UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

MARIBEL MOSES, on behalf of herself and all others similarly situated,

Civil Action No.: 1:20-cv-04658-RA

Plaintiff,

v.

THE NEW YORK TIMES COMPANY, d/b/a The New York Times.

Defendant.

Hon. Judge Ronnie Abrams

CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

This Agreement ("Agreement" or "Settlement Agreement") is entered into by and among (i) Plaintiff Maribel Moses ("Plaintiff"); (ii) the Settlement Class (as defined herein); and (iii) Defendant The New York Times Company ("Defendant" or "NYT"). The Settlement Class and Plaintiff are collectively referred to as the "Plaintiffs" unless otherwise noted. The Plaintiffs and the Defendant are collectively referred to herein as the "Parties." This Agreement is intended by the Parties to fully, finally, and forever resolve, discharge, and settle the Released Claims (as defined herein), upon and subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, and subject to the final approval of the Court.

RECITALS

A. This putative class action was filed on June 17, 2020, in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York. The material allegations of the action are that Defendant enrolled Plaintiff and other Class Members in automatic renewal newspaper subscriptions without first presenting the consumer with the automatic renewal offer terms in a clear and conspicuous manner; charged the consumer's credit card, debit card, or third party

payment account without first obtaining the consumer's affirmative consent to an agreement containing clear and conspicuous disclosure of the automatic renewal offer terms; and failed to provide the consumer with an acknowledgment that included clear and conspicuous disclosure of the automatic renewal offer terms, cancellation policy, and information regarding how to cancel. Based on Defendant's alleged conduct, the Complaint sought monetary and injunctive relief and brought claims for: (1) violation of California's Unfair Competition Law ("UCL"), Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §§ 17200, et seq.; (2) conversion; (3) violation of California's False Advertising Law ("FAL"), Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §§ 17500, et seq.; (4) violation of California's Consumers Legal Remedies Act ("CLRA"), Cal. Civ. Code §§ 1750, et seq.; and (5) unjust enrichment. (Dkt. 1.)

- B. In response to the complaint, on August 17, 2020, Defendant filed a motion to dismiss under Rule 12(b)(6), arguing that Plaintiff failed to state a claim upon which relief could be granted. (Dkt. 16, 17.) Among its arguments, Defendant maintained that it had met all of the pre-purchase requirements under the ARL, including providing clear and conspicuous disclosures of all of the required ARL terms prior to purchase, and obtaining Plaintiff and other class members' consent to such terms at the time of purchase.
- C. On August 31, 2020, Plaintiff filed her First Amended Class Action Complaint ("FAC") as of right. (Dkt. 22.) In addition to claims for relief brought by Plaintiff's original Complaint, the FAC brought additional claims for negligent misrepresentation and fraud.
- D. After Plaintiff filed her FAC, the Parties engaged in a Rule 26(f) planning conference and a Rule 16 scheduling conference. (Dkt. 23.)
- E. On September 21, 2020, Defendant filed a motion to dismiss Plaintiff's FAC for failure to state a claim upon which relief could be granted under Rule 12(b)(6). (Dkt. 28, 29.)

 Defendant again argued that it had met all of the pre-purchase requirements under the ARL,

including providing clear and conspicuous disclosures of all of the required ARL terms prior to purchase, and obtaining Plaintiff and other class members' consent to such terms at the time of purchase, and further argued that Plaintiff had failed to set forth any basis for claims of fraud and negligent misrepresentation. Plaintiff filed her opposition brief on October 29, 2020. (Dkt. 32.)

- F. From the outset of the case, including during the pendency of the motion to dismiss, the Parties engaged in direct communications, and as part of their obligations under Fed. R. Civ. P. 26, discussed the prospect of an early resolution. Those discussions eventually led to an agreement between the Parties to engage in early mediation, which the Parties agreed would take place before Jill R. Sperber, Esq., who is an experienced neutral affiliated with Judicate West.
- G. As part of the first mediation in this case, the Parties exchanged informal discovery, including on issues such as the size and scope of the putative class. This information was sufficient for the Parties to assess the strengths and weakness of the claims and defenses.
- H. The first mediation in this case took place on November 10, 2020, was conducted by Zoom, and it lasted approximately nine hours (the "First Mediation"). The Parties engaged in good faith negotiations, which at all times were at arms' length. Towards the end of the First Mediation, the Parties reached an agreement to settle the case.
- I. Following the First Mediation, on November 13, 2020, the Parties filed a joint letter informing the Court that the Parties had reached agreement on all material terms of a class action settlement and requesting that the Court enter an order staying all upcoming deadlines, including Defendant's deadline to file a reply in support of its motion to dismiss, and the hearing thereon. On November 16, 2020, the Court entered an order granting the Parties' requests.
- J. On March 30, 2021, the Parties executed a class settlement agreement (the "Original Settlement Agreement"), which provided Settlement Class Members with the option to

elect a *pro rata* cash distribution from a cash settlement fund, or otherwise receive access codes to certain digital offerings from Defendant. The cash settlement fund in the Original Settlement Agreement also provided for the payment of attorneys' fees and an incentive award from the cash settlement fund.

- K. The Court granted Preliminary Approval of the Original Settlement Agreement on May 12, 2021 (Dkt. 43.) and the settlement administrator disseminated notice to the Settlement Class.
- L. On July 24, 2021, one of the Settlement Class Members, Eric Isaacson ("Isaacson"), filed an objection to the Original Settlement Agreement, including to the requests for attorneys' fees from the cash settlement fund and the incentive fee to the named plaintiff.

 (Dkt. 48.) The Parties submitted briefing in response to Isaacson's objection. (Dkts. 49 and 54.)
- M. On September 10, 2021, the Court held a Final Approval Hearing as to the Original Settlement Agreement, where the Court overruled Isaacson's objection and subsequently issued its Final Approval Order and Judgment (Dkt. 60), which granted Final Approval to the Original Settlement Agreement, awarded the requested attorneys' fees, costs and expenses to Class Counsel, and awarded the requested incentive award to the Class Representative.
- N. Isaacson subsequently appealed the Final Approval Order and Judgment of the Original Settlement Agreement to the Second Circuit Court of Appeals on October 1, 2021. Following full briefing by the Parties and Isaacson, and an argument held on March 22, 2023, the Second Circuit Court of Appeals vacated the Court's Final Approval on August 17, 2023 and remanded the Action to the Court.
- O. Shortly after the Second Circuit vacated the Court's Final Approval Order and Judgment, the Parties began discussing the impact of the appellate order and their views on

possible further proceedings. On September 5, 2023, Class Counsel exercised the termination provision in Paragraph 6.1 of the Original Settlement Agreement, thereby terminating and canceling the Original Settlement Agreement in full.

- P. The Mandate of the Second Circuit Court of the Appeals was entered in this Action on October 11, 2023. (Dkt. 65.) Subsequently, the Court issued an order on October 19, 2023 requesting the Parties provide the Court with their proposed next steps. (Dkt. 67.)
- Q. As the Parties had continued discussions after Class Counsel terminated the Original Settlement Agreement, the Parties advised the Court on November 20, 2023 that they were endeavoring to schedule a further mediation with Jill R. Sperber, Esq. of Judicate West, the same mediator who assisted the Parties with the Original Settlement Agreement. (Dkt. 69.)
- R. The Parties then attended a second mediation with Jill R. Sperber, Esq. on December 12, 2023 over Zoom, and it lasted approximately four hours. While the Parties engaged in good faith negotiations, which at all times were at arms' length, they failed to reach an agreement that day.
- S. Following the Second Mediation, the Parties worked further with Ms. Sperber and, with her help, were able to reach an agreement on all material terms of a class action settlement, and thereafter executed a term sheet.
- T. At all times, Defendant has denied and continues to deny any wrongdoing whatsoever and has denied and continues to deny that it committed any wrongful act or violation of law or duty alleged in the Action, and has opposed and continues to oppose certification of a litigation class. Defendant believes that the claims asserted in the Action do not have merit and that Defendant would have prevailed on its motion to dismiss, at summary judgment or at trial. Nonetheless, taking into account the uncertainty and risks inherent in any litigation, and the desire for finality and closure of this Action, Defendant has concluded it is desirable and

beneficial that the Action be fully and finally settled and terminated in the manner and upon the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement. This Agreement is a compromise, and the Agreement, any related documents, and any negotiations resulting in it shall not be construed as or deemed to be evidence of or an admission or concession of liability or wrongdoing on the part of Defendant, or any of the Released Parties (defined below), with respect to any claim of any fault or liability or wrongdoing or damage whatsoever or with respect to the certifiability of a litigation class.

