

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

**Dylan Hoffman, Individually, and On  
Behalf of All Others Similarly Situated,**

**Plaintiffs,**

**v.**

**Wells Fargo & Company, a Delaware  
corporation,**

**Defendant.**

**Case No. 11-CV-06011**

**Judge Joan B. Gottschall**

**ORDER GRANTING JOINT MOTION FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL OF  
PROPOSED JOINT STIPULATION OF SETTLEMENT AND RELEASE OF CLAIMS**

The parties have entered into an agreement to settle the above-captioned action, subject to the Court's approval, according to the terms and conditions set forth in the Joint Stipulation of Settlement and Release of Claims ("Joint Stipulation") filed January 14, 2015. The parties' Joint Motion for Preliminary Approval of Proposed Rule Joint Stipulation of Settlement and Release of Claims is now before the Court.

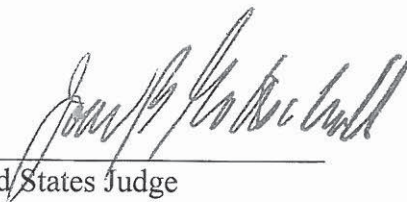
The Court has reviewed the pleadings in the case, including the parties' Motion, the Joint Stipulation, and the proposed Notice of Settlement and Claim Form, and finds that the parties have satisfied the standards for preliminary approval of settlement under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23. The Court finds that the terms of the Joint Stipulation are fair, reasonable, and adequate. The Joint Stipulation was negotiated at arm's length and Class Counsel has certified that the Joint Stipulation is in the settlement class member's best interests. For settlement

purposes only, the Court certifies the parties' proposed settlement class under Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(e), finding that the settlement class meets all of the requirements under Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(a) and (b)(3). The Court appoints Terrence Buehler as Class Counsel, finding that he meets all of the requirements of Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(g). The Court determines that the content of the parties' proposed Notice complies with Fed. R. Civ. P. 23, and approves the parties' Rule 23 class action settlement procedure as proposed in the Joint Stipulation of Rule 23 Settlement.

Based on the foregoing, it is hereby ORDERED and ADJUDGED that:

- A. Preliminary approval of the Joint Stipulation of Rule 23 Settlement is granted;
- B. The proposed Rule 23 settlement class is approved;
- C. The Court appoints Terrance Buehler as Class Counsel for the Rule 23 class members and the named Plaintiff Dylan Hoffman as class representative;
- D. The parties' proposed Notice of Settlement is approved;
- E. The parties' class action settlement procedure proposed in the Joint Stipulation of Settlement is approved;
- F. Plaintiff will file a motion for final settlement approval and a petition for an award of attorneys' fees and costs by September 14, 2015; and
- G. The Court schedules the Fairness Hearing for December 4, 2015.

It is ORDERED this 14<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2015.

  
United States Judge

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