

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

THOMAS W. MCNAMARA, as the
Court-Appointed Receiver for Triangle
Media Corporation; Apex Capital Group,
LLC; and their successors, assigns,
affiliates, and subsidiaries,

Plaintiff,

v.

WELLS FARGO & COMPANY, a
corporation, and WELLS FARGO BANK,
N.A., a national banking association,

Defendants.

JOHN MCCRANER, SHARON
STIANSEN, JANET POLLARD,
MICHAEL DARLINGTON, SUSAN R.
LANDREAU, and JOHN N. TUFFIELD,
individually and on behalf of all similarly
situated,

Plaintiffs,

v.

WELLS FARGO & COMPANY, a
corporation; and WELLS FARGO
BANKS, N.A., a national banking
association,

Defendants.

Lead Case No.: 21-CV-1245 TWR
(DDL)

**ORDER GRANTING (1) CLASS
PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR FINAL
APPROVAL OF CLASS ACTION
SETTLEMENT AND PLAN OF
ALLOCATION, AND (2) CLASS
COUNSEL'S MOTION FOR AN
AWARD OF ATTORNEYS' FEES
AND REIMBURSEMENT OF
LITIGATION EXPENSES**

(ECF Nos. 390, 391)

1 Presently before the Court are Class Plaintiffs John McCraner, Janet Pollard, Sharon
2 Stiansen, Michael Darlington, Susan R. Landreau, and John Tuffield’s Motion for Final
3 Approval of Class Action Settlement and Plan of Allocation (“Final Approval Mot.,” ECF
4 No. 390) and Class Counsel Glancy Prongay Wolke & Rotter LLP’s Motion for an Award
5 of Attorneys’ Fees and Reimbursement of Litigation Expenses (“Fee Mot.,” ECF No. 391)
6 (together, the “Motions”), as well as the Reply in Further Support of Class Plaintiffs’
7 Motion for Final Approval of Class Action Settlement and Plan of Allocation (“Reply,”
8 ECF No. 393). The Settlement Administrator, Epiq Class Action & Claims Solutions, Inc.,
9 emailed 1,298,179 Short-Form Notices to 1,282,076 potential Class Members, (*see* ECF
10 No. 393-1 (“Supp. Azari Decl.”) ¶ 12), 1,030,382 of which were delivered. (*See id.* ¶ 15.)
11 The Settlement Administrator also mailed a long form Notice (in English) and Claim Form
12 (“Claim Package”) to 32 persons who requested one via the toll-free telephone number or
13 other means. (*See id.* ¶ 14.) Approximately 63,294,508 impressions were generated by
14 targeted digital advertising (“Digital Notices”) appearing nationwide for thirty days in
15 English and Spanish on *Google Display Network, Basis Ad Network, Facebook, Instagram,*
16 *Reddit,* and *X (Twitter)*. (*See id.* ¶¶ 17, 18, 22–24.) Following this widespread
17 dissemination of notice in accordance with the Court’s November 4, 2025 Order
18 Preliminarily Approving Settlement and Providing for Notice, (*see* ECF No. 388 ¶¶ 8, 9),
19 the Motions are unopposed, (*see generally* Docket), and “***not one*** Class Member objected
20 to the Settlement, the Plan of Allocation, or Class Counsel’s Fee and Expense Application
21 and ***only two*** requested exclusion from the Class.” (*See* Reply at 2 (emphasis in original).)

22 The Court held a hearing on March 26, 2026. (*See* ECF No. 394.) Having carefully
23 reviewed the Parties’ arguments, the record, and the relevant law, the Court **GRANTS** the
24 Motions and **ORDERS** as follows:

25 1. This Order incorporates by reference the definitions in the Stipulation and
26 Agreement of Settlement dated June 25, 2025 (the “Class Agreement,” ECF No. 383-2),
27 and all capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the same meanings as set
28 forth in the Class Agreement.

1 8. Plaintiffs' Counsel is hereby **AWARDED** attorneys' fees in the amount of
2 **33¹/₃% of the Settlement Fund** and **\$2,416,461.45** in reimbursement of Plaintiffs'
3 Counsel's litigation expenses (which fees and expenses shall be paid from the Settlement
4 Fund), which sums the Court finds to be fair and reasonable. In making this award of
5 attorneys' fees and reimbursement of expenses to be paid from the Settlement Fund, the
6 Court has considered and found that:

7 a. The Settlement has created a fund of \$33,000,000 for the benefit of the
8 Class pursuant to the terms of the Class Agreement, and that numerous Class
9 Members who submit acceptable Claim Forms will benefit from the Settlement that
10 occurred because of the efforts of Class Counsel;

11 b. There were no objections to the requested attorneys' fees and
12 reimbursement of Litigation Expenses;

13 c. Class Counsel have conducted the litigation and achieved the
14 Settlement with skill, perseverance, and diligent advocacy;

15 d. The Action raised a number of complex issues;

16 e. Had Class Counsel not achieved the Settlement, there would remain a
17 significant risk that Class Plaintiffs and the other members of the Class may have
18 recovered less or nothing from Defendants;

19 f. Plaintiffs' Counsel devoted 18,016.90 hours, with a lodestar value of
20 approximately \$16,389,193.50, to achieve the Settlement; and

21 g. The amount of attorneys' fees awarded and expenses to be reimbursed
22 from the Settlement Fund are fair and reasonable and consistent with awards in
23 similar cases.

24 9. Plaintiff John McCraner is hereby **AWARDED \$10,000** from the Settlement
25 Fund related to his representation of the Class.

26 10. Plaintiff Sharon Stiansen is hereby **AWARDED \$10,000** from the Settlement
27 Fund related to her representation of the Class.

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1 11. Plaintiff Janet Pollard is hereby **AWARDED \$12,500** from the Settlement
2 Fund related to her representation of the Class.

3 12. Plaintiff Susan Landreau is hereby **AWARDED \$10,000** from the Settlement
4 Fund related to her representation of the Class.

5 13. Plaintiff Michael Darlington is hereby **AWARDED \$7,500** from the
6 Settlement Fund related to his representation of the Class.

7 14. Plaintiff John Tuffield is hereby **AWARDED \$10,000** from the Settlement
8 Fund related to his representation of the Class.

9 15. Any appeal or any challenge affecting this Court’s approval regarding any
10 attorneys’ fees and expense application shall in no way disturb or affect the finality of the
11 Judgment.

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13 16. In accordance with the Parties’ Consent to Exercise of Jurisdiction by a United
14 States Magistrate Judge, exclusive jurisdiction is hereby retained by the Honorable David
15 D. Leshner over the Parties and the Class Members for all matters relating to this Action,
16 including the administration, interpretation, effectuation, or enforcement of the Class
17 Agreement and this Order.

18 17. In the event that the Settlement is terminated or the Effective Date of the
19 Settlement otherwise fails to occur, this Order shall be rendered null and void to the extent
20 provided by the Class Agreement.

21 18. There is no just reason for delay in the entry of this Order, and immediate
22 entry by the Clerk of the Court is expressly directed.

23 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

24 Dated: March 26, 2026



Honorable Todd W. Robinson
United States District Judge