U. Plaintiff believes that the claims asserted in the Action against Defendant have merit and that she would have prevailed at summary judgment and/or trial. Nonetheless, Plaintiff and Class Counsel recognize that Defendant has raised factual and legal defenses that present a risk that Plaintiff may not prevail. Plaintiff and Class Counsel also recognize the expense and delay associated with continued prosecution of the Action against Defendant through class certification, summary judgment, trial, and any subsequent appeals. Plaintiff and Class Counsel also have taken into account the uncertain outcome and risks of litigation, especially in complex class actions, as well as the difficulties inherent in such litigation. Therefore, Plaintiff believes it is desirable that the Released Claims be fully and finally compromised, settled, and resolved with prejudice. Based on its evaluation, Class Counsel has concluded that the terms and conditions of this Agreement are fair, reasonable, and adequate to the Settlement Class, and that it is in the best interests of the Settlement Class to settle the claims raised in the Action pursuant to the terms and provisions of this Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and among Plaintiff, the Settlement Class, and each of them, and Defendant, by and through its undersigned counsel that, subject to final approval of the Court after a hearing or hearings as provided for in this Settlement Agreement, in consideration of the benefits flowing to the Parties from the

Agreement set forth herein, that the Action and the Released Claims will be finally and fully compromised, settled, and released, and the Action will be dismissed with prejudice, upon and subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

<u>AGREEMENT</u>

1. **DEFINITIONS.**

As used in this Settlement Agreement, the following terms have the meanings specified below:

- **1.1** "Action" means *Moses v. The New York Times Company*, Case No. 1:20-cv-04658-RA, pending in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York.
- 1.2 "Alternate Judgment" means a form of final judgment that may be entered by the Court herein but in a form other than the form of Judgment provided for in this Agreement and where none of the Parties elects to terminate this Settlement by reason of such variance.
- 1.3 "Approved Claim" means a Claim Form submitted by a Settlement Class Member for cash payment from the Settlement Fund that is: (a) submitted timely and in accordance with the directions on the Claim Form and the provisions of the Settlement Agreement, as determined by the Settlement Administrator; (b) fully and truthfully completed by a Settlement Class Member with all of the information requested in the Claim Form; (c) signed by the Settlement Class Member, physically or electronically under penalty of perjury; and (d) approved by the Settlement Administrator pursuant to the provisions of this Agreement.
- 1.4 "Claim Form" means the document substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A, as approved by the Court. The Claim Form shall be submitted by Settlement Class Members seeking a cash payment pursuant to this Settlement Agreement. The Claim Form will be available online at the Settlement Website (defined at paragraph 1.38 below).

- 1.5 "Claims Deadline" means the date by which all Claim Forms must be postmarked or received, including by electronic submission via the Settlement Website, to be considered timely and will be set as a date no later than forty-five (45) days following the dissemination of Notice to the Settlement Class by the Settlement Administrator, pursuant to the terms herein. The Claims Deadline will be clearly set forth in the Preliminary Approval Order, and will be stated on the Notice and the Claim Form.
 - 1.6 "Class Counsel" means Neal Deckant of the law firm of Bursor & Fisher, P.A.
- 1.7 "Class Period" means the period of time from June 17, 2016, to and through May 12, 2021.
- 1.8 "Class Representative" means the named Plaintiff in this Action, Maribel Moses.
- 1.9 "Court" means the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, the Honorable Ronnie Abrams presiding, or any judge who will succeed her as the Judge in this Action.
 - **1.10** "Defendant" or "NYT" means The New York Times Company.
- 1.11 "Defendant's Counsel" means Sandra D. Hauser, Natalie J. Spears, and KristenC. Rodriguez of the law firm of Dentons US LLP.
- 1.12 "Effective Date" means the date ten (10) days after which all of the events and conditions specified in paragraph 9.1 have been met and have occurred.
- 1.13 "Escrow Account" means the "Escrow Account" means the separate, interest-bearing escrow account to be established by the Settlement Administrator under terms acceptable to all Parties at a depository institution insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

 The Settlement Fund shall be deposited by Defendant into the Escrow Account in accordance with the terms of this Agreement and the money in the Escrow Account shall be invested in the

following types of accounts and/or instruments and no other: (i) demand deposit accounts and/or (ii) time deposit accounts and certificates of deposit, in either case with maturities of forty-five (45) days or less. The costs of establishing and maintaining the Escrow Account shall be paid from the Settlement Fund.

- **1.14** "Fee Award" means the amount of attorneys' fees and reimbursement of expenses awarded by the Court to Class Counsel, which will be paid out of the Settlement Fund.
- 1.15 "Final Approval Date" means one (1) business day following the latest of the following events: (i) the date upon which the time expires for filing or noticing any appeal of the Court's Final Judgment approving the Settlement Agreement, if no appeal has been filed; (ii) if there is an appeal or appeals, other than an appeal or appeals solely with respect to the Fee Award, the date of completion, in a manner that finally affirms and leaves in place the Final Judgment without any material modification, of all proceedings arising out of the appeal or appeals (including, but not limited to, the expiration of all deadlines for motions for reconsideration or petitions for review and/or *certiorari*, all proceedings ordered on remand, and all proceedings arising out of any subsequent appeal or appeals following decisions on remand); or (iii) the date of final dismissal of any appeal or the final dismissal of any proceeding on *certiorari*.
- 1.16 "Final Approval Hearing" means the hearing before the Court where the Parties will request the Final Judgment to be entered by the Court approving the Settlement Agreement, the Fee Award, and the Incentive Award to the Class Representative.
- 1.17 "Final Judgment" means the Final Judgment and Order to be entered by the Court approving the Agreement after the Final Approval Hearing, which is substantially in the form of Exhibit G attached hereto.

- **1.18** "Incentive Award" means any award approved by the Court that is payable to the Plaintiff from the Settlement Fund.
- 1.19 "Net Settlement Fund" means the amount of the Settlement Fund remaining after payment of Settlement Administration Expenses, incentive award to the Class Representative, and the Fee Award.
- 1.20 "Notice" means the notice of this proposed Class Action Settlement Agreement and Final Approval Hearing, which is to be sent to the Settlement Class substantially in the manner set forth in this Agreement, consistent with the requirements of Due Process, Rule 23, and substantially in the form of Exhibits B, C, and D hereto.
- **1.21** "Notice Plan" means the Settlement Administrator's plan to disseminate Notice to Settlement Class Members as further detailed in paragraph 4.1.
- 1.22 "Notice Date" means the publication of notice pursuant paragraph 4.1(b) of this Agreement, which shall be no later than twenty-eight (28) days after the Preliminary Approval Order.
- **1.23** "NYT Subscriptions" means all of Defendant's print and digital subscription offerings.
- 1.24 "Objection/Exclusion Deadline" means the date by which a written objection to this Settlement Agreement or a request for exclusion submitted by a Person within the Settlement Class must be made, which shall be designated as a date no later than forty-five (45) days after the Notice Date and no sooner than fourteen (14) days after papers supporting the Fee Award are filed with the Court and posted to the settlement website listed in paragraph 4.1(e), or such other date as ordered by the Court.
- 1.25 "Person" shall mean, without limitation, any individual, corporation, partnership, limited partnership, limited liability company, association, joint stock company, estate, legal

representative, trust, unincorporated association, government or any political subdivision or agency thereof, and any business or legal entity and their spouse, parent, child, guardian, associate, co-owners, heirs, predecessors, successors, representatives, or assigns. "Person" is not intended to include any governmental agencies or governmental actors, including, without limitation, any state Attorney General office.

- **1.26** "Plaintiff" means Maribel Moses.
- 1.27 "Preliminary Approval" means the Court's entry of an order preliminarily approving the terms and conditions of this Settlement Agreement, including the manner of providing, and content of, the notice to Settlement Class Members.
- **1.28 "Preliminary Approval Date"** means the date on which the Court enters an order granting Preliminary Approval.
- 1.29 "Preliminary Approval Order" means the order preliminarily approving the Settlement Agreement, conditionally certifying the Settlement Class for settlement purposes, and directing notice thereof to the Settlement Class, which will be agreed upon by the Parties and submitted to the Court in conjunction with Plaintiffs' motion for preliminary approval of the Agreement. The Parties' proposed form of Preliminary Approval Order is attached hereto as Exhibit F.
- 1.30 "Released Claims" means any and all causes of action or claims for relief, whether in law or equity, including but not limited to injunctive relief, actual damages, nominal damages, statutory damages, punitive damages, exemplary or multiplied damages, restitution, disgorgement, expenses, attorneys' fees and costs, and/or any other form of consideration whatsoever (including "Unknown Claims" as defined below), whether in law or in equity, accrued or un-accrued, direct, individual or representative, of every nature and description whatsoever, that were brought or could have been brought in the Action relating to any and all

Releasing Parties, any NYT Subscription associated with any of them, or that in any way relate to or arise out of Defendant's automatic renewal and/or continuous service programs in California from June 17, 2016 to date of entry of judgment in this action, including but not limited to any of the facts, transactions, events, matters, occurrences, acts, disclosures, statements, representations, omissions or failures to act related thereto.

- 1.31 "Released Parties" means The New York Times Company, as well as any and all of its respective present or past heirs, executors, estates, administrators, predecessors, successors, assigns, parent companies, subsidiaries, licensors, licensees, associates, affiliates, employers, agents, consultants, independent contractors, insurers, and customers, including without limitation employees of the foregoing, directors, managing directors, officers, partners, principals, members, attorneys, accountants, financial and other advisors, underwriters, shareholders, lenders, auditors, investment advisors, legal representatives, successors in interest, assigns and companies, firms, trusts, and corporations.
- 1.32 "Releasing Parties" means Plaintiff, those Settlement Class Members who do not timely opt out of the Settlement Class, and all of their respective present or past heirs, executors, estates, administrators, predecessors, successors, assigns, parent companies, subsidiaries, associates, affiliates, employers, employees, agents, consultants, independent contractors, insurers, directors, managing directors, officers, partners, principals, members, attorneys, accountants, financial and other advisors, underwriters, shareholders, lenders, auditors, investment advisors, legal representatives, successors in interest, assigns and companies, firms, trusts, and corporations.
- 1.33 "Settlement Administration Expenses" means the expenses actually incurred by the Settlement Administrator in providing Notice (including CAFA notice), processing claims, responding to inquiries from members of the Settlement Class, mailing checks for Approved

Claims, and related services, paying taxes and tax expenses related to the Settlement Fund (including all federal, state or local taxes of any kind and interest or penalties thereon, as well as expenses incurred in connection with determining the amount of and paying any taxes owed and expenses related to any tax attorneys and accountants), as well as all expenses related to the resolution of any disputed claims by Jill Sperber, Esq., as described below in paragraph 5.3.

