6727

If you exclude yourself from BOTH the Reynolds Settlement and the CDK Settlement, you are not part of any Settlement Class and you should not file a Claim Form. Dealers who are not members of the Reynolds Settlement Class or who excluded themselves from the Reynolds

Settlement Class may still be members of the CDK Settlement Class and may still submit a claim in the CDK Settlement.

If you do not submit a valid Claim Form by the deadline, you will not receive a payment from the Settlement Funds, but you will be bound by the Court's judgment in these actions.

Payments from the Settlement Funds will not be distributed until the Court grants final approval of the CDK Settlement, the Fee and Expense Application, and allocation and distribution of the Settlement Funds. Any objections or appeals must also be resolved. Settlement updates will be provided on the Settlement website at <a href="https://www.dealershipclassDMSsettlement.com">www.dealershipclassDMSsettlement.com</a> or may be obtained through contacting the Settlement Administrator.

#### 10. How Much Will I Receive in Payment from the Settlement Funds?

At this time, the exact payment each Settlement Class Member will receive is unknown; however, if approved by the Court, Settlement Funds will be distributed to CDK and/or Reynolds Settlement Class Members pursuant to the Allocation Plan available at <a href="https://www.dealershipclassDMSsettlement.com">www.dealershipclassDMSsettlement.com</a>. Please note that the Court has the authority to modify the proposed Allocation Plan as part of the approval process, so the method of calculating your payment may change.

Your settlement payment will be affected by how many valid claims are filed, whether you are a member of the CDK Settlement Class, the Reynolds Settlement Class, or both, and the duration of your DMS usage during the Settlement Class Periods.

#### YOUR RIGHTS AND OPTIONS

#### 11. What am I Giving Up by Staying in the CDK Settlement Class?

Unless you exclude yourself from the CDK Settlement Class you will remain in the CDK Settlement Class, which means you will give up your right to sue CDK on your own for the claims described in the CDK Settlement Agreement. You also will be bound by any decisions by the Court relating to the CDK Settlement. If you have any questions, you can speak with Class Counsel for free, or you can speak with your own lawyer (at your own expense) if you have questions about what this means. The CDK Settlement Agreement, including the specific releases that are excerpted in part below, is available at <a href="www.dealershipclassDMSsettlement.com">www.dealershipclassDMSsettlement.com</a>. If you remain in the CDK Settlement Class, that means that, upon the "Effective Date," you will release all "Dealership Released Claims" (as defined below) against the "CDK Releasees" (as defined below) with the exception of those claims which are bolded.

"Dealership Released Claims" means any and all claims and causes of action (whether class, representative, individual or otherwise), existing as of or prior to the Effective Date whether asserted or unasserted, known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, foreseen or unforeseen, actual or contingent, liquidated or unliquidated, that CDK Settlement Class members ("CDK Settlement Class Releasors") have against CDK Releasees (i) that were asserted in Dealership Class Plaintiffs' complaints previously filed in MDL Litigation 2817 (including the Complaint),

or (ii) that arise out of or relate to the facts, agreements, conspiracies, communications, or announcements alleged in such complaints under any antitrust, unjust enrichment, unfair competition, unfair practices, trade practices, price discrimination, unitary pricing, racketeering, contract, civil conspiracy or consumer protection law, whether under federal, state, local or foreign law, including claims for damages (whether actual, punitive, treble, compensatory, or otherwise), costs, fees, expenses, penalties, and attorneys' fees; provided, however, that nothing herein shall release any claim involving any negligence, personal injury, breach of contract, bailment, failure to deliver lost goods, damaged or delayed goods, product defect, securities, or other claims relating to CDK's DMS. For clarity, Dealership Released Claims do not include any and all claims, demands, and causes of action that CDK Settlement Class Releasors have against CDK Releasees, whether known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, suspected or unsuspected, actual or contingent, liquidated or unliquidated, that relate in any way to any data breach, cyberattack, or cybersecurity incident, including but not limited to any data breach, cyberattack, and/or security incident publicly reported in June 2024 involving CDK's DMS.

The Settlement Agreement (a) does not affect, release, or alter any contractual obligation between CDK and any Dealership Settlement Class Member including (i) for CDK, any obligation to provide products or services to any Dealership Settlement Class Member, and (ii) for the Dealership Settlement Class Member, any obligation to pay for those products or services; and (b) does not affect or release any claims or counterclaims asserted as of the Effective Date, in the action entitled *Asbury Automotive Group, Inc. v. CDK Global, LLC*, Civ. No. 24-A-04939-3 (Superior Court of Gwinnett County, State of Georgia).

