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# SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA **COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO**

DEBBIE LEI, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated, Plaintiff, V. ZAZZLE INC., Defendant.

Case No. 24CU027803N

[PROPOSED] ORDER GRANTING **UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR FINAL** APPROVAL OF CLASS ACTION **SETTLEMENT** 

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Before the Court is Plaintiff Debbie Lei's Unopposed Motion for Final Approval of Class Action Settlement (the "Motion"). The Court held a Final Approval Hearing on June 27, 2025. The Court has reviewed Plaintiff's Motion and documents submitted in support thereof, the record in this case, and the relevant law. Being fully advised, the Court **GRANTS** Plaintiff's Motion. The Court **ORDERS** and makes the following findings and determinations:

- 1. The Court has personal jurisdiction over all of the Parties to this Action, including Class Members. And the Court has subject matter jurisdiction over this Action, and all matters related to the Settlement.
- 2. The Settlement Agreement ("Agreement") is incorporated by reference into this Order and is adopted by the Court.

## Approval of Notice and Settlement Administration

- 3. Direct notice was distributed to Class Members as ordered in this Court's Preliminary Approval Order.
- 4. The Court finds that Notice was disseminated in a manner that: (a) constituted the best notice practicable under the circumstances; (b) was reasonably calculated to inform all Class Members of this Action, of the terms and effect of this Settlement, of their right to opt out of or object to this Settlement, of the Final Approval Hearing, of Class Counsel's fees and costs request, and of the Class Representative's request for incentive awards; (c) constituted adequate and sufficient notice to all Class Members; (d) satisfied the requirements of the United States Constitution and all other applicable law. The Court notes that the notice program resulted in near-universal notice to Class Members, as approximately 94% of Class Members received notice. This result shows that the notice plan was well-devised and executed.
- 5. The notices themselves provided all relevant information concerning the claims, the Settlement's terms and impact, and Class Members' ability to opt out of or object to the Settlement. Agreement, Exs. A and B; Declaration of Will Christen of Angeion Group at ¶ 8 & Ex. A. Plus, in addition to direct notice, the Settlement Administrator established and ran a Settlement Website that provided additional information to Class Members, including an FAQ page, contact information, and

relevant documents. In sum, the Court finds that thorough and effective Notice was successfully administered.

### Certification of the Settlement Class

- 6. Pursuant to CRC 3.769, Civil Code section 1781, and Code of Civil Procedure section 382, the Court finally certifies the following Class, for settlement purposes only:
  - All persons who, while in the states of California or Washington, purchased one or more products at a purported discount on Defendant's website Zazzle.com from July 1, 2020, to September 25, 2023; and
  - All persons who, while in the state of Oregon, purchased one or more products at a
    purported discount on Defendant's website Zazzle.com from July 1, 2023, to
    September 25, 2023.
- 7. This Class is the same as was conditionally certified in the Court's Preliminary Approval Order. The Court again finds that this Settlement Class satisfies the requirements of CRC 3.769, Civil Code section 1781, and Code of Civil Procedure section 382.
- 8. First, the Settlement Class, which consists of over 1.2 million members, is so numerous that joinder of all Class Members in a single action is impracticable. The Class is ascertainable both through its definition and through Defendant's records. Next, there are numerous common questions of law and fact, and these common questions predominate over all individual questions. In addition, the claims of the Class Representative are typical of the Settlement Class. And the Class Representative, along with Class Counsel, has no conflicts with Settlement Class Members and have fairly and adequately represented the Class's interests. Finally, because the claims are numerous and low in value, a class action is a superior mechanism for their resolution.
- 9. For these reasons, the Court reaffirms its preliminary certification of the Class for settlement purposes, its preliminary appointment of Debbie Lei as Class Representative, and its preliminary appointment of Dovel & Luner LLP as Class Counsel.

