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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON  
COUNTY OF KING

KARANBIR SINGH, HARPREET SINGH,  
and NASTEHO OMAR,  
Plaintiffs,

v.

IQ DATA INTERNATIONAL, INC., a  
Washington for profit corporation,  
Defendant.

NO. 20-2-07084-0 SEA

**ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR  
FINAL APPROVAL OF CLASS  
ACTION SETTLEMENT AND  
AWARD OF ATTORNEY FEES**

The Court, having considered Plaintiffs’ Motion for Final Approval of Class Action Settlement between Karanbir Singh, Harpreet Singh, and Nasteho Omar (“Plaintiffs”) and IQ Data International, Inc. (“IQ Data”) in the above-captioned matter (the “Action”), the Class Action Settlement Agreement and Release entered into between Plaintiffs and IQ Data (“Settlement”), Plaintiffs’ Motion for an Award of Attorneys’ Fees, Costs, and Class Representative Service Awards, and the lack of objections received regarding the proposed Settlement, the record in this Action, the submissions and arguments presented by counsel, and, having held a Final Approval Hearing on March 1, 2024, finds that:

1. Unless defined herein, all capitalized terms in this Final Approval Order shall have the same meanings as set forth in the Settlement.
2. The Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of the Action and over the settling parties, including the Class Members.
3. On November 6, 2023, the Court preliminarily approved the Settlement.

1           4. Pursuant to the Court's Preliminary Approval Order, Postcard Notice was  
2 distributed to the Classes by First Class mail. The Court hereby finds and concludes that Postcard  
3 Notice was disseminated to members of the Classes in accordance with the terms set forth in the  
4 Settlement and in compliance with the Court's Preliminary Approval Order. The Court further  
5 finds and concludes that the Postcard Notice, and the distribution procedures set forth in the  
6 Settlement fully satisfy CR 23(c)(2) and the requirements of due process, were the best notice  
7 practicable under the circumstances, provided individual notice to all members of the Class who  
8 could be identified through reasonable effort, provided an opportunity for the Class Members to  
9 object or exclude themselves from the Settlement, and support the Court's exercise of  
10 jurisdiction over the Class Members as contemplated in the Settlement and this Final Approval  
11 Order.

12           5. Class Members were given an opportunity to object to the Settlement. No Class  
13 Members objected to the Settlement. Fourteen (14) members of the FDCPA Class requested  
14 exclusion from the Settlement.

15           6. The Settlement was arrived at as a result of arms' length negotiations conducted  
16 in good faith by experienced attorneys familiar with the legal and factual issues of this case.

17           7. The Settlement is fair, reasonable, adequate, and in the best interests of the  
18 Classes in light of the complexity, expense, and duration of litigation, as well as the risk involved  
19 in establishing liability and damages and in maintaining the class action through trial and appeal.

20           8. The consideration provided by the Settlement constitutes fair value given in  
21 exchange for the release of the Class Members' Released Claims against the Released Parties.  
22 The Court finds that the consideration provided to the Class Members is reasonable, considering  
23 the facts and circumstances of the claims and affirmative defenses asserted in the action, and the  
24 potential risks and likelihood of success of pursuing trial on the merits.

25           **IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED THAT:**

26           9. The Settlement is finally approved as fair, reasonable, adequate, just, and in  
27 compliance with all applicable requirements of the applicable laws, and in the best interest of the

1 Classes. The Settlement Agreement, which shall be deemed incorporated herein, and all terms  
2 the Settlement are finally approved and shall be consummated in accordance with the terms and  
3 provisions thereof, except as amended by any subsequent order issued by the Court.

4 10. Defendants have paid the Settlement Fund amount of \$4,000,000. The  
5 Administrator shall distribute the funds in accordance with the Settlement Agreement and this  
6 Order.

7 11. The Plaintiffs, Class Members, and their successors and assigns have released  
8 claims pursuant to the release contained in the Settlement. The Released Claims are  
9 compromised, settled, released, discharged, and dismissed with prejudice by virtue of these  
10 proceedings and this Final Approval Order. The thirteen FDCPA Class Members who requested  
11 exclusion and are listed on Exhibit C to the declaration of Scott Fenwick and Mary Nguyen are  
12 not bound by this Order. The court approves all claims received by February 29, 2024.

