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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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KEN AKOUNDI, on behalf of himself and all :  
others similarly situated, :  
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Plaintiff, :  
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-v - :  
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ANGELL & BLITZER, ESQS., :  
Defendants. :  
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1:13-cv-8769-GHW

ORDER APPROVING  
CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT

GREGORY H. WOODS, United States District Judge:

This matter comes before the Court for hearing pursuant to the Order Preliminarily Approving Class Action Settlement of June 16, 2014 (Dkt. No. 31) (“Preliminary Approval Order”) and on the joint request of plaintiff Ken Akoundi on behalf of himself and all others similarly situated and defendant Angell & Blitzer, Esqs. (“A&B”) for final approval of a class action settlement in this Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1692, *et seq.* (the “FDCPA”) case. In the Preliminary Approval Order, the Court granted conditional certification of a settlement class under Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(b)(3) as follows: All consumers located in the State of New York, to whom Defendant sent letters and/or notices from December 12, 2012 through and including December 12, 2013, which did not state the accurate amount of debt and/or did not inform him/her that interest would accrue or continue to accrue on the principal amount of the debt, when in fact interest was accruing (the “Settlement Class,” whose members are “Class Members”). The Court also appointed the Law Offices of Joseph K. Jones, LLC (“Jones Law Offices”) as class counsel, preliminarily approved the settlement, and approved the proposed notice of settlement and class action settlement procedure.

Having now reviewed and considered the motion for final approval of the settlement, the Court concludes that the parties have complied with the Court’s Preliminary Approval Order and due and adequate notice has been given to the Class as required by the Court’s Order. Based upon the Court’s review of the motion and supporting papers, the hearing of September 4, 2014, all papers filed and proceedings held herein, as well as for the reasons stated in the June 16, 2014 Preliminary Approval Order, it is hereby ORDERED and ADJUDGED that:

Terms not defined herein are given the definition used in the Class Action Settlement Agreement (“Settlement Agreement”) attached to the Declaration of Joseph K. Jones (Dkt. No. 27) as Exhibit 1. The Court “so orders” all of the Settlement Agreement’s terms;

The Court hereby grants the motion for final approval and approves the settlement as set forth in the Settlement Agreement, as modified by this Order under Fed. R. Civ. P. 23;

Jones Law Offices meets the requirements of Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(g) and is appointed class counsel;

Plaintiff Akoundi is an adequate representative of the class;

The settlement, on the terms and conditions provided for in the Settlement Agreement with the exception of the provision of the Settlement Agreement that provides for an incentive award to Plaintiff Akoundi in the amount of \$1,000, is fair, adequate, and sufficiently within the range of reasonableness to warrant final certification of the Settlement Class and consummation of the settlement;

The Released Claims of Akoundi, his Related Parties, and the Class Members are dismissed with prejudice as to Defendant A&B;

Class members, as individuals and as class members, are permanently precluded from asserting claims, individually or as class members, that arise from or relate to the subject matter of this lawsuit against Defendant A&B by the class members or any other persons;

The application for attorneys' fees and costs is hereby approved;

The application for payment of statutory and actual damages to Plaintiff Akoundi is hereby approved;

If no party appeals this Order, the "Effective Date" of the settlement shall be 35 days after the date of this Order;

If rehearing, reconsideration, or appellate review is sought, the "Effective Date" shall be after any and all avenues of rehearing, reconsideration, or appellate review have been exhausted and no further rehearing, reconsideration, or appellate review is permitted, and the time for seeking such review has expired;

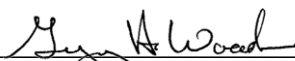
The Settlement Administrator will disburse settlement checks to Plaintiff and Class Members within 30 days of the Effective Date and Defendants will pay to Jones Law Offices attorneys' fees within 30 days of the Effective Date; and

The parties shall abide by all terms of the Settlement Agreement.

The Clerk of Court is directed to closed the pending motion at Dkt. No. 36 and close this case.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: September 4, 2014  
New York, New York

  
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GREGORY H. WOODS  
United States District Judge