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14 **SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**
15 **FOR THE COUNTY OF SHASTA**
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18 CHERYL L. MCKENZIE, individually
19 and on behalf of all others similarly
20 situated,

21 Plaintiff,

22 vs.

23 MARQUIS COMPANIES I, INC.; and
24 DOES 1 through 20, inclusive,
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27 Defendants.
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**CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
BY: K. MIRANDA, DEPUTY CLERK**

Case No. 22CV-0200380

*Assigned for all purposes to
Hon. Judge Stephen H. Baker
Dept. 64*

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**[PROPOSED] ORDER AND JUDGMENT
GRANTING FINAL APPROVAL OF CLASS
AND REPRESENTATIVE ACTION
SETTLEMENT**

Date: April 14, 2025
Time: 8:30 a.m.
Dept: 64

**[PROPOSED] ORDER AND JUDGMENT GRANTING FINAL APPROVAL OF CLASS ACTION
SETTLEMENT**

1 This matter came on for hearing on April 14, 2025, at 8:30 a.m., in Department 64 of the
2 above-captioned Court on the Motion for Final Approval of Class Action Settlement pursuant to
3 California Rule of Court 3.769, this Court's Order Granting Preliminary Approval, and the Class
4 Action and PAGA Settlement Agreement and Class Notice ("Settlement Agreement"), a copy of
5 which was filed in conjunction with the Plaintiff's Motion for Final Approval of Class Action
6 Settlement.

7 Having received and considered the Settlement Agreement, the supporting papers filed by
8 the Parties, and the evidence and argument received by the Court in conjunction with the
9 unopposed Motion for Preliminary Approval of Class Action Settlement and the instant Motion
10 for Final Approval, the Court grants final approval of the Settlement and HEREBY ORDERS
11 AND MAKES THE FOLLOWING DETERMINATIONS:

12 1. Pursuant to the Order Granting Preliminary Approval, a Notice Packet was sent to
13 each Class Member by first-class mail. These papers informed the Class of the terms of the
14 Settlement, their right to receive an Individual Settlement Payment, their right (a) to comment on
15 or object to the Settlement, (b) to request exclusion from the Settlement and pursue their own
16 remedies, and (c) of their right to appear in person or by counsel at the final approval hearing and
17 to be heard regarding approval of the Settlement. Adequate periods of time were provided by
18 each of these procedures. No member of the Class filed written objection to the proposed
19 Settlement as part of this notice process or stated an intention to appear at the final approval
20 hearing.

21 2. The Court finds and determines that this notice procedure afforded adequate
22 protections to Class Members and provides the basis for the Court to make an informed decision
23 regarding approval of the Settlement based on the responses of the Class. The Court finds and
24 determines that the notice provided in this case was the best notice practicable, which satisfied
25 the requirements of law and due process.

26 3. With respect to the Class and for purposes of approving this Settlement only, this
27 Court finds and concludes that: (a) the members of the Class are ascertainable and so numerous
28 that joinder of all members is impracticable; (b) there are questions of law or fact common to the

1 Class, and there is a well-defined community of interest among members of the Class with respect
2 to the subject matter of the Action; (c) the claims of Class Representative are typical of the claims
3 of the members of the Class; (d) the Class Representative has fairly and adequately protected the
4 interests of the members of the Class; (e) a class action is superior to other available methods for
5 an efficient adjudication of this controversy; and (f) the counsel of record for the Class
6 Representative, i.e., Class Counsel, are qualified to serve as counsel for Plaintiff in their
7 individual and representative capacities for the Class.

8 4. The Court has certified a Class, as that term is defined in and by the terms of the
9 Settlement Agreement as all current and former non-exempt employees employed by Marquis
10 Companies I, Inc. at any time during the Class Period of August 10, 2018 through October 14,
11 2024, and the Court deems this definition sufficient for purposes of California Rule of Court
12 3.765(a).

