

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Civil Division

Central District, Spring Street Courthouse, Department 9

21STCV21340

DANICA JOHNSON, et al. vs SKORI, INC., et al.

September 14, 2023

10:00 AM

Judge: Honorable Yvette M. Palazuelos

Judicial Assistant: R. Arraiga

Courtroom Assistant: M. Tavakoli

CSR: None

ERM: None

Deputy Sheriff: None

APPEARANCES:

For Plaintiff(s): No Appearances

For Defendant(s): No Appearances

NATURE OF PROCEEDINGS: Hearing on Motion - Other PAGA Only Settlement;

The matter is NOT called for hearing.

The Court's tentative ruling was issued and served on the parties via Case Anywhere on 09/08/2023.

The parties submitted to the Court's tentative ruling via the Case Anywhere message board on 09/08/2023 and 09/12/2023.

The Court now adopts its tentative FINAL RULINGS/ORDERS RE: MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF PAGA SETTLEMENT as the final order of the court. Said ruling is signed and filed this date and is incorporated into the case file

The Court's ruling is as follows:

The Notice of Motion and Motion for Approval of PAGA Settlement filed by Danica Johnson, Diana Palafox, Vanessa Corona on 09/09/2022 is Granted. The Parties' Motion for Final Approval of Class Action Settlement is **GRANTED** as the settlement is fair, adequate, and reasonable.

The essential terms are:

A. The Gross Settlement Amount (GSA) is \$60,000.

B. The Net Settlement Amount is the GSA minus the following:

\$19,980 (33%) for attorney fees to PAGA Counsel, Law Offices of Buchsbaum & Haag, LLP;
\$12,000 for litigation costs to PAGA Counsel;

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\$6,500 for settlement administration costs to CPT Group, Inc.;
\$13,890 (75% PAGA penalty) to the LWDA;
\$3,000 (\$1,000 each) for incentive awards to named Plaintiffs, Danica Johnson, Diana Palafox, and Vanessa Corona.

C. Plaintiff's release of Defendant from claims described herein.

By **10/16/2023**, Plaintiffs must:

- a. serve this Order on the LWDA pursuant to Labor Code section 2699 (1)(3);
- b. file and serve a [Proposed] Judgment consistent with this ruling containing among other things, the PAGA aggrieved employee definition; PAGA period; and full release language; and
- c. email the [Proposed] Judgment in Word format to Department 9 staff at **sscdept9@lacourt.org**.

If [proposed] Judgment is **NOT** lodged and emailed by said date then an Order to Show Cause Re: Sanctions hearing will be set.

A Non-Appearance Case Review Re: Lodging and Emailing of [Proposed] Judgment is scheduled for 10/23/2023 at 08:30 AM in Department 9 at Spring Street Courthouse.

By **09/16/2024**, Class Counsel must file a Final Report Re: Final Accounting.

If report is **NOT** filed by said date then an Order to Show Cause Re: Sanctions hearing will be set.

A Non-Appearance Case Review Re: Final Accounting is scheduled for 09/23/2024 at 08:30 AM in Department 9 at Spring Street Courthouse.

The Judicial Assistant to give notice to Counsel for Plaintiff who is ordered to give further and formal notice to all parties.

Clerk's Certificate of Service By Electronic Service is attached.

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COURTHOUSE ADDRESS: Spring Street Courthouse 312 North Spring Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012		
PLAINTIFF: Danica Johnson et al		
DEFENDANT: Skori, Inc., et al.		
CERTIFICATE OF ELECTRONIC SERVICE CODE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE 1010.6		CASE NUMBER: 21STCV21340

I, the below named Executive Officer/Clerk of Court of the above-entitled court, do hereby certify that I am not a party to the cause herein, and that on this date I served one copy of the Minute Order and FINAL RULINGS/ORDERS RE: MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF PAGA SETTLEMENT entered herein, on 09/14/2023, upon each party or counsel of record in the above entitled action, by electronically serving the document(s) on Case Anywhere at www.caseanywhere.com on 09/14/2023 from my place of business, Spring Street Courthouse 312 North Spring Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012 in accordance with standard court practices.

David W. Slayton, Executive Officer / Clerk of Court

Dated: 09/14/2023

By: R. Arraiga
Deputy Clerk