

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF ORANGE**

Civil Complex Center  
751 W. Santa Ana Blvd  
Santa Ana, CA 92701

**SHORT TITLE:** ESPINOSA vs. STATES DRAWER BOX SPECIALTIES, LLC, a Delaware limited liability compant

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CASE NUMBER:  
**30-2021-01197170-CU-OE-CXC**

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**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA,  
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CIVIL COMPLEX CENTER**

**MINUTE ORDER**

DATE: 04/28/2023

TIME: 01:30:00 PM

DEPT: CX103

JUDICIAL OFFICER PRESIDING: Lon F. Hurwitz

CLERK: M. Diaz

REPORTER/ERM: None

BAILIFF/COURT ATTENDANT: D. Miranda

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CASE CATEGORY: Civil - Unlimited CASE TYPE: Other employment

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EVENT ID/DOCUMENT ID: 73941029

**EVENT TYPE:** Motion for Final Approval

MOVING PARTY: GERMAN ESPINOSA

CAUSAL DOCUMENT/DATE FILED: Motion - Other for Final Approval of Class Action Settlement, 01/04/2023

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**APPEARANCES**

Sam Sani, from SANI LAW, APC, present for Plaintiff(s) remotely.

Jacob Grillot, from Currier & Hudson, APC, present for Defendant(s) remotely.

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Hearing held, all participants appearing remotely.

Tentative Ruling posted on the Internet .

Oral argument heard.

The Court having fully considered the arguments of all parties, both written and oral, now makes the tentative ruling final with a modification only as to the future hearing date.

Ruling as follows:

**Motion for Final Approval**

**RULING:**

The Motion for Final Approval is **GRANTED**.

The Court approves the following distributions:

1. Attorney's fees in the amount of \$116,666.66, or 1/3 of the gross settlement amount. The Court finds the amount to be a reasonable result in light of the quality of the result obtained and the work performed by class counsel. In approving this amount, the Court is not approving the hourly billing rates proposed by class counsel.
2. Litigation costs in the amount of \$13,065.23.
3. Enhancement payment to Plaintiff German Espinosa in the amount of \$5,000. In making this award,

the Court has considered the factors set forth in Golba v. Dick's Sporting Goods, Inc. (2015) 238 Cal.App.4th 1251 and Clark v. Am. Residential Servs. LLC (2009) 175 Cal.App.4th 785.

4. Administration costs in the amount of \$7,000 to Phoenix Class Action Administration Solutions.

5. Payment to the LWDA in the amount of \$15,000 for its share of the PAGA penalties.

A final accounting is set for **January 17, 2025** at 1:30 pm in Department CX103. Counsel shall submit a final administrator's report at least 14 calendar days prior to that hearing regarding the status of the settlement administration. The final report must include all information necessary for the Court to determine the total amount actually paid to class members and any amounts tendered to the California Unclaimed Property Fund. If the remaining funds are not fully disbursed by the report deadline, Plaintiffs' counsel is ORDERED to request a continuance. Failure to do so will result in an OSC re Sanctions pursuant to CCP Section 177.5.

Plaintiff shall submit a revised proposed order that conforms in all respects to this order, including the approved disbursements and final accounting. Plaintiff must also to submit a redline showing all changes thereto. NO DISBURSEMENTS ARE AUTHORIZED BY THIS RULING UNTIL THE COURT HAS EXECUTED SAID REVISED PROPOSED ORDER.

Clerk to give notice to counsel.

Plaintiff to give notice, including to the LWDA, and file proof of service within five court days.