

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF ALAMEDA

Rene C. Davidson Courthouse

Carissa Mejia
Plaintiff/Petitioner(s)
VS.
Challenge Dairy Products,
Inc.
Defendant/Respondent
(s)

No. 23CV031233
Date: 05/07/2024
Time: 2:30 PM
Dept: 16
Judge: Somnath Raj Chatterjee

ORDER re: Hearing on Motion for
Preliminary Approval of
Settlement re:PAGA
Action Settlement; filed
by Carissa Mejia (Plaintiff)
filed by Carissa Mejia
(Plaintiff) on 04/16/2024

Plaintiff, Carissa Mejia's Motion for Approval of Private Attorneys General Act Settlement Agreement and Award of Attorney Fees is GRANTED.

Defendant, Challenge Dairy Product, Inc., agreed to pay \$235,000.00 to settle all claims. The settlement amount includes (1) \$78,333.33 in attorneys' fees; (2) reimbursement of \$12,300.45 in litigation costs; (3) \$10,000 General Release Fee to the Plaintiff; (3) settlement administration costs not to exceed \$5,000.00; (4) a payment of approximately \$113,750.25 to the LWDA, which represents 75% of the PAGA settlement amount; and (6) the remaining net settlement fund, representing 25% of the PAGA settlement fund, of \$32,916.75 reserved for the PAGA aggrieved employees, which will be distributed to PAGA aggrieved employees resulting in an average PAGA-only payment of \$190.24, and there is no release of individual damage or statutory penalties. (Mot., p. 2; Mejia Decl. p. 3, Bokhour Decl., ex. B, ASA, ¶¶ 3, 4.)

The Settlement Agreement further provides that uncashed funds will be sent to the LWDA consistent with C.C.P. § 384. (Bokhour Decl., ex. B, ASA, ¶ 4.3.3.)

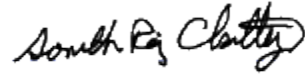
The Settlement Agreement requests 33.33% of the gross settlement amount in attorneys' fees, that is, \$78,333.33 of \$235,000. (Bokhour Decl., ex. B, ASA, ¶ 3.2.1.) Due to the fact that Counsel spent 125 hours on the case and cross-checking with the lodestar method, this award is reasonable. (Falakassa Decl. p. 7.) The Court approves the attorneys' fees in the amount of \$78,333.33.

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The Court orders counsel to obtain a copy of this order from the eCourt portal.

Dated : 05/07/2024

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Somnath Raj Chatterjee". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Somnath" and last name "Chatterjee" clearly distinguishable.

Somnath Raj Chatterjee / Judge