13 5. The Court hereby confirms Aegis Law Firm, PC as Class Counsel.

14 6. The Court hereby confirms Plaintiff Cheryl L. McKenzie as the Class
15 Representative in this Action.

16 7. The Court finds and determines that the terms set forth in the Settlement
17 Agreement are fair, reasonable, and adequate and directs the Parties to effectuate the Settlement
18 according to its terms, having found that the Settlement was reached as a result of informed and
19 non-collusive arm's-length negotiations facilitated by a neutral mediator. The Court further finds
20 that the Parties conducted extensive investigation and that their attorneys were able to reasonably
21 evaluate their respective positions. The Court also finds that the Settlement will enable the Parties
22 to avoid additional and potentially substantial litigation costs, as well as delay and risks if the
23 Parties were to continue to litigate the case. The Court has reviewed the monetary recovery
24 provided as part of the Settlement and recognizes the significant value accorded to the Class.

25 8. The Court further finds and determines that the terms of the Settlement are fair,
26 reasonable and adequate to the Class and to each Participating Class Member and that the
27 Settlement is ordered finally approved, and that all terms and provisions of the Settlement should
28 be and hereby are ordered to be consummated.

1 9. The Court hereby approves the Gross Settlement Amount of \$1,800,000.00.

2 10. The Court finds and determines that the Individual Settlement Payments to be paid
3 to Participating Class Members as provided for by the Settlement are fair and reasonable. The
4 Court hereby gives final approval to and orders the payment of those amounts be made to the
5 Participating Class Members in accordance with the Settlement Agreement.

6 11. The Court finds and determines that payment to the California Labor and
7 Workforce Development Agency of \$37,500.00 as its share of the settlement of civil penalties in
8 this case is fair, reasonable, and appropriate. The Court hereby gives final approval to and orders
9 that the payment of that amount be paid in accordance with the Settlement Agreement.

10 12. The Court finds and determines that the fees and expenses in administering the
11 Settlement incurred by Phoenix Settlement Administrators in the amount of \$11,500.00, are fair
12 and reasonable. The Court hereby gives final approval to and orders that the payment of that
13 amount in accordance with the Settlement.

14 13. The Court finds and determines the Class Representative Service Payment of
15 \$15,000.00 for Plaintiff is fair and reasonable. The Court hereby orders the Administrator to
16 make this payment to the Plaintiff/Class Representative in accordance with the terms of the
17 Settlement Agreement.

18 14. Pursuant to the terms of the Settlement, and the authorities, evidence and argument
19 submitted by Class Counsel, the Court hereby awards Class Counsel attorneys' fees in the sum of
20 \$600,000.00 and litigation costs of \$29,263.71. The Court finds such amounts to be fair and
21 reasonable. The Court hereby orders the Settlement Administrator to make these payments in
22 accordance with the terms of the Settlement Agreement.

23 15. Nothing in this order shall preclude any action to enforce the Parties' obligations
24 under the Settlement or under this order, including the requirement that Defendants make payment
25 to the Participating Class Members in accordance with the Settlement.

26 16. This Judgment is intended to be a final disposition in its entirety of the above
27 captioned action. Without affecting the finality of this judgment in any way, the Court retains
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1 jurisdiction of all matters relating to the interpretation, administration, implementation,
2 effectuation, and enforcement of the Settlement pursuant to C.C.P. § 664.6.

3 17. The Parties will bear their own costs and attorneys' fees except as otherwise
4 provided by this Court's Order awarding Class Counsels' Award for attorneys' fees and litigation
5 costs.

6 18. The Court sets a Hearing Re: Distribution of Settlement Funds for April 13, 2026,
7 at 8:30 a.m. Class Counsel are ordered to file a Final Report Re: Distribution of the Settlement
8 Funds by the Administrator five court days prior.

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STEPHEN H. BAKER

10 DATED: _____

11 Honorable Stephen H. Baker
12 JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
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