"CDK Releasees" and "CDK Releasors" mean CDK, and all of their respective current and former, direct and indirect parents, owners, subsidiaries, affiliates, divisions, predecessors, successors, assigns, insurers, and shareholders; and all respective current and former officers, directors, principals, partners, members, heirs, attorneys, representatives, agents, and employees of each of the foregoing entities.

"Effective Date" is August 15, 2024.

#### 12. What Happens if I Do Nothing at All?

If you do nothing, you will automatically remain a member of the CDK Settlement Class. You will be legally bound by the CDK Settlement if it is approved, even if you do not submit a Claim Form by the **Month xx**, 20xx deadline.

If the CDK Settlement is approved, the claims against CDK will be completely released and you will never be able to sue CDK concerning the claims in this lawsuit. In order to receive any of the Settlement Funds, you will have to submit a Claim Form as described in **Question 9**.

#### 13. How Do I Exclude Myself from the CDK Settlement Class?

If you do not want to remain a member of the CDK Settlement Class and you do not want to be legally bound by the terms of the CDK Settlement, you must exclude yourself by submitting a

written request to the Settlement Administrator stating your intent to exclude yourself from the Settlement Class (an "Exclusion Request"), even if you previously excluded yourself from the Reynolds Settlement. This is sometimes referred to as "opting out" of a class. CDK may withdraw from and terminate the Settlement if a certain number of Class Members exclude themselves.

If you exclude yourself from the CDK Settlement, you will not be eligible to receive a payment from the CDK Settlement, and you cannot object to the CDK Settlement. You will not be legally bound by the CDK Settlement.

You cannot ask to exclude yourself by telephone, email or on the Settlement website. You may opt out of the CDK Settlement Class only for yourself or your business.

For a Request for Exclusion to be considered by the Court, and to validly exclude yourself from the CDK Settlement Class, you must send a letter that includes <u>all</u> of the following:

- a) The specific statement that you or your business are a member of the CDK Settlement Class and want to be excluded from the Settlement with CDK in the Dealership Class Action, *In re Dealer Management Systems Antitrust Litigation*, MDL No. 2817, 18-cv-00864 (N.D. Ill.);
- b) Your or your business's full name, address, email address and telephone number;
- c) All trade names or business names and addresses used by you or your business;
- d) The number of and physical address in the state or U.S. territory for each of the rooftops requesting exclusion;
- e) The identity of your or your business's counsel for each rooftop, if represented;
- f) The date(s) from September 1, 2013 to August 15, 2024 you entered into a contract for DMS services for each rooftop and with whom (*i.e.*, CDK and/or Reynolds) you entered into the contract;
- g) Your request to be excluded from the CDK Settlement must be personally signed by you (with title) under penalty of perjury or personally signed by a person (with title) under penalty of perjury with the authority to bind you or your business; and
- h) the date on which the request was signed.

In order to have a valid Exclusion Request, you must send a letter by U.S. mail, postmarked by **Month xx**, **20xx**, to:

Dealership Class—DMS Antitrust Litigation ATTN: EXCLUSIONS c/o Epiq P.O. Box 6727 Portland, OR 97228-6727 Counsel for Dealership Plaintiffs and CDK have the right to challenge the timeliness and validity of any Request for Exclusion. The Court shall determine whether any contested exclusion request is valid.

#### 14. If I Don't Exclude Myself, Can I Sue CDK for the Same Thing Later?

No. Unless you exclude yourself as described in **Question 13**, you give up any right to sue CDK for the claims being released in this litigation, as described in **Question 11**. If you have a pending lawsuit against CDK, speak to your lawyer in that case immediately to determine whether you must exclude yourself from the CDK Settlement Class to continue your own lawsuit against CDK. Remember, the exclusion deadline is **Month xx, 20xx**.

#### 15. If I Exclude Myself, Can I Get Money from the CDK Settlement?

No. If you exclude yourself, you will not be eligible to receive a payment from the CDK Settlement.

