

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

SAUL HYMES, ILANA HARWAYNE-
GIDANSKY, EDGAR FIERRO, and JOAN
LEWIS, individually and on behalf of all
others similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

v.

EARL ENTERPRISES HOLDINGS, INC.

Defendant.

Case No. 2021-CA-007617-O

**DECLARATION OF RYAN ALDRIDGE
REGARDING STATUS OF CLAIMS,
EXCLUSIONS, AND OBJECTIONS**

I, Ryan Aldridge, declare as follows:

1. I am an Associate Director for the Court Appoint Settlement Administrator, Postlethwaite & Netterville, APAC (P&N). I am responsible for leading and managing projects in the areas of class action and mass tort claims administration, and I have served in operational leadership roles for numerous class action and mass tort settlement programs. The following statements are based on my personal knowledge as well as information provided by other experienced employees working under my supervision. If called as a witness, I could and would competently testify to the matters stated herein.

2. The *Declaration of Brandon Schwartz Regarding Status of Notice Plan and Settlement Administration* (“Schwartz Declaration,”), filed on December 29, 2023, detailed the status of the Notice Plan and provided an update on claims received as of December 27, 2023. This Affidavit reports on claims received, exclusion requests, and objections as of February 7, 2024 and should be read in conjunction with Status Affidavit that describes the notice efforts taken by P&N.

Claim Form Submissions

3. Class Members had the option of making Claims online or by sending the printed Claim Form to the Settlement Administrator. The online Claim Form feature was available on the

Settlement Website beginning October 6, 2023.

4. The deadline for Claim submissions was January 5, 2024. As of February 7, 2024, P&N has received 3,017 Claim submissions after removing duplicate claims, of which 2,849, are for promotional cards and 168 are for Documented Expense Reimbursement. To date P&N has approved 14 Documented Expense Reimbursement claims for a total of \$10,315.99. The remaining (i.e., 154) Documented Expense Reimbursement requests were deficient, P&N followed the deficiency process, and those Documented Expense Reimbursement requests nevertheless remained either deficient or not eligible for reimbursement. These requests chiefly consisted of irrelevant claims not covered by the Settlement (e.g., random files being submitted; unrelated images; etc.) and duplicative claims marked as spam.

Objections and Exclusions

5. The deadline for Class Members to ask to be excluded from the Settlement was January 5, 2024. P&N received zero exclusions.

6. The Order directs Class Members to mail objections to the Clerk of the Court at the addresses set forth in the Notice. To date, P&N has not received any objections or comments from Class Members and is not aware of any objections filed with the Clerk.

Residual Settlement Funds

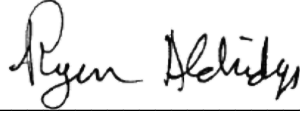
7. Presently, P&N has incurred approximately \$193,033.46 in administrative fees and expenses for the Settlement, and estimates that approximately \$17,243.00 will be required to bring this administrative process to a close.

8. Accordingly, after accounting for Documented Expense Reimbursements, and total Administrative Fees, P&N reasonable estimates that approximately \$439,723.54 remains for Service Awards, Attorneys Fees and Costs, and cy pres recipients.

CERTIFICATION

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Executed this 9th day of February 2024 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ryan Aldridge". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Ryan Aldridge