#### The Settlement Warrants Final Approval

10. Pursuant to CRC 3.769, the Court grants final approval of the Settlement.

- 11. The Settlement is entitled to the presumption of fairness because it was reached through arm's-length bargaining, the parties' investigation and discovery were sufficient to allow counsel and the court to act intelligently, counsel is experienced in similar litigation, and the percentage of objectors is small.
- 12. The Settlement was negotiated at arm's length with the aid of an experienced mediator. The Parties spent months negotiating and spoke with a mediator multiple times before the final Agreement was executed.
- 13. Prior to mediation, the Parties exchanged pertinent information. Class Counsel represents that they used this information to assess the Class's claims, Defendant's defenses, and develop multiple damages models, and that Class Counsel's analysis of these issues was included in Plaintiff's mediation brief. Thus, the Parties approached negotiations with sufficient information to thoroughly evaluate the value of the case and potential agreements.
- 14. Class Counsel has substantial experience litigating class actions, including a special expertise in cases alleging deceptive price advertising such as this one. So, Class Counsel's recommendation of this Settlement is entitled to weight.
- 15. The percentage of objectors was small. Only one out of over 1.2 million Class Members objected to the Settlement, and only three opted to exclude themselves from the Settlement.
- 16. In addition to the presumption of fairness, other factors present here show that the Settlement is fair, reasonable, and adequate to all concerned.
- 17. The Settlement provides significant value to the Class. The Settlement provides direct compensation to Class Members in the form of Settlement Vouchers that Class Members may use to purchase on Zazzle.com and a free one-month membership to Zazzle Plus, which will allow Class Members to receive free shipping on their purchase(s) during that time. The Settlement also provides indirect compensation to Class Members, as Defendant will pay for notice and administration costs, attorneys' fees and expenses, and an incentive award to the Class Representative. This is an

- 18. There were significant risks of continued litigation. The Parties vigorously contest liability and damages in this Action, and, without settlement, Plaintiff would face numerous obstacles at each stage of litigation including class certification, maintaining class certification, summary judgment, and trial. Plus, regardless of Plaintiff's future success, continued litigation would impose additional expense and delay that could undercut any potential recovery for the Class.
- 19. Both the Class Representative and Class Counsel adequately represented the Class and recommend this Settlement. The Class Representative actively participated in the Action and provided valuable service to the Class. And Class Counsel arduously negotiated this Settlement. There are no signs of collusion that give the Court pause.

## Approval of Attorneys' Fees, Costs, and Incentive Awards

- 20. After considering Class Counsel's Motion for Attorneys' Fees, Costs, and Incentive Awards, the Court grants the requested attorneys' fees award of \$633,515,54. The fee award is well-below the average award by California courts of 33.3%, and is justified given the excellent result achieved for the Settlement Class in this case. The Court has considered relevant factors to assess the reasonableness of the fees, including the results obtained for the Class, the risks presented by the case, Class Counsel's experience in this area and the quality of the work on this case, and that Class Counsel took this case on a contingency basis.
- 21. The Court recognizes that it has the discretion to forgo a lodestar cross-check and finds that a lodestar cross-check is not necessary here. In any event, in the Fee Motion, Class Counsel provided the time spent on the case, and this information reveals that a lodestar cross-check would confirm the reasonableness of Class Counsel's fee request.
- 22. The Court also finds that the costs incurred by Class Counsel were reasonable and grants Class Counsel's request for \$16,484.46 in cost reimbursements.

	23.	The Court also grants the Class Representative's request for a \$2,500 incentive
award	award. This award is justified given the Class Representative's participation in this action and her	
servic	service to the Settlement Class.	
	Releas	se of Claims and Final Judgment
	24.	Upon entry of this Order, the claims asserted in this Action, and the Released Claims
of eac	h Class	Member, are fully, finally, and forever released and discharged by Class Members who
did no	t submi	t valid requests for exclusion, pursuant to the terms of the Settlement Agreement. Thus,
Class	Membe	rs are permanently barred and enjoined from asserting, commencing, prosecuting or
contin	uing an	y of the Released Claims against the Released Parties as provided in the Settlement
Agree	ment. T	The three Class Members who opted out of the Settlement Agreement have not released
any cl	aims an	d will retain all rights against Defendant.
	25.	As a result of the Settlement's Final Approval, Final Judgment is entered based on
the Pa	rties' Se	ettlement Agreement. Accordingly, this action is <b>DISMISSED WITH PREJUDICE</b> ,
with a	ll Partie	es to bear their own costs and fees except as set forth herein.
	26.	Notwithstanding the foregoing, and without affecting the finality of this Order in any
way, t	he Cour	rt shall retain jurisdiction to enforce the terms of the Settlement Agreement, and
guaraı	ntee that	t its terms and this Order are carried out.
The C	lerk is I	<b>DIRECTED</b> to enter this Judgment and close the case.
DATE	ED:	, 2025
		Honorable William Y. Wood Judge of the Superior Court
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