13 12. To the extent permitted by law and without affecting the other provisions of this  
14 Final Approval Order, this Final Approval Order is intended by the parties and the Court to be  
15 *res judicata* and to prohibit and preclude any prior, concurrent, or subsequent litigation brought  
16 individually, or in the name of, or otherwise on behalf of, Plaintiffs or any Class Member with  
17 respect to the Class Member Released Claims based upon the same alleged facts.

18 13. The Court hereby retains jurisdiction over the parties and all matters relating to  
19 the Action or Settlement, including the administration, interpretation, construction, effectuation,  
20 enforcement, and consummation of the Settlement, including this Final Approval Order. This  
21 Final Approval Order finally disposes of all claims and is appealable.

22 14. This Final Approval Order is not, and shall not be construed as, an admission by  
23 IQ Data of any liability or wrongdoing in this or in any other proceeding.

24 15. The Court approves Class Counsel's application for \$1,000,000 in attorneys' fees  
25 and \$47,057 in costs. This amount reflected actual costs incurred and an attorneys' fee award of  
26 25 percent of the Settlement Fund.

1           16.     The Settlement created a common fund for the benefit of Class Members.  
2     Accordingly, the Court finds that the percentage of the fund method is the appropriate method to  
3     use in determining the appropriate fee award in this case. *Bowles v. Wash. Dep't of Ret. Sys.*, 121  
4     Wn.2d 52, 72, 847 P.2d 440 (1993).

5           17.     Class Counsel obtained an excellent result for the Classes. Class Counsel's work  
6     led to the creation of a \$4,000,000 common fund.

7           18.     An attorneys' fee award equal to 25 percent of a common fund is appropriate in  
8     consumer protection class action cases. *Terrell v. Costco Wholesale Corp.*, No. 16-2-19140-1-  
9     SEA (King Cnty. Sup. Ct. June 19, 2018) (approving award of 33% of fund); *Dougherty v.*  
10    *Barrett Business Services Inc.*, No. 17-2-05619-1 (Clark Cnty. Sup. Ct. Nov. 8, 2019); *Strong v.*  
11    *Numerica Credit Union*, No. 17-2-01406-39 (Yakima Cnty. Sup. Ct. Feb. 14, 2020).

12          19.     The Court has considered the factors set forth in Washington Rule of Professional  
13    Conduct 1.5(a) in concluding that the requested fee is reasonable. Specifically:

- 14           a.     The case raised novel and difficult questions of law, which demanded  
15                 litigators with the skill and experience of Class Counsel.  
16           b.     Class Counsel's work on this matter precluded work on other matters.  
17           c.     A one-third fee in contingency cases is customary in this county.  
18           d.     The excellent results obtained, and the amount of time involved support  
19                 the award.

20          20.     The Court approves service awards to the Class Representatives in the amount of  
21    \$10,000 each, to be paid from the Settlement Fund.

22          21.     The Court further approves and authorizes the deduction of reasonable fees from  
23    the Settlement Fund to Kroll Settlement Administration LLC to cover its settlement  
24    administration costs.

25          22.     The attorneys' fees and costs, service awards, and settlement administration costs  
26    are to be deducted from the Settlement Fund as set forth in the Settlement. Save and except as  
27    expressly set forth to the contrary in this Final Approval Order, Plaintiffs and Class Counsel shall

1 take nothing by their claims and each party shall bear their or its own fees, costs, and expenses in  
2 connection with this Action.

3 23. The Court hereby dismisses the Action against IQ Data, including all claims  
4 against said IQ Data, with prejudice, without costs to any party, except as expressly provided for  
5 in the Settlement and this Order.

6 24. Finding that there is no just reason for delay, the Court orders that this Final  
7 Approval Order shall constitute a final judgment pursuant to CR 58 that is binding on the settling  
8 parties and the Settlement Class.

9 IT IS SO ORDERED.

10 DATED this 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2024.

11 Electronic Signature Attached \_\_\_\_\_  
12 THE HONORABLE TANYA L. THORP

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Signed By: Tanya Thorp  
Date: March 01, 2024



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Judge: Tanya Thorp

This document is signed in accordance with the provisions in GR 30.

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