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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

ALMA CASTILLEJOS, on behalf of the State of California, as a private attorney general,

Plaintiff,

v.

BANC OF CALIFORNIA, a Corporation; PACIFIC WESTERN BANK, a Corporation; and DOES 1 through 50, inclusive,

Defendants.

Case No. CVRI2501017

[PROPOSED[ORDER AND JUDGMENT APPROVING PAGA SETTLEMENT

[Reservation ID: 869294854852]

Hearing Date: January 05, 2027
Hearing Time: 8:30 a.m.
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Trial Date: Not Set

ORDER AND JUDGMENT

1. Plaintiff Alma Castillejos ("Plaintiff") move for approval of the settlement of Plaintiff's claims under the California Labor Code Private Attorneys General Act ("PAGA"), pursuant to California Labor Code § 2699(l), against Defendant Banc of California ("Defendant").

2. Plaintiffs exhausted all administrative remedies required to bring the PAGA claims asserted in this action and is authorized to act as private attorney general with respect to the PAGA claims being released under the terms of the PAGA Settlement Agreement ("Agreement"), which is incorporated by reference. The California Labor Workforce Development Agency was provided with notice of the Settlement and the motion for approval of the PAGA settlement via its online process and no objection has been received to the settlement or the motion from the Labor Workforce Development Agency ("LWDA").

3. The Parties seek approval of the settlement of Plaintiff's PAGA claims and the PAGA Payment to be paid as part of the settlement as set forth in the Agreement which was filed with the Court. The settlement provides for a Gross PAGA Settlement Amount in the total sum of $300,000, which includes the PAGA Payment, the Administration Expenses Payment in the amount of $8,940.00 for Apex Class Action, to administer the settlement, PAGA Counsel Fees Payment in the amount of $100,000 (one-third of the Gross Settlement Amount), PAGA Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment in the amount of $25,678.55, and Service Award Payment to Plaintiff of $15,000. The PAGA Payment of no less than $150,831.45 which is the amount remaining of the Gross PAGA Settlement Amount after deduction of the Administration Expenses Payment, and PAGA Counsel Fees Payment and PAGA Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment, is no less than $150,831.45 and shall be allocated to Labor Code 2699 penalties, including other civil penalties specified in the Labor Code, of which 65% of the payment will be paid to the LWDA (no less than $98,040.44) and 35% will be paid to the Aggrieved Employees (no less than $52,791.00).

4. The Court, having reviewed the evidence and papers submitted and argument of counsel, pursuant to Labor Code section 2699(l)(2) hereby GRANTS the Plaintiff's motion and approves the PAGA settlement as set forth in the Agreement and the PAGA Payment, which shall be

allocated and paid out as set forth in the Agreement.

5. The "Aggrieved Employees" are defined as all individuals who are or previously were employed by Defendant in California and classified as a non-exempt employee at any time during the PAGA Period. The PAGA Period means the period from December 9, 2023 through October 15, 2026.

6. Effective on the date when Defendant fully funds the entire Gross PAGA Settlement Amount, Defendant and the Released Parties (as defined in the Agreement) shall be entitled to a release of the Released PAGA Claims. The "Released PAGA Claims" means all claims for PAGA civil penalties that were alleged in the PAGA Notice that were also alleged in the Operative Complaint, which occurred during the PAGA Period during employment in a non-exempt position in California. (collectively the "Released PAGA Claims"). The Released PAGA Claims expressly exclude all other claims, including Plaintiff's individual claims that are subject to a separate individual settlement agreement, or other Aggrieved Employee's claim for wages or damages, or claims for vested benefits, wrongful termination, violation of the Fair Employment and Housing Act, unemployment insurance, disability, social security, workers' compensation, California class claims, and PAGA claims outside of the PAGA period. The Released Parties" means Defendant and its officers, directors, employees and agents

7. This settlement (including this Order) cannot be used, directly or indirectly, to introduce, use, or admit in this case or in any other judicial, arbitral, administrative, investigative or other forum or proceeding, as purported evidence of any violation of any federal, state, or local law, statute, ordinance, regulation, rule or executive order (i.e., evidence of a "first" or "initial" violation), or any liability, obligation, or duty at law or in equity, or for any other purpose. This settlement (including this Order) shall not be construed to be an admission by Defendant of any liability or wrongdoing as to Plaintiff, the Aggrieved Employees, or any other person, and Defendant specifically disclaims any such liability or wrongdoing.

8. Pursuant to Labor Code section 2699, Class Counsel shall submit a copy of this Order and Judgment to the LWDA within 10 days after its entry.

9. This claim asserted under PAGA in this action is dismissed with prejudice. After entry of this Order and Judgment, the Court shall, pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure § 664.6, retain jurisdiction pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure § 664.6 to construe, interpret, implement, and enforce the Agreement, to hear and resolve any contested challenge to a claim for settlement benefits, and to supervise and adjudicate any dispute arising from or in connection with the distribution of settlement benefits.

IT IS SO ORDERED AND ADJUDGED. LET JUDGMENT BE FORTHWITH ENTERED ACCORDINGLY.

DATED:_____

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THE HONORABLE
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT