

Dept. 24

**STANISLAUS COUNTY
SUPERIOR COURT
STATE OF
CALIFORNIA**

3/21/2025

**Sonny Sandhu
JUDGE**

Motion: Other Pre-Disposition

Angela Castigliano
Clerk

OWENS, CHARLES vs SMITH
GAMBRELL & RUSSELL
INTERNATIONAL LLP

Case No. CV-24-009989

APPEARANCES:

No appearance by Plaintiff(s)/Petitioner(s).

No appearance by Defendant(s)/Respondent(s).

This matter is regularly called for hearing.

There being no request for a hearing, the Court confirms the tentative ruling as follows:

Plaintiffs' Unopposed Motion for Preliminary Approval – GRANTED, and unopposed.

Good cause appearing to the satisfaction of the Court, the class is certified for settlement purposes only in accordance with Cal. Rules of Ct., rule 3.769(c).

The Court finds the proposed settlement is within the range of reasonableness and deemed to be presumptively valid, subject to any objections that may be heard at the final fairness hearing and subject to final approval by this Court.

The class counsel, class representative and claims administrator are hereby preliminarily approved and appointed as set forth in the motion. The Court sets the following deadlines relative to this matter:

4-21-25 Class Administrator shall send the Notice to the Class.

6-5-25 Deadline for Class Members to Object or Opt Out of the Settlement

7-5-25 Claims Deadline

7-18-25 Deadline for Class Counsel to file Motion for Final Approval and submit due diligence declaration from Administrator

8-1-25 Final Approval Hearing

A final fairness hearing in this matter shall be set for August 1, 2025, at 8:30 a.m. in Department 24 of this Court. The Class Notice shall be revised to reflect the date of the final fairness hearing and the corresponding deadlines.

This matter is set/continued to **August 1, 2025, at 8:30 AM in Dept. 24** for Motion: Other Pre-Disposition: FINAL FAIRNESS HEARING.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED:

MINUTE ORDER

The Case Management Conference on 04/14/2025 shall be vacated and matter set for Court's Motion to Dismiss on 08/01/2025 at 8:30 a.m. in Department 24.

04/14/2025 Case Management Conference, is **VACATED**.

This matter is set/continued to **August 1, 2025, at 8:30 AM in Dept. 24** for Court's Motion to Dismiss .

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF STANISLAUS

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CLERK'S CERTIFICATE OF MAILING SERVICE

I certify that I am over the age of 18, employed by the Superior Court of the State of California, County of Stanislaus, and not a party to this action. I certify that I served a copy of the attached **MINUTE ORDER DATED March 21, 2025** by mail service as indicated below.

Recipients Served by Mail

A copy of the item(s) identified above were placed in an envelope addressed to the recipient(s) listed below. Said envelope was then sealed and postage thereon fully prepaid and thereafter was, on **March 21, 2025** deposited in the United States mail at **Modesto, California**.

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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on **March 21, 2025**, at Modesto, California.

By *Angela Castigliano*

Angela Castigliano, Deputy Clerk
SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS

MINUTE ORDER