- 1.34 "Settlement Administrator" means JND Legal Administration, or such other reputable administration company that has been selected jointly by the Parties and approved by the Court to perform the duties set forth in this Agreement, including but not limited to serving as Escrow Agent for the Settlement Fund, overseeing the distribution of Notice, as well as the processing and payment of Approved Claims to the Settlement Class as set forth in this Agreement, handing all approved payments out of the Settlement Fund, and handling the determination, payment and filing of forms related to all federal, state and/or local taxes of any kind (including any interest or penalties thereon) that may be owed on any income earned by the Settlement Fund. Class Counsel's assent to this Agreement shall constitute consent on behalf of each and every member of the Settlement Class as defined herein to disclose all information required by the Settlement Administrator to perform the duties and functions ascribed to it herein.
- 1.35 "Settlement Class" means all Persons who, from June 17, 2016, to and through May 12, 2021, enrolled in an automatically renewing NYT Subscription directly through NYT using a California billing and/or delivery address, and who were charged and paid an automatic renewal fee(s) in connection with such subscription. Excluded from the Settlement Class are: (1) any Judge or Magistrate presiding over this Action and members of their families; (2) Defendant, Defendant's subsidiaries, parent companies, successors, predecessors, and any entity in which Defendant or its parents have a controlling interest and their current or former officers, directors,

agents, attorneys, and employees; (3) Persons who properly execute and file a timely request for exclusion from the class; and (4) the legal representatives, successors or assigns of any excluded Persons.

- **1.36** "Settlement Class Member" means a Person who falls within the definition of the Settlement Class.
- 1.37 "Settlement Fund" means the non-reversionary total cash fund that shall be established by Defendant for purposes of this settlement in the total amount of \$2,375,000 USD to be deposited into the Escrow Account, according to the schedule set forth herein, plus all interest earned thereon. The Settlement Fund represents the total extent of Defendant's monetary obligations under this Agreement. The Settlement Fund shall be used for payment of the following: (i) Approved Claims submitted by Settlement Class Members; (ii) the Settlement Administration Expenses; (iii) any Fee Award to Class Counsel; and (iv) any Incentive Award to the Class Representative, not to exceed \$5,000, as may be ordered by the Court. The Settlement Fund shall be kept in the Escrow Account with permissions granted to the Settlement Administrator to access said funds until such time as the listed payments are made. The Settlement Fund includes all interest that shall accrue on the sums deposited in the Escrow Account. The Settlement Administrator shall be responsible for all tax filings with respect to any earnings on the Settlement Fund and the payment of all taxes that may be due on such earnings. The payment of the Settlement Amount by Defendant fully discharges the Defendant and the other Released Parties' financial obligations (if any) in connection with the Settlement, meaning that no Released Party shall have any other obligation to make any payment into the Escrow Account or to any Class Member, or any other Person, under this Agreement. In no event shall the total monetary obligation with respect to this Agreement on behalf of Defendant exceed two million three hundred seventy five thousand dollars (\$2,375,000).

- 1.38 "Settlement Website" means a website to be established, operated, and maintained by the Settlement Administrator for purposes of providing notice and otherwise making available to the Settlement Class Members the documents, information, and online claims submission process referenced in paragraphs 2.1(b) through 2.1(d), below.
- 1.39 "Unknown Claims" means claims that could have been raised in the Action and that any or all of the Releasing Parties do not know or suspect to exist, which, if known by him or her, might affect his or her agreement to release the Released Parties or the Released Claims or might affect his or her decision to agree, object, or not to object to the Settlement. Upon the Effective Date, the Releasing Parties will be deemed to have, and will have, expressly waived and relinquished, to the fullest extent permitted by law, the provisions, rights, and benefits of § 1542 of the California Civil Code, which provides as follows:

A GENERAL RELEASE DOES NOT EXTEND TO CLAIMS WHICH THE CREDITOR DOES NOT KNOW OR SUSPECT TO EXIST IN HIS OR HER FAVOR AT THE TIME OF EXECUTING THE RELEASE, WHICH IF KNOWN BY HIM OR HER MUST HAVE MATERIALLY AFFECTED HIS OR HER SETTLEMENT WITH THE DEBTOR.

Upon the Effective Date, the Releasing Parties also will be deemed to have, and will have, waived any and all provisions, rights, and benefits conferred by any law of any state or territory of the United States, or principle of common law, or the law of any jurisdiction outside of the United States, which is similar, comparable, or equivalent to § 1542 of the California Civil Code. The Releasing Parties acknowledge that they may discover facts in addition to or different from those that they now know or believe to be true with respect to the subject matter of this release, but that it is their intention to finally and forever settle and release the Released Claims, notwithstanding any Unknown Claims they may have, as that term is defined in this paragraph.

2. SETTLEMENT RELIEF.

2.1 Payment to Settlement Class Members.

- (a) Defendant shall cause to be paid into the Escrow Account the amount of the Settlement Fund (\$2,375,000 USD), specified in paragraph 1.37 of this Agreement, within twenty-eight (28) business days after Preliminary Approval.
- (b) Settlement Class Members shall have until the Claims Deadline to submit a Claim Form for approval by the Settlement Administrator as an Approved Claim. Each Settlement Class Member who submits an Approved Claim will receive a *pro rata* payment from the Net Settlement Fund in the form of a check, issued and mailed by the Settlement Administrator within 60 days of the Effective Date.
- (c) The Settlement Administrator will be responsible for reviewing all claims to determine their validity. The Settlement Administrator will reject any claim that does not comply in any material respect with the instructions on the Claim Form or the terms of paragraphs 1.3 and 1.4, above, or is submitted after the Claims Deadline. Defendant has the right to audit the claims process for evidence of fraud or error; provided, however, that the Settlement Administrator or the Court shall be the final arbiter of a claim's validity.
- (d) Each claimant who submits an invalid Claim Form to the Settlement

 Administrator must be given a notice of the Claim Form's deficiency and an opportunity to cure
 the deficiency within 21 days of the date of the notice.
- (e) All cash payments issued to Settlement Class Members via check will state on the face of the check that it will expire and become null and void unless cashed within one hundred and eighty (180) days after the date of issuance. If a check issued to a Settlement Class Member is not cashed within one hundred and eighty (180) days after the date of issuance, such funds shall revert to the Legal Aid Association of California, a non-sectarian, not-for-profit

organization that principally operates in California, or another non-sectarian, not-for-profit organization(s) recommended by Class Counsel and Defendant, and as approved by the Court.

2.2 Practice Changes. Defendant already has revised the presentation and wording of the automatic renewal terms on the checkout pages in its mobile and desktop platforms and in its direct mail offers to be consistent with the requirements of Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17602(a)(1)-(2). Defendant also now provides consumers who submit an order for a new automatically renewing subscription with an e-mail or paper acknowledgment (appropriate to the method of subscription) that includes the automatic renewal terms, cancellation policy, and information regarding how to cancel in a manner that is capable of being retained by the consumer, consistent with Bus. & Prof. Code § 17602(c).

3. RELEASE.

- **3.1** The obligations incurred pursuant to this Settlement Agreement shall be a full and final disposition of the Action and any and all Released Claims, as against all Released Parties.
- **3.2** Upon the Effective Date, the Releasing Parties, and each of them, shall be deemed to have, and by operation of the Final Judgment shall have, fully, finally, and forever released, relinquished, and discharged all Released Claims against the Released Parties, and each of them.
- 3.3 Plaintiff, the Settlement Class and the Releasing Parties each individually covenant not to bring any Released Claim and expressly agree that this Release will be, and may be raised as, a complete defense to and will preclude any action or proceeding encompassed by the release(s) contained herein in respect to any NYT Subscription associated with a Class Member.

4. NOTICE TO THE CLASS.

4.1 The Notice Plan shall consist of the following:

- (a) Settlement Class List. Defendant shall produce an electronic list from its records that includes the names, and last known e-mail and U.S. Mail addresses that, according to its records, belong to Persons with NYT Subscriptions within the Settlement Class. This electronic document shall be called the "Class List," and shall be provided to the Settlement Administrator with a copy to Class Counsel. In no event shall the Class List be provided to the Settlement Administrator later than fourteen (14) days prior to the date Notice shall be disseminated. This Class List is confidential and shall not be used for any other purposes beyond providing notice to the Settlement Class and assisting with the determination of valid claims. Class Counsel's assent to this Agreement shall constitute consent on behalf of each and every member of the Settlement Class as defined herein to disclose this information as stated in this paragraph.
- eight (28) days from entry of the Preliminary Approval Order, the Settlement Administrator shall send notice to the Class Members via email in the form attached as **Exhibit B**, along with an electronic link to the Claim Form, to all Settlement Class Members for whom a valid email address is in the Class List. If an email notice to a Settlement Class Member is returned as non-deliverable, the Settlement Administrator shall send the notice in the form attached as **Exhibit** C to the Settlement Class Member's billing or mailing address via First Class U.S. Mail, together with a postcard Claim Form with return postage prepaid. For Settlement Class Members without an email address, the Settlement Administrator shall send the Notice via First Class U.S. Mail, together with a postcard Claim Form with return postage prepaid.
- (c) If any Notice is returned as non-deliverable, and a forwarding address is provided, the Settlement Administrator shall re-mail the Notice to the forwarding address within five (5) business days. If any Notice is returned as non-deliverable, and no forwarding address

is provided, the Settlement Administrator shall attempt to ascertain a valid address for the affected Settlement Class Member by seeking change of address information through the U.S. Postal Service's National Change of Address Link, and shall re-mail the Notice within five (5) business days to the address(es) that are found. The Settlement Administrator shall have no obligation to send Notices beyond those obligations specified herein.