### OBJECTING TO THE SETTLEMENT, THE FEE AND EXPENSE APPLICATION AND/OR THE ALLOCATION PLAN

### 16. How Do I Object to the CDK Settlement, the Fee and Expense Application and/or the Allocation Plan?

If you are a CDK Settlement Class Member (and have not excluded yourself), you can object to the CDK Settlement, the Fee and Expense Application and/or the Allocation Plan. If you are a Reynolds Settlement Class Member (and have not excluded yourself), you cannot object to the Reynolds Settlement as the deadline has passed, but you may object to the Fee and Expense Application and/or the Allocation Plan.

You may write to the Court setting out your objection. You may give reasons why you think the Court should not approve any or all of the CDK Settlement terms or arrangements or any or all of the Fee and Expense Application or any or all of the Allocation Plan. The Court will consider your views if you file a proper objection within the deadline identified, and according to the following procedures.

To object, you must send a signed letter stating that you object to the proposed settlement with CDK, the Fee and Expense Application and/or the Allocation Plan in the Dealership Class Action, *In re Dealer Management Systems Antitrust Litigation*. The written objection must include the following:

- a) the objector's complete name, address, and telephone number, along with any trade names or business names used by the objector;
- b) a statement signed under penalty of perjury that the objector is a member of the Dealership Class and objects to the Settlement with CDK and/or the Fee and Expense

- Application in the Dealership Class Action, *In re Dealer Management Systems Antitrust Litigation*, MDL No. 2817, 18-cv-00864 (N.D. Ill.);
- c) all grounds for the objection and any supporting papers the objector wishes the Court to consider;
- d) the identity of all counsel who represent the objector;
- e) a statement confirming whether the objector or any counsel representing the objector intends to personally appear and/or testify at the Fairness Hearing; and
- f) the number of times in which the objector or the objector's counsel (if any) has objected to a class settlement within the three years preceding the date that the objector files the objection and the caption of each case in which such objection was made.

Your objection must be filed with the Court and served on all the following counsel on or before **Month xx**, 20xx:

Court	Dealership Class Lead Counsel	Settling Defendant CDK's Counsel
Clerk of the Court United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division Everett McKinley Dirksen United States Courthouse 219 South Dearborn Street Chicago, IL 60604	Peggy J. Wedgworth Milberg Coleman Bryson Phillips Grossman, PLLC 405 East 50th Street New York, NY 10022	Katherine Katz Kirkland & Ellis LLP 1301 Pennsylvania Ave., NW Washington, DC 20004

You do not need to go to the Fairness Hearing to have your written objection considered by the Court. At the hearing, members of the CDK Settlement Class may object to the CDK Settlement, and members of the CDK Settlement Class and/or the Reynolds Settlement Class may object to the Fee and Expense Application and/or the Allocation Plan. Any objector may appear in person or arrange, at that objector's expense, for a lawyer to represent the objector at the hearing. If you or your attorney want to appear at the hearing, your objection must include your Notice of Intention to Appear (see **Question 22**).

#### 17. What is the Difference between Excluding Myself and Objecting?

If you exclude yourself from the CDK Settlement, you are telling the Court that you do not want to participate in the CDK Settlement. Therefore, you will not be eligible to receive any benefits from the CDK Settlement and you will not be able to object to the CDK Settlement.

Objecting simply means telling the Court that you do not like something about the CDK Settlement, the Fee and Expense Application and/or the Allocation Plan. You can object to the

CDK Settlement only if you do not exclude yourself from the CDK Settlement Class. You can object to the Fee and Expense Application and/or the Allocation Plan only if you did not exclude yourself from both the Reynolds Settlement and the CDK Settlement.

#### THE LAWYERS REPRESENTING YOU

#### 18. Do I Have a Lawyer Representing Me in this Case?

Yes. The Court has appointed Milberg Coleman Bryson Phillips Grossman, PLLC as Lead Counsel for the CDK Settlement Class and Bellavia Blatt, P.C., Gustafson Gluek PLLC, Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd LLP and Clifford Law Offices, P.C. as Class Counsel. If you wish to remain a member of the CDK Settlement Class, you do not need to hire your own lawyer because Class Counsel is working on your behalf. See **Question 23** for specific contact information for Class Counsel. You will not be charged for contacting Class Counsel. However, if you wish to pursue your own case against CDK separate from this one, or if you exclude yourself from the CDK Settlement Class, these firms will no longer represent you. You will need to hire your own lawyer if you wish to pursue your own lawsuit against CDK.

