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7 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
8 **CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**
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11 MANUEL BRUNO, individually, and on
12 behalf of other members of the general
13 public similarly situated and on behalf of
other aggrieved employees pursuant to
the California Private Attorneys General
Act,

14 Plaintiff,

15 vs.

16 U.S RENAL CARE, INC., an unknown
17 business entity; and DOES 1 through
18 100, inclusive,

19 Defendants.
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Case No. 2:21-CV-04617-FLA-MBKx

Honorable Fernando L. Aenlle-Rocha
Department 6B

CLASS ACTION

**[PROPOSED] ORDER AWARDING
CLASS COUNSEL AWARD AND
CLASS REPRESENTATIVE
SERVICE AWARD (DKT NO. __)**

Date: December 5, 2025
Time: 2:00 p.m.
Department: 6B

Complaint Filed: March 3, 2021
FAC Filed: June 24, 2021
SAC Filed: September 5, 2024
Trial Date: None set

1 This matter has come before the Honorable Fernando L. Aenlle-Rocha, in
2 Courtroom 6B of the United States District Court for the Central District of
3 California, located at First Street Courthouse, 350 West 1st Street, 6th Floor, Los
4 Angeles, California 90012, on Plaintiff Manuel Bruno’s (“Plaintiff”) Motion for
5 Class Counsel Award and Class Representative Service Award (“Motion for
6 Fees”). Lawyers *for* Justice, PC appeared on behalf of Plaintiff, and Ogletree,
7 Deakins, Nash, Smoak & Stewart, P.C. appeared on behalf of Defendant U.S.
8 Renal Care, Inc. (“Defendant”) (together with Plaintiff, the “Parties”).

9 On March 11, 2025, the Court entered the Corrected Order Granting Motion
10 for Preliminary Approval of Class Action and PAGA Settlement [Dkt. 74] (Doc.
11 No. 77) (“Preliminary Approval Order”), thereby preliminarily approving the
12 settlement of the above-entitled action (“Action”) in accordance with the Second
13 Amended Joint Stipulation of Class Action and PAGA Settlement and Release of
14 Claims (“Settlement,” “Agreement,” or “Settlement Agreement”), which, together
15 with the exhibits annexed thereto set forth the terms and conditions for settlement
16 of the Actions.

17 On November 7, 2025, Plaintiff filed the Motion for Fees, thereby seeking
18 an award for all payments allocated and provided for by the Settlement Agreement,
19 including and not limited to the Class Counsel Award and Class Representative
20 Service Award.

21 The Court, having considered Plaintiff’s Motion for Fees and finding good
22 cause therefore, hereby GRANTS the Motion for Fees and ORDERS as follows:

- 23 1. The Motion for Fees is granted in its entirety.
- 24 2. This Order Awarding Class Counsel Award and Class Representative
25 Service Award incorporates by reference the definitions in the Settlement
26 Agreement and Preliminary Approval Order, and all capitalized terms used herein,
27 but not defined, shall have the same meanings as in the Settlement Agreement and
28 Preliminary Approval Order.

1 3. This Court has jurisdiction over the Class Members as it pertains to
2 the Actions and the claims asserted in the Actions. The Court also has jurisdiction
3 over all parties to the Actions as it pertains to the Actions and the claims asserted
4 in the Actions.

5 4. The Court finds that the Class Representative Service Award sought is
6 fair and reasonable for the work performed by Plaintiff on behalf of the Class
7 Members. It is hereby ordered that the Settlement Administrator issue payment in
8 the amount of \$7,500.00 to Plaintiff Manuel Bruno for his Class Representative
9 Service Award, in accordance with the terms and methodology set forth in the
10 Settlement Agreement.

11 5. The Court finds that the request for attorneys' fees in the amount of
12 \$625,000.00 to Lawyers *for* Justice, PC ("Class Counsel") falls within the range of
13 reasonableness, and the results achieved justify the award sought. The requested
14 attorneys' fees to Class Counsel are fair, reasonable, and appropriate, and are
15 hereby approved. It is hereby ordered that the Settlement Administrator issue
16 payment in the amount of \$625,000.00 to Lawyers *for* Justice PC, in accordance
17 with the terms and methodology set forth in the Settlement Agreement.

18 6. The Court finds that litigation costs and expenses in the amount of
19 \$13,010.48 to Class Counsel are reasonable, and hereby approved. It is hereby
20 ordered that the Settlement Administrator issue payment in the amount of
21 \$13,010.48 to Class Counsel for litigation costs and expenses, in accordance with
22 the terms and methodology set forth in the Settlement Agreement.

23 7. Individualized notice of this Order is not required to be provided to
24 Class Members. A copy of this Order shall be posted on the Settlement
25 Administrator's website, which is accessible to Class Members, for a period of at
26 least sixty (60) calendar days after the date of entry of this Order.

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1 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

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3 Dated: _____

4 Honorable Fernando L. Aenlle-Rocha
5 United States District Judge
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