- Approval Order, Notice shall be provided on a website at an available URL (such as, for example, www.CArenewalsettlementNYT.com) which shall be obtained, administered and maintained by the Settlement Administrator and shall include the ability to file Claim Forms online, provided that such Claim Forms, if signed electronically, will be binding for purposes of applicable law and contain a statement to that effect. The Notice provided on the Settlement Website shall be substantially in the form of **Exhibit D** hereto.
- (e) CAFA Notice. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1715, not later than ten (10) days after the Agreement is filed with the Court, the Settlement Administrator shall cause to be served upon the Attorney General of the United States, and any other required government official, notice of the proposed settlement as required by law, subject to paragraph 5.1 below.
- 4.2 The Notice shall advise the Settlement Class of their rights, including the rights to be excluded from or object to the Settlement Agreement or any of its terms. The Notice shall specify that any objection to the Settlement Agreement, and any papers submitted in support of said objection, shall be considered by the Court at the Final Approval Hearing only if, on or before the Objection/Exclusion Deadline approved by the Court and specified in the Notice, the Person making the objection files notice of an intention to do so and at the same time (a) files copies of such papers he or she proposes to be submitted at the Final Approval Hearing with the Clerk of the Court, or alternatively, if the objection is from a Class Member represented by

counsel, files any objection through the Court's CM/ECF system, and (b) sends copies of such papers by mail, hand, or overnight delivery service to Class Counsel and Defendant's Counsel.

- 4.3 Any Settlement Class Member who intends to object to this Agreement must present the objection in writing to the Settlement Administrator, postmarked on or before the Objection/Exclusion deadline approved by the Court and specified in the Notice, which must be personally signed by the objector, and must include: (1) the objector's name and address; (2) an explanation of the basis upon which the objector claims to be a Settlement Class Member; (3) all grounds for the objection, including all citations to legal authority and evidence supporting the objection; (4) the name and contact information of any and all attorneys representing, advising, or in any way assisting the objector in connection with the preparation or submission of the objection or who may profit from the pursuit of the objection (the "Objecting Attorneys"); and (5) a statement indicating whether the objector intends to appear at the Final Approval Hearing (either personally or through counsel who files an appearance with the Court in accordance with the Local Rules).
- 4.4 If a Settlement Class Member or any of the Objecting Attorneys has objected to any class action settlement where the objector or the Objecting Attorneys asked for or received any payment in exchange for dismissal of the objection, or any related appeal, without any modification to the settlement, then the objection must include a statement identifying each such case by full case caption and amount of payment received.
- 4.5 A Settlement Class Member may request to be excluded from the Settlement Class by sending a written request postmarked on or before the Objection/Exclusion Deadline approved by the Court and specified in the Notice. To exercise the right to be excluded, a Person in the Settlement Class must timely send a written request for exclusion to the Settlement Administrator providing his/her name and address, a signature, the name and number of the case,

and a statement that he or she wishes to be excluded from the Settlement Class for purposes of this Settlement. A request to be excluded that does not include all of this information, or that is sent to an address other than that designated in the Notice, or that is not postmarked within the time specified, shall be invalid, and the Person(s) serving such a request shall be a member(s) of the Settlement Class and shall be bound as a Settlement Class Member by this Agreement, if approved. Any member of the Settlement Class who validly elects to be excluded from this Agreement shall not: (i) be bound by any orders or the Final Judgment; (ii) be entitled to relief under this Settlement Agreement; (iii) gain any rights by virtue of this Agreement; or (iv) be entitled to object to any aspect of this Agreement. The request for exclusion must be personally signed by each Person requesting exclusion. So-called "mass" or "class" opt-outs shall not be allowed. To be valid, a request for exclusion must be postmarked or received by the date specified in the Notice. Upon receiving any request(s) for exclusion, the Settlement Administrator shall stamp on the original the date it was received and shall promptly notify Class Counsel and Defendant's Counsel of such request(s) no later than two (2) calendar days after receiving any request. The Settlement Administrator shall indicate whether such request is timely received, and provide copies of the request(s) for exclusion, the mailing envelope, and any accompanying documentation, by email.

4.6 The Final Approval Hearing shall be no earlier than one hundred and thirty five(135) days after the date Preliminary Approval is granted.

5. SETTLEMENT ADMINISTRATION.

5.1 The Settlement Administrator shall, under the supervision of the Court, administer the relief provided by this Settlement Agreement by processing Claim Forms in a rational, responsive, cost effective, and timely manner, consistent with the terms of this Agreement. The Settlement Administrator shall maintain reasonably detailed records of its activities under this

Agreement. The Settlement Administrator shall maintain all such records as are required by applicable law in accordance with its normal business practices and such records will be made available to Class Counsel and Defendant's Counsel upon request. The Settlement Administrator shall also provide reports and other information to the Court as the Court may require. The Settlement Administrator shall provide Class Counsel and Defendant's Counsel with regular reports at weekly intervals containing information concerning Notice, administration, and implementation of the Settlement Agreement. Should the Court request, the Parties shall submit a timely report to the Court summarizing the work performed by the Settlement Administrator, including a report of all amounts from the Settlement Fund paid to Settlement Class Members on account of Approved Claims. Without limiting the foregoing, the

- (a) Forward to Defendant's Counsel, with copies to Class Counsel, all original documents and other materials received in connection with the administration of the Settlement, and all copies thereof, within thirty (30) days after the date on which all Claim Forms have been finally approved or disallowed in accordance with the terms of this Agreement;
- (b) Provide Class Counsel and Defendant's Counsel with drafts of all administration related documents, including but not limited to CAFA Notices, follow-up class notices or communications with Settlement Class Members, telephone scripts, website postings or language or other communications with the Settlement Class, at least five (5) days before the Settlement Administrator is required to or intends to publish or use such communications, unless Class Counsel and Defendant's Counsel agree to waive this requirement in writing on a case by case basis;
- (c) Receive requests to be excluded from the Settlement Class and other requests and promptly provide to Class Counsel and Defendant's Counsel copies thereof. If the

Settlement Administrator receives any exclusion forms or other requests after the deadline for the submission of such forms and requests, the Settlement Administrator shall promptly provide copies thereof to Class Counsel and Defendant's Counsel;

- (d) Provide weekly reports to Class Counsel and Defendant's Counsel, including without limitation, reports regarding the number of Claim Forms received, the number approved by the Settlement Administrator, and the categorization and description of Claim Forms rejected, in whole or in part, by the Settlement Administrator; and
- (e) Make available for inspection by Class Counsel or Defendant's Counsel the Claim Forms received by the Settlement Administrator at any time upon reasonable notice.
- 5.2 The Settlement Administrator shall be obliged to employ reasonable procedures to screen claims for abuse or fraud and deny Claim Forms where there is evidence of abuse or fraud. The Settlement Administrator shall determine whether a Claim Form submitted by a Settlement Class Member is an Approved Claim by determining if the Person is on the Class List and shall reject Claim Forms that fail to (a) comply with the instructions on the Claim Form or the terms of this Agreement, or (b) provide full and complete information as requested on the Claim Form. If a Person submits a timely Claim Form by the Claims Deadline where the Person appears on the Class List but the Claim Form is not otherwise complete, then the Settlement Administrator shall give such Person one (1) reasonable opportunity to provide any requested missing information, which information must be received by the Settlement Administrator no later than thirty (30) calendar days after the Claims Deadline. If the Settlement Administrator receives such information more than thirty (30) days after the Claims Deadline, then any such claim shall be denied. The Settlement Administrator may contact any Person who has submitted a Claim Form to obtain additional information necessary to verify the Claim Form.

- 5.3 Defendant's Counsel and Class Counsel shall have the right to challenge the acceptance or rejection of a Claim Form submitted by Settlement Class Members. The Settlement Administrator shall follow any agreed decisions of Class Counsel and Defendant's Counsel as to the validity of any disputed submitted Claim Form. To the extent Class Counsel and Defendant's Counsel are not able to agree on the disposition of a challenge, the disputed claim shall be submitted to Jill Sperber, Esq. of Judicate West. Ms. Sperber will charge the Judicate West hourly rate for providing such services to the Settlement Class, and all expenses related thereto will be paid by the Settlement Administrator from the Settlement Fund.
- 5.4 In the exercise of its duties outlined in this Agreement, the Settlement

 Administrator shall have the right to reasonably request additional information from the Parties
 or any Settlement Class Member.
- 5.5. Defendant, the Released Parties, and Defendant's Counsel shall have no responsibility for, interest in, or liability whatsoever with respect to: (i) any act, omission, or determination by Class Counsel, or the Claims Administrator, or any of their respective designees or agents, in connection with the administration of the settlement or otherwise; (ii) the management, investment, or distribution of the Settlement Fund; (iii) the allocation of Net Settlement Funds to Settlement Class Members or the implementation, administration, calculation or interpretation thereof; (iv) the determination, administration, calculation, or payment of any claims asserted against the Settlement Fund; (v) any losses suffered by, or fluctuations in value of, the Settlement Fund; or (vi) the payment, reporting, or withholding of any taxes, tax expenses, or costs incurred in connection with the taxation of the Settlement Fund or the filing of any federal, state, or local returns.
- **5.7**. To allow a calculation of the *pro rata* payments to Settlement Class Members, no later than twenty-one (21) days before any distribution of Settlement Funds must occur, the

Settlement Administrator shall submit to Class Counsel and Defendant's Counsel a final and total invoice for all of the Settlement Administrator's services.

5.8. All taxes and tax expenses shall be paid out of the Settlement Fund, and shall be timely paid by the Settlement Administrator pursuant to this Agreement and without further order of the Court. Any tax returns or reporting forms prepared for the Settlement Fund (as well as the election set forth therein) shall be consistent with this Agreement and in all events shall reflect that all taxes on the income earned by the Settlement Fund shall be paid out of the Settlement Fund as provided herein. The Released Parties shall have no responsibility or liability for the acts or omissions of the Settlement Administrator or its agents with respect to the reporting or payment of taxes or tax expenses.