#### 19. How Will the Lawyers be Paid?

Class Counsel will ask the Court for (1) attorneys' fees, based on their services in this litigation, not to exceed 33.3% of the Settlement Funds plus (2) Litigation Expenses (including expert fees and deposition costs) not to exceed \$7.5 million; and (3) service awards of up to \$10,000 for each of the twenty-three (23) Class Representatives in this case. Any payment to the attorneys and Class Representatives will be subject to Court approval, and the Court may award less than the requested amount. Of the total Litigation Expenses and service awards to Class Representatives, 5% will be paid from the Reynolds Settlement, and 95% will be paid from the CDK Settlement. When the Fee and Expense Application is filed by **Month xx, 20xx**, a copy will be available on the Settlement website at <a href="www.dealershipclassDMSsettlement.com">www.dealershipclassDMSsettlement.com</a>. You will not be responsible for paying Class Counsel directly. Dealership Class Counsel may also seek reimbursement of additional limited expenses related to this Settlement and settlement administration. Notwithstanding the foregoing, CDK is not liable for any amount above the \$100 million plus up to \$250,000 for notice and administration costs as described above.

#### THE COURT'S FAIRNESS HEARING

### 20. When and Where Will the Court Decide Whether to Approve the CDK Settlement and the Fee and Expense Application?

The Court will hold a "Fairness Hearing" to decide whether to approve the CDK Settlement, the Fee and Expense Application, and the Allocation Plan at xx:xx a.m. CT on Month xx, 20xx at the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, 219 South Dearborn Street, Chicago, IL 60604. If there are objections, the Court will consider them. You may attend and you may ask to speak if you make a request as instructed in Question 22, but you do not have to. The Court may hear from those who have asked to speak at the hearing.

At or after the hearing, the Court will decide whether to approve the CDK Settlement, Fee and Expense Application, and the Allocation Plan. We do not know how long this decision will take. The Fairness Hearing may take place remotely, including via telephone or video conference. The Court may also move the Fairness Hearing to a later date without providing additional notice to the CDK and Reynolds Settlement Classes. Updates will be posted to the Settlement website at <a href="https://www.dealershipclassDMSsettlement.com">www.dealershipclassDMSsettlement.com</a> regarding any changes to the hearing date or conduct of the Fairness Hearing.

#### 21. Do I Have to Attend the Hearing?

No. Class Counsel will answer any questions the Court may have at the Fairness Hearing. However, you are welcome to come at your own expense. If you send an objection, you do not have to come to Court to talk about it. As long as you filed or mailed your written objection on time, the Court will consider it. You may also hire your own lawyer at your own expense to attend the hearing on your behalf, but you are not required to do so.

#### 22. May I Speak at the Hearing?

You may ask to speak at the Fairness Hearing. To do so, you must send a letter saying that it is your "Notice of Intention to Appear in *In re: Dealership Management Systems Antitrust Litigation (Dealership Class Action)*." Be sure to include your name, current mailing address, email address, telephone number, and signature. Your Notice of Intention to Appear must be postmarked no later than **Month xx**, **20xx**, and it must be sent to the Clerk of the Court, Dealership Class Counsel, and CDK counsel at the addresses provided in **Question 16**. You cannot ask to speak at the hearing regarding the CDK Settlement if you excluded yourself from the CDK Settlement Class. You cannot ask to speak at the hearing regarding the Fee and Expense Application and/or Allocation Plan if you have excluded yourself from both the CDK and Reynolds Settlements.

#### **GETTING MORE INFORMATION**

#### 23. How Do I Get More Information?

This notice is intended to provide information to the Class about the CDK Settlement, the Fee and Expense Application, and your legal rights and options, including claims submission and the Allocation Plan applicable to both the CDK and Reynolds Settlements. This notice is only a summary of the CDK Settlement and is qualified in its entirety by the terms of the CDK Settlement Agreement. You can find the Settlement Agreement with CDK, other important documents, and information about the current status of the litigation by visiting www.dealershipclassDMSsettlement.com.

PLEASE DO NOT CONTACT THE COURT REGARDING THIS NOTICE. INSTEAD, PLEASE DIRECT ANY INQUIRIES TO THE COUNSEL LISTED BELOW OR TO SETTLEMENT ADMINISTRATOR, EPIQ, AT 1-888-842-3161.

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