

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MARYLAND

GAYL JACKSON, *et al.*

Plaintiffs

v.

VIKING GROUP, INC., *et al.*

Defendants.

Civil Action No. 8:18-cv-02356-PJM

**ORDER GRANTING PLAINTIFFS' MOTION
FOR ATTORNEYS' FEES, COSTS, AND SERVICE AWARDS**

WHEREAS, Plaintiffs and Defendants executed an agreement to settle this matter, subject to Court approval;

WHEREAS, the Court reviewed the parties' Settlement Agreement and issued an order granting preliminary approval to it on December 30, 2019 (ECF No. 32);

WHEREAS, Section G of the Settlement Agreement provides that Defendants have agreed to pay, subject to Court approval, the amount of up to \$2,950,000.00 to Class Counsel for their attorneys' fees and expenses;

WHEREAS, Section G of the Settlement Agreement also provides that Defendants have agreed to pay, subject to Court approval, service awards in the amounts of \$3,000 to Plaintiff Gayl Jackson, \$1,000 to Michelle Ebner, and \$1,000 to Denise Turner (\$5,000 total);

WHEREAS, after considering Plaintiffs' Motion for Attorneys' Fees, Costs, and Service Awards (ECF No. 38), including Plaintiffs' memorandum of law, declarations from counsel, and attorney billing records from June 2018 through July 2020, and no opposition having been raised thereto, the Court having concluded, for the reasons stated on the record at the Final Approval Hearing on July 21, 2020, that Plaintiffs' request for fees, expenses, and the payment of service

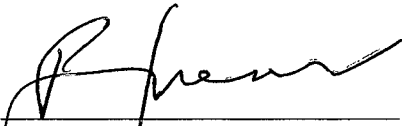
awards is reasonable, permissible under the applicable law, and in accordance with the Settlement Agreement;

IT IS ORDERED AS FOLLOWS:

1. Plaintiffs' Motion for Attorneys' Fees, Costs, and Service Awards is **GRANTED**.
2. Defendants shall pay Class Counsel \$2,950,000.00 for their attorneys' fees and expenses, in accordance with the Settlement Agreement.
3. Defendants shall also make an additional payment totaling \$5,000.00 to Class Counsel for the service awards of the three Plaintiffs, which amounts shall then be remitted by Class Counsel to the Plaintiffs, in accordance with the Settlement Agreement.
4. All other payments and costs shall be borne as set forth in the Settlement Agreement or as agreed to by the parties.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: 7/28/20



Peter J. Messitte, U.S.D.J.