6. TERMINATION OF SETTLEMENT.

- 6.1 Subject to paragraphs 9.1-9.2 below, Defendant or the Class Representative on behalf of the Settlement Class, shall have the right to terminate this Agreement by providing written notice of the election to do so ("Termination Notice") to all other Parties hereto within twenty-one (21) days of any of the following events: (i) the Court's refusal to grant Preliminary Approval of this Agreement in any material respect; (ii) the Court's refusal to grant Final Approval of this Agreement in any material respect; (iii) the Court's refusal to enter the Final Judgment in this Action in any material respect; (iv) the date upon which the Final Judgment is vacated, modified or reversed in any material respect by the Court, the Court of Appeals or the Supreme Court; or (v) the date upon which an Alternate Judgment, as defined in paragraph 9.1(d) of this Agreement is vacated, modified or reversed in any material respect by the Court, the Court of Appeals or the Supreme Court.
- 6.2 If, prior to the filing of the Final Approval Motion, Persons who otherwise would be members of the Settlement Class have timely requested exclusion from the Settlement Class

in accordance with the provisions of the Notice, and such Persons in the aggregate constitute more than one-half of a percent (.5%) of the Settlement Class, Defendant shall have, in its sole and absolute discretion, the option to terminate this settlement by giving notice as set forth in paragraph 6.1.

7. PRELIMINARY APPROVAL ORDER AND FINAL APPROVAL ORDER.

- submit this Agreement together with its Exhibits to the Court and shall move the Court for Preliminary Approval of the settlement set forth in this Agreement; certification of the Settlement Class for settlement purposes only; appointment of Class Counsel and the Class Representative; and entry of a Preliminary Approval Order substantially in the form of Exhibit F hereto, which order shall set a Final Approval Hearing date and approve the Notice and Claim Form for dissemination substantially in the form of Exhibits A, B, C, and D hereto. The Preliminary Approval Order shall also authorize the Parties, without further approval from the Court, to agree to and adopt such amendments, modifications and expansions of the Settlement Agreement and its implementing documents (including all Exhibits to this Agreement) so long as they are consistent in all material respects with the terms of the Settlement Agreement and do not limit or impair the rights of the Settlement Class or materially expand the obligations of Defendant.
- 7.2 At the time of the submission of this Agreement to the Court as described above, Class Counsel shall request that, after Notice is given, the Court hold a Final Approval Hearing and approve the settlement of the Action as set forth herein.
- 7.3 After Notice is given, the Parties shall request and seek to obtain from the Court a Final Judgment substantially in the form of **Exhibit G** hereto, which will (among other things):

- (a) find that the Court has personal jurisdiction over all Settlement Class

 Members and that the Court has subject matter jurisdiction to approve the Agreement, including all Exhibits thereto;
- (b) approve the Settlement Agreement and the proposed settlement as fair, reasonable, and adequate as to, and in the best interests of, the Settlement Class Members; direct the Parties and their counsel to implement and consummate the Agreement according to its terms and provisions; and declare the Agreement to be binding on, and have *res judicata* and preclusive effect in all pending and future lawsuits or other proceedings maintained by or on behalf of Plaintiffs and Releasing Parties;
- (c) find that the Notice implemented pursuant to the Agreement

 (1) constitutes the best practicable notice under the circumstances; (2) constitutes notice that is reasonably calculated, under the circumstances, to apprise the Settlement Class of the pendency of the Action, their right to object to or exclude themselves from the proposed Agreement, and to appear at the Final Approval Hearing; (3) is reasonable and constitutes due, adequate, and sufficient notice to all persons entitled to receive notice; and (4) meets all applicable requirements of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the Due Process Clause of the United States Constitution, and the rules of the Court;
- (d) find that the prerequisites for a class action under Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(a) and Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(b) have been satisfied for settlement purposes for the Settlement Class in that:

 (1) the number of Settlement Class Members is so numerous that joinder of all members thereof is impracticable; (2) there are questions of law and fact common to the Settlement Class Members; (3) the claims of the Class Representative are typical of the claims of the Settlement Class they seek to represent; (4) the Class Representative has and will continue to fairly and adequately represent the interests of the Settlement Class for purposes of entering into the

Settlement Agreement; (5) the questions of law and fact common to Settlement Class Members predominate over any questions affecting any individual Settlement Class Member; (6) the Settlement Class is ascertainable; and (7) a class action is superior to the other available methods for the fair and efficient adjudication of the controversy.

- (e) dismiss the Action (including all individual claims and Settlement Class Claims presented thereby) on the merits and with prejudice, without fees or costs to any party except as provided in the Settlement Agreement;
- (f) incorporate the Release set forth above, make the Release effective as of the date of the Effective Date, and forever discharge the Released Parties as set forth herein;
- (g) permanently bar and enjoin all Settlement Class Members from filing, commencing, prosecuting, intervening in, or participating (as class members or otherwise) in any lawsuit or other action in any jurisdiction based on the Released Claims;
- (h) without affecting the finality of the Final Judgment for purposes of appeal, retain jurisdiction as to all matters relating to administration, consummation, enforcement, and interpretation of the Settlement Agreement and the Final Judgment, and for any other necessary purpose;
 - (i) close the case; and
- (j) incorporate any other provisions, as the Court deems necessary and just, provided that such other provisions do not materially abridge, enlarge or modify any rights or responsibilities of the Released Parties or Settlement Class Members under this Agreement.

8. CLASS COUNSEL'S ATTORNEYS' FEES AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES; INCENTIVE AWARD.

8.1 Defendant agrees that Class Counsel may receive from the Settlement Fund, subject to Court approval, attorneys' fees, costs, and expenses not to exceed one third of the Settlement Fund. Plaintiff will petition the Court for an award of such attorneys' fees, costs, and

expenses, and Defendant agrees to not object to or otherwise challenge, directly or indirectly, Class Counsel's petition for attorneys' fees, costs, and expenses if limited to this amount. Class Counsel, in turn, agrees to seek no more than this amount from the Court in attorneys' fees, costs, and expenses. Payment of the Fee Award shall be made from the Settlement Fund and should the Court award less than the amount sought by Class Counsel, the difference in the amount sought and the amount ultimately awarded pursuant to this paragraph shall remain in the Settlement Fund for *pro rata* distribution to Settlement Class Members in distributions for Approved Claims.

- business days after entry of the Court's Final Judgment, subject to Class Counsel executing the Undertaking Regarding Attorneys' Fees and Costs (the "Undertaking") attached hereto as Exhibit E, and providing all payment routing information and tax I.D. numbers for Class Counsel. Payment of the Fee Award shall be made from the Settlement Fund by wire transfer to Bursor & Fisher, P.A., in accordance with wire instructions to be provided by Bursor & Fisher, P.A., and completion of necessary forms, including but not limited to W-9 forms.

 Notwithstanding the foregoing, if for any reason the Final Judgment is reversed or rendered void as a result of an appeal(s) then Class Counsel shall return such funds to the Defendant plus interest. Additionally, should any parties to the Undertaking dissolve, merge, declare bankruptcy, become insolvent, or cease to exist prior to the final payment to Class Members, those parties shall execute a new undertaking guaranteeing repayment of funds within 14 days of such an occurrence.
- **8.3** Defendant agrees that, subject to Court approval, the Settlement Administrator may pay an Incentive Award to the Class Representative from the Settlement Fund, in addition to any settlement payment as a result of a valid claim pursuant to this Agreement, in the amount of

up to five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00). Defendant shall not object to or otherwise challenge, directly or indirectly, Class Counsel's application for the Incentive Award to the Class Representative if limited to this amount. Class Counsel, in turn, agrees to seek no more than this amount from the Court as the Incentive Award for the Class Representative. Should the Court award less than this amount, the difference in the amount sought and the amount ultimately awarded pursuant to this paragraph shall remain in the Settlement Fund for *pro rata* distribution to Settlement Class Members for Approved Claims. Such Incentive Award shall be paid from the Settlement Fund (in the form of a check to the Class Representative that is sent care of Class Counsel), within five (5) business days after entry of the Final Judgment if there have been no objections to the Settlement Agreement, and, if there have been such objections, within five (5) business days after the Effective Date.

9. CONDITIONS OF SETTLEMENT, EFFECT OF DISAPPROVAL, CANCELLATION OR TERMINATION.

- 9.1 The Effective Date of this Settlement Agreement shall not occur unless and until ten (10) days after each of the following events occurs and shall be the date upon which the last (in time) of the following events occurs:
 - (a) The Parties and their counsel have executed this Agreement;
 - **(b)** The Court has entered the Preliminary Approval Order;
- (c) The Court has entered an order finally approving the Agreement,
 following Notice to the Settlement Class and a Final Approval Hearing, as provided in the
 Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and has entered the Final Judgment, or a judgment consistent
 with this Agreement in all material respects; and
- (d) The Final Judgment has become Final, as defined above, or, if the Court enters an Alternate Judgment, such Alternate Judgment becomes Final.

- 9.2 If some or all of the conditions specified in paragraph 9.1 are not met, or if this Agreement is not approved by the Court, or the settlement set forth in this Agreement is terminated or fails to become effective in accordance with its terms, then this Settlement Agreement shall be canceled and terminated subject to paragraph 6.1 unless Class Counsel and Defendant's Counsel mutually agree in writing to proceed with this Agreement. If any Party is in material breach of the terms hereof, any other Party, provided that it is in substantial compliance with the terms of this Agreement, may terminate this Agreement on notice to all of the Settling Parties. Notwithstanding anything herein, the Parties agree that the Court's failure to approve, in whole or in part, Class Counsel's request for payment of attorneys' fees, costs and/or expenses and/or the request for Incentive Award payments set forth in paragraph 8.3 above shall not prevent the Agreement from becoming effective, nor shall it be grounds for termination.
- 9.3 If this Agreement is terminated or fails to become effective for the reasons set forth in paragraphs 6.1 or 6.2 and/or 9.1-9.2 above, the Parties shall be restored to their respective positions in the Action as of the moment just prior to the signing of this Agreement. In such event, any Final Judgment or other order entered by the Court in accordance with the terms of this Agreement shall be treated as vacated, *nunc pro tunc*, and the Parties shall be returned to the *status quo ante* with respect to the Action as if this Agreement had never been entered into. Within five (5) business days after written notification of termination as provided in this Agreement is sent to the other Parties, the Settlement Fund (including accrued interest thereon), less any Settlement Administration costs actually incurred, paid or payable and less any taxes and tax expenses paid, due or owing, shall be refunded by the Settlement Administrator to Defendant, based upon written instructions provided by Defendant's Counsel. If the Final Settlement Order and Judgment or any part of it is vacated, overturned, reversed, or rendered void as a result of an appeal, or the Settlement Agreement is voided, rescinded, or otherwise

terminated for any other reason, Class Counsel shall, within thirty (30) days repay to Defendant, based upon written instructions provided by Defendant's Counsel, the full amount of the attorneys' fees and costs paid to Class Counsel from the Settlement Fund, plus interest. If the attorney fees and costs awarded by the Court or any part of them are vacated, modified, reversed, or rendered void as a result of an appeal, Class Counsel shall within thirty (30) days repay to Defendant, based upon written instructions provided by Defendant's Counsel, the attorneys' fees and costs paid to Class Counsel and/or Class Representative from the Settlement Fund, in the amount vacated or modified, plus interest.

10. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.

- Agreement; and (b) agree, subject to their fiduciary and other legal obligations, to cooperate to the extent reasonably necessary to effectuate and implement all terms and conditions of this Agreement, to exercise their reasonable best efforts to accomplish the foregoing terms and conditions of this Agreement, to secure final approval, and to defend the Final Judgment through any and all appeals. Class Counsel and Defendant's Counsel agree to cooperate with one another in seeking Court approval of the Settlement Agreement, entry of the Preliminary Approval Order, and the Final Judgment, and promptly to agree upon and execute all such other documentation as may be reasonably required to obtain final approval of the Agreement.
- 10.2 The Parties intend this Settlement Agreement to be a final and complete resolution of all disputes between them with respect to the Released Claims by Plaintiffs, the Settlement Class and each or any of them, on the one hand, against the Released Parties, and each or any of the Released Parties, on the other hand.
- 10.3 The Parties have relied upon the advice and representation of counsel, selected by them, concerning their respective legal liability for the claims hereby released. The Parties have

read and understand fully the above and foregoing agreement and have been fully advised as to the legal effect thereof by counsel of their own selection and intend to be legally bound by the same.

- 10.4 Whether or not the Effective Date occurs or the Settlement Agreement is terminated, neither this Agreement nor the settlement contained herein or any term, provision or definition therein, nor any act or communication performed or document executed in the course of negotiating, implementing or seeking approval pursuant to or in furtherance of this Agreement or the settlement:
- (a) is, may be deemed, or shall be used, offered or received in any civil, criminal or administrative proceeding in any court, administrative agency, arbitral proceeding or other tribunal against the Released Parties, or each or any of them, as an admission, concession or evidence of, the validity of any Released Claims, the truth of any fact alleged by the Plaintiff, the deficiency of any defense that has been or could have been asserted in the Action, the violation of any law or statute, the definition or scope of any term or provision, the reasonableness of the settlement amount or the Fee Award, or of any alleged wrongdoing, liability, negligence, or fault of the Released Parties, or any of them. Defendant, while continuing to deny all allegations of wrongdoing and disclaiming all liability with respect to all claims, considers it desirable to resolve the action on the terms stated herein to avoid further expense, inconvenience, and burden, and therefore has determined that this settlement is in Defendant's best interests. Any public statements made by Plaintiffs or Class Counsel will be consistent with this paragraph and Class Counsel will not issue any press release concerning this Agreement or the settlement contained herein;
- **(b)** is, may be deemed, or shall be used, offered or received against any Released Party, as an admission, concession or evidence of any fault, misrepresentation or

omission with respect to any statement or written document approved or made by the Released Parties, or any of them;

- Released Parties, or each or any of them, as an admission or concession with respect to any liability, negligence, fault or wrongdoing or statutory meaning as against any Released Parties, or supporting the certification of a litigation class, in any civil, criminal or administrative proceeding in any court, administrative agency or other tribunal. However, the settlement, this Agreement, and any acts performed and/or documents executed in furtherance of or pursuant to this Agreement and/or Settlement may be used in any proceedings as may be necessary to effectuate the provisions of this Agreement. Further, if this Settlement Agreement is approved by the Court, any Party or any of the Released Parties may file this Agreement and/or the Final Judgment in any action that may be brought against such Party or Parties in order to support a defense or counterclaim based on principles of *res judicata*, collateral estoppel, release, good faith settlement, judgment bar or reduction, or any other theory of claim preclusion or issue preclusion or similar defense or counterclaim;
- (d) is, may be deemed, or shall be construed against Plaintiffs, the Settlement Class, the Releasing Parties, or each or any of them, or against the Released Parties, or each or any of them, as an admission or concession that the consideration to be given hereunder represents an amount equal to, less than or greater than that amount that could have or would have been recovered after trial; and
- (e) is, may be deemed, or shall be construed as or received in evidence as an admission or concession against Plaintiffs, the Settlement Class, the Releasing Parties, or each and any of them, or against the Released Parties, or each or any of them, that any of Plaintiffs'

claims are with or without merit or that damages recoverable in the Action would have exceeded or would have been less than any particular amount.

- 10.5 The Parties acknowledge that (a) any certification of the Settlement Class as set forth in this Agreement, including certification of the Settlement Class for settlement purposes in the context of Preliminary Approval, shall not be deemed a concession that certification of a litigation class is appropriate, or that the Settlement Class definition would be appropriate for a litigation class, nor would Defendant be precluded from challenging class certification in further proceedings in the Action or in any other action if the Settlement Agreement is not finalized or finally approved; (b) if the Settlement Agreement is not finally approved by the Court for any reason whatsoever, then any certification of the Settlement Class will be void, the Parties and the Action shall be restored to the status quo ante, and no doctrine of waiver, estoppel or preclusion will be asserted in any litigated certification proceedings in the Action or in any other action; and (c) no agreements made by or entered into by Defendant in connection with the Settlement may be used by Plaintiffs, any person in the Settlement Class, or any other person to establish any of the elements of class certification in any litigated certification proceedings, whether in the Action or any other judicial proceeding.
- 10.6. No person or entity shall have any claim against the Class Representative, Class Counsel, the Settlement Administrator or any other agent designated by Class Counsel, or the Released Parties and/or their counsel, arising from distributions made substantially in accordance with this Agreement. The Parties and their respective counsel, and all other Released Parties shall have no liability whatsoever for the investment or distribution of the Settlement Fund or the determination, administration, calculation, or payment of any claim or nonperformance of the Settlement Administrator, the payment or withholding of taxes (including interest and penalties) owed by the Settlement Fund, or any losses incurred in connection therewith.

- 10.7. All proceedings with respect to the administration, processing and determination of Claims and the determination of all controversies relating thereto, including but not limited to disputed questions of law and fact with respect to the validity of Claims, and the enforcement of the Release and Covenant not to Sue set forth herein, shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the Court, which shall have exclusive jurisdiction to protect and effectuate the Final Order and Judgment.
- 10.8 The headings used herein are used for the purpose of convenience only and are not meant to have legal effect.
- 10.9 The waiver by one Party of any breach of this Agreement by any other Party shall not be deemed as a waiver of any other prior or subsequent breaches of this Agreement.
- **10.10** All of the Exhibits to this Agreement are material and integral parts thereof and are fully incorporated herein by this reference.
- 10.11 This Agreement and its Exhibits set forth the entire agreement and understanding of the Parties with respect to the matters set forth herein, and supersede all prior negotiations, agreements, arrangements and undertakings with respect to the matters set forth herein. No representations, warranties or inducements have been made to any Party concerning this Settlement Agreement or its Exhibits other than the representations, warranties and covenants contained and memorialized in such documents. This Agreement may be amended or modified only by a written instrument signed by or on behalf of all Parties or their respective successors-in-interest.
 - **10.12** Except as otherwise provided herein, each Party shall bear its own costs.
- 10.13 Plaintiffs represent and warrant that they have not assigned any claim or right or interest therein as against the Released Parties to any other Person or Party and that they are fully entitled to release the same.

- 10.14 Each counsel or other Person executing this Settlement Agreement, any of its Exhibits, or any related settlement documents on behalf of any Party hereto, hereby warrants and represents that such Person has the full authority to do so and has the authority to take appropriate action required or permitted to be taken pursuant to the Agreement to effectuate its terms.
- 10.15 This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts. Signature by digital means, facsimile, or in PDF format will constitute sufficient execution of this Agreement. All executed counterparts and each of them shall be deemed to be one and the same instrument. A complete set of original executed counterparts shall be filed with the Court if the Court so requests.
- **10.16** This Settlement Agreement shall be binding upon, and inure to the benefit of, the successors and assigns of the Parties hereto and the Released Parties.
- 10.17 The Court shall retain jurisdiction with respect to implementation and enforcement of the terms of this Agreement, and all Parties hereto submit to the jurisdiction of the Court for purposes of implementing and enforcing the settlement embodied in this Agreement.
- 10.18 This Settlement Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the substantive laws of the State of New York without giving effect to its conflict of laws provisions.
- 10.19 This Agreement is deemed to have been prepared by counsel for all Parties, as a result of arm's-length negotiations among the Parties. Because all Parties have contributed substantially and materially to the preparation of this Agreement, it shall not be construed more strictly against one Party than another.

10.20 Where this Agreement requires notice to the Parties, such notice shall be sent to the undersigned counsel: Neal J. Deckant, Bursor & Fsher, P.A., 1990 North California Blvd., Suite 940, Walnut Creek, CA 94596, ndeckant@bursor.com; Kristen Rodriguez, Dentons US LLP, 1221 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York 10020, kristen.rodriguez@dentons.com; Dana R. Green, Counsel, The New York Times Company, Legal Department, 620 8th Avenue, New York, NY 10018, dana.green@nytimes.com.

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Apr 18, 2024 Dated:	MARIBEL MOSES				
	Maribel Moses By: Maribel Moses, individually and as representative of the Class				
Dated:	THE NEW YORK TIMES COMPANY				
	By:				
IT IS SO STIPULATED BY COUNSEL:					
Dated:	BURSOR & FISHER, P.A.				
	By: Neal Deckant (Apr 17, 2024 11:07 PDT) Neal J. Deckant				
Dated:	DENTONS US LLP				
	By: Kristen C. Rodriguez				

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IT IS SO STIPULATED BY COUNSEL:

Dated:	BURSOR & FISHER, P.A.
	Ву:
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Dated:	DENTONS US LLP
	By:Kristen C. Rodriguez

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Dated: April 18, 2024	DENTONS US LLP
	By: Washer C Rody

Kristen C. Rodriguez

NEW YORK TIMES SETTLEMENT CLAIM FORM

THIS CLAIM FORM MUST BE SUBMITTED ONLINE OR POSTMARKED BY [_____], 2024 AND MUST BE FULLY COMPLETED, BE SIGNED, AND MEET ALL CONDITIONS OF THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT.

Instructions: Fill out each section of this form and sign where indicated.

First Name:L	Last Name:	
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Class Member Verification: By submitting this Claim Forr the Settlement Class and that the following statements are		
☐ I enrolled in an automatically renewing New York Time or delivery address between June 17, 2016 and May 12, subscription.		
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Under penalty of perjury, all information in this Claim F	form is true and corre	ect to the best of my knowledge and belief.
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Before you complete and submit this Claim Form by mail or online, you should read and be familiar with the information contained in this notice and available at: www.CArenewalsettlementNYT.com.

The Settlement Administrator will review your Claim Form; you may be required to submit additional documentation to validate your claim. If accepted, you will be mailed a check for a *pro rata* share of the Settlement Fund. This process takes time, please be patient.

From:

To: JonQClassMember@domain.com

Re: Legal Notice of Class Action Settlement

NOTICE OF PROPOSED CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT

Moses v. The New York Times Company, Case No. 1:20-cv-04658-RA (United States District Court for the Southern District of New York)

This notice is to inform you of the settlement of a class action lawsuit against The New York Times Company ("NYT") that may affect your rights. California subscribers to NYT's digital, print, and standalone subscription offerings (the "NYT Subscriptions") allege that NYT automatically renewed their subscriptions and charged their payment methods without first providing certain disclosures and obtaining the requisite authorizations, in violation of California law. NYT denies these claims. The Court has not decided who is right. NYT chose to settle this case, without admitting liability, to focus time, effort, and resources on continuing to provide valued content to its readers, and not on additional legal fees and the uncertainty of litigation.

Am I a Class Member? Our records indicate you may be a Class Member. Class Members are all persons who, from June 17, 2016, to and through May 12, 2021, enrolled in an automatically renewing NYT Subscription directly through NYT using a California billing and/or delivery address, and who and were charged and paid an automatic renewal fee(s) in connection with such subscription.

What Can I Get? A Settlement Fund of \$2,375,000 has been established to pay all valid claims submitted by the Settlement Class, together with notice and administration expenses, approved attorneys' fees and costs, and an incentive award. If you are entitled to relief, you may submit a claim to receive a *pro rata* share of the Settlement Fund, which Class Counsel estimates to be about \$100 per class member, although the final amount you receive will also depend on the number of valid claims submitted.

How Do I Get a Payment? To receive a payment, you must submit a timely and complete Claim Form by mail or online, submitted or postmarked no later than [claims deadline]. You can submit the claim form online at URL, or by clicking [here.] Your payment will come by check. Please note that the final approval of a prior settlement in 2021 in this same lawsuit was vacated by the Second Circuit Court of Appeals and that settlement is now void. Even if you submitted a Claim Form as part of that 2021 settlement, you must submit a Claim Form again by [deadline] to receive payment.

What are My Other Options? You may exclude yourself from the Class by sending a letter to the settlement administrator no later than [objection/exclusion deadline]. If you exclude yourself, you cannot get a settlement payment, but you keep any rights you may have to sue NYT over the legal issues in the lawsuit. You and/or your lawyer have the right to appear before the Court and/or to object to the proposed settlement. Your written objection must be filed no later than [objection/exclusion deadline]. Specific instructions about how to object to, or exclude yourself from, the Settlement are available at www.CArenewalsettlementNYT.com. If you choose to say in the Class, and the Court approves the Settlement, you will be legally bound

by all orders and judgments of the Court, and you won't be able to sue, or continue to sue, NYT as part of any other lawsuit involving the same facts or claims that are in this lawsuit. This is true even if you do nothing by not submitting a claim.

Who Represents Me? The Court has appointed Bursor & Fisher, P.A. to represent the class. These attorneys are called Class Counsel. You will not be charged for these lawyers. If you want to be represented by your own lawyer in this case, you may hire one at your expense.

How Do I Get More Information? For more information, including a more detailed Notice, Claim Form, a copy of the Settlement Agreement and other documents, go to www.CArenewalsettlementNYT.com, contact the settlement administrator at 1-__-__ or Moses v. The New York Times Company, c/o Settlement Administrator, [address].

COURT AUTHORIZED NOTICE OF CLASS ACTION AND PROPOSED SETTLEMENT

OUR RECORDS
INDICATE YOU WERE
CHARGED AND PAID AN
AUTOMATIC RENEWAL
FEE BY THE NEW YORK
TIMES. YOU MAY
BENEFIT FROM A CLASS
ACTION SETTLEMENT.

By Order of the Court Dated: [_____], 2024

Moses v. The New York Times Company P.O. Box ####
City, State ZIP CODE

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A proposed settlement has been reached in a class action lawsuit alleging that Defendant The New York Times Company ("NYT") unlawfully charged its customers automatic renewal fees in connection with their NYT Subscriptions without providing the disclosures required by California law. NYT denies the claims in the lawsuit and contends that it did not do anything wrong. The Court has not decided who is right. NYT chose to settle the dispute to avoid the cost and risk of litigation.

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Vhen Will the Court Consider the Proposed Settlement? The Court will hold the Final Approval Hearing at [_____] p.m. on [______], 2024 at the Thurgood Marshall Inited States Courthouse, 40 Foley Square, Courtoom 1506, New York, NY 10007, or as otherwise ordered by the Court. At that hearing, the Court will hear any objections oncerning the fairness of the Settlement; determine the fairness of the Settlement; decide whether to approve Class Counsel's request for attorneys' fees and costs; and

decide whether to award the Class Representative up to \$5,000 from the Settlement Fund for her services in helping to bring and settle this case. Class Counsel may be paid attorneys' fees and costs out of the Settlement Fund in an amount to be determined by the Court. Class Counsel may seek up to one third of the Settlement Fund but the Court may award less than that Amount.

How Do I Get More Information? This is only a summary. For more information, including the full Notice, Claim Form and Settlement Agreement go to:

www.CharewalsettlementNYT.com, contact the SettlementAdministrator at 1-{TOLL-FREE-NUMBER} or Moses v. The New York Times Company, do Settlement Administrator, PO Box ####. (City. State ZIP).

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

Moses v. The New York Times Company, Case No. 1:20-cv-04658-RA

IF YOU WERE AUTOMATICALLY BILLED FOR A NEW YORK TIMES SUBSCRIPTION FROM JUNE 17, 2016 TO MAY 12, 2021, YOU MAY BENEFIT FROM A PROPOSED CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT

A federal court authorized this notice. This is not a solicitation from a lawyer.

- A Proposed Settlement has been reached in a class action lawsuit against The New York Times Company ("Defendant" or "NYT"). The class action lawsuit alleges that NYT automatically renewed its customers' digital, print, and standalone subscription offerings (the "NYT Subscriptions") and charged customers' payment methods without providing the disclosures and authorizations required by California law.
- NYT denies these claims. The Court has not ruled in favor of Plaintiff or NYT. Instead, the parties agreed to a Proposed Settlement to avoid the expense and risks of continuing the lawsuit. NYT chose to settle this case, without admitting liability, to focus time, effort, and resources on continuing to provide valued content to its readers, and not on additional legal fees and the uncertainty of litigation.
- The class is defined as all persons who, from June 17, 2016, to and through May 12, 2021, enrolled in an automatically renewing NYT Subscription directly through NYT using a California billing and/or delivery address, and who were charged and paid an automatic renewal fee(s) in connection with such subscription.
- Those included in the Settlement will be eligible to receive a *pro rata* (meaning proportional) cash payment from the Settlement Fund, which Class Counsel estimates to be approximately \$100.00.
- The parties reached an earlier settlement in this same case in 2021. In that settlement, class members could elect to receive cash from a settlement fund by filing a claim form, or if they did nothing and did not exclude themselves from the class, class members would automatically receive access codes to certain NYT services. However, after receiving final approval from the Court, the approval of that 2021 settlement was vacated on appeal by the United States Circuit Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. The earlier settlement agreement is now void.
- Read this Notice carefully. Your legal rights are affected whether you act or don't act.

YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS AND OPTIONS IN THIS SETTLEMENT				
DO NOTHING	You won't get a share of the Settlement benefits and will give up your rights to sue the Defendant about the claims in this case.			
SUBMIT A CLAIM FORM BY []	This is the only way to receive a payment.			
EXCLUDE	You will receive no cash payment, but you will retain any rights you			

YOURSELF	currently have to sue the Defendant about the claims in this case. Excluding yourself is the only option that allows you to ever bring or maintain your own lawsuit against NYT regarding the allegations in this case ever again.
OBJECT	Write to the Court explaining why you don't like the Settlement. Filing an objection does not exclude you from the Class.
GO TO THE HEARING	Ask to speak in Court about your opinion of the Settlement.

These rights and options—and the deadlines to exercise them—are explained in this Notice.

The Court in charge of this action has preliminarily approved the Settlement as fair, reasonable, and adequate, and must decide whether to give final approval to the Settlement. The relief provided to Class Members will be provided only if the Court gives final approval to the Settlement and, if there are any appeals, after the appeals are resolved in favor of the Settlement. *Please be patient*.

BASIC INFORMATION

1. Why was this Notice issued?

The Court authorized this Notice because you have a right to know about a proposed Settlement of this class action lawsuit and about all of your options, before the Court decides whether to give final approval to the Settlement. This Notice explains the lawsuit, the Settlement, and your legal rights.

The Honorable Ronnie Abrams, of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York, is overseeing this case. The case is called *Moses v. The New York Times Company*, Case No. 1:20-cv-04658-RA. The person who sued is called the Plaintiff. The Defendant is The New York Times Company.

2. What is a class action?

In a class action, one or more people called class representatives (in this case, Maribel Moses) sue on behalf of a group or a "class" of people who have similar claims. In a class action, the court resolves the issues for all class members, except for those who exclude themselves from the Class.

3. What is this lawsuit about?

This lawsuit claims that NYT violated California law by automatically renewing its customers' subscriptions and charging customers' payment methods without first providing certain disclosures and obtaining the requisite authorizations. NYT denies the claims in the lawsuit and contends that it did not do anything wrong and denies that class certification is

warranted or appropriate.

4. Why is there a Settlement?

The Court has not decided whether the Plaintiff or NYT should win this case. Instead, both sides agreed to a Settlement. That way, they avoid the uncertainties and expenses associated with ongoing litigation, and Class Members will get compensation sooner rather than, if at all, after the completion of a trial.

The issuance of this Notice is not an expression of the Court's opinion on the merit or the lack of merit of the Representative Plaintiff's claims or the defenses in the lawsuit. Both parties recognize that to resolve the issues raised in the lawsuit would be time-consuming, uncertain, and expensive.

WHO'S INCLUDED IN THE SETTLEMENT?

5. How do I know if I am in the Settlement Class?

The Court decided that everyone who fits the following description is a member of the **Settlement Class**:

All persons who, from June 17, 2016, to and through May 12, 2021, enrolled in a NYT Subscription using a California billing address and/or delivery zip code with Defendant and whose payment methods were directly billed by NYT in connection with such subscription.

THE SETTLEMENT BENEFITS

6. What does the Settlement provide?

Monetary Relief: A Settlement Fund has been created totaling \$2,375,000. The Settlement Fund Class Member payments, as well as the cost to administer the Settlement, the cost to inform people about the Settlement, attorneys' fees, and an award to the Class Representative, will come out of this fund. (*See* Question 13.)

Other Relief: NYT has revised the presentation and wording of the automatic renewal terms on its checkout pages in its mobile and desktop platforms and in its direct mail offers to be consistent with the requirements of Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17602(a)(1)-(2). NYT also provides consumers who submit a new order for an automatically renewing subscription with an acknowledgment that includes the automatic renewal terms, cancellation policy, and information regarding how to cancel in a manner that is capable of being retained by the consumer, consistent with Bus. & Prof. Code § 17602(c).

A detailed description of the Settlement benefits can be found in the Settlement Agreement, which can be found in the 'Documents' section of the website. [hyperlink]

7. How can I get a payment from the Settlement?

If you are a Class Member and you want to get a payment, you must complete and

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To submit a Claim Form on-line or to request a paper copy, go to www.CArenewalsettlementNYT.com.

8. I already submitted a claim form in 2021 after the prior settlement in this same case. Do I still need to submit a claim now?

Yes. After an appeal to the United States Circuit Court of Appeals to the Second Circuit, the 2021 settlement in this same case is now void. You must submit a valid Claim Form by the claims deadline to receive a payment from the Settlement Fund.

9. When will I get my payment?

The hearing to consider the fairness of the settlement is scheduled for [______], 2024. If the Court approves the Settlement, eligible Class Members whose claims were approved by the Settlement Administrator will receive their payment after the Settlement has been finally approved and/or after any appeals process is complete. Class members who submit valid Claims Forms by the claims deadline will receive their payment in the form of a check, and all checks will expire and become void 180 days after they are issued.

REMAINING IN THE SETTLEMENT

10. What am I giving up if I stay in the Class?

If the Settlement becomes final, you will give up your right to sue NYT and other Released Parties for the claims being resolved by this Settlement. The specific claims you are giving up against NYT are described in the Settlement Agreement. You will be "releasing" NYT and certain of its affiliates, employees and representatives as described in Section 3.2 of the Settlement Agreement. Unless you exclude yourself (*see* Question 14), you are "releasing" the claims, regardless of whether you submit a claim or not. The Settlement Agreement is available through the "Documents" section of the website.

The Settlement Agreement describes the released claims with specific descriptions, so read it carefully. If you have any questions you can talk to the lawyers listed in Question 12 for free, or you can talk to your own lawyer if you have questions about what this means.

11. What happens if I do nothing at all?

If you do nothing, you won't get any cash payment from this Settlement. You also won't get any free access codes to NYT services if you do nothing.

Even if you do nothing, you won't be able to start a lawsuit or be part of any other lawsuit against the Defendant for the claims being resolved by this Settlement, unless you exclude yourself.

THE LAWYERS REPRESENTING YOU

12. Do I have a lawyer in the case?

The Court has appointed Bursor & Fisher, P.A to be the attorneys representing the Settlement Class. They are called "Class Counsel." They believe, after conducting an extensive investigation, that the Settlement Agreement is fair, reasonable, and in the best interests of the Settlement Class. You will not be charged for these lawyers. If you want to be represented by your own lawyer in this case, you may hire one at your expense.

13. How will the lawyers be paid?

Any Class Counsel attorneys' fees and costs awarded by the Court will be paid out of the Settlement Fund in an amount to be determined by the Court. The fee petition will seek no more than one third of the Settlement Fund; the Court may award less than this amount. Under the Settlement Agreement, any amount awarded to Class Counsel will be paid out of the Settlement Fund.

Subject to approval by the Court, the Class Representative may be paid up to \$5,000 from the Settlement Fund.

EXCLUDING YOURSELF FROM THE SETTLEMENT

14. How do I get out of the Settlement?

To exclude yourself from the Settlement, you must mail or otherwise deliver a written request for exclusion stating that <u>you want to be excluded</u> from the *Moses v. The New York Times Company*, Case No. 1:20-cv-04658-RA Settlement. Your letter or request for exclusion must also include your name, your address, your signature, the name and number of this case, and a statement that you wish to be excluded. You must mail or deliver your exclusion request postmarked no later than [______], 2024, to:

Moses v. The New York Times Company c/o Settlement Administrator
PO Box ####
City, State ZIP CODE

15. If I don't exclude myself, can I sue NYT for the same thing later?

No. Unless you exclude yourself, you give up any right to sue NYT for the claims being resolved by this Settlement.

16. If I exclude myself, can I get anything from this Settlement?

No. If you exclude yourself, you will not receive any settlement benefits.

OBJECTING TO THE SETTLEMENT

17. How do I object to the Settlement?

If you are a Class Member and do not exclude yourself from the Settlement Class, you can object to the Settlement if you don't like any part of it. You can give reasons why you think the Court should not approve it. The Court will consider your views. To object, you must file with the Court a letter or brief stating that you object to the Settlement in *Moses v. The New York Times Company*, Case No. 1:20-cv-04658-RA and identify all your reasons for your objections (including citations and supporting evidence) and attach any materials you rely on for your objections. Your letter or brief must also include your name, your address, the basis upon which you claim to be a Class Member, the name and contact information of any and all attorneys representing, advising, or in any way assisting you in connection with your objection, and your signature. If you, or an attorney assisting you with your objection, have ever objected to any class action settlement where you or the objecting attorney has asked for or received payment in exchange for dismissal of the objection (or any related appeal) without modification to the settlement, you must include a statement in your objection identifying each such case by full case caption. You must also mail or deliver a copy of your letter or brief to Class Counsel and NYT's Counsel listed below.

Class Counsel will file with the Court and post on the website its request for attorneys' fees on or about [], 2024.

If you want to appear and speak at the Final Approval Hearing to object to the Settlement, with or without a lawyer (explained below in answer to Question 21), you must say so in your letter or brief and file the objection with the Court and mail a copy to these two different places postmarked no later than [______], 2024. IF YOU DO NOT TIMELY MAKE YOUR OBJECTION, YOU WILL BE DEEMED TO HAVE WAIVED ALL OBJECTIONS AND WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO SPEAK AT THE FAIRNESS HEARING.

Court	Plaintiff's Counsel	NYT's Counsel
The Honorable Ronnie Abrams United States District Court for the Southern District of New York 40 Foley Square, Room 1506 New York, NY 10007	Neal J. Deckant Bursor & Fisher, P.A. 1990 N. California Blvd. Suite 940 Walnut Creek, CA 94596	Sandra D. Hauser Natalie J. Spears Kristen C. Rodriguez Dentons US LLP 1221 Avenue of the Americas New York, NY 10020

18. What's the difference between objecting and excluding myself from the Settlement?

Objecting simply means telling the Court that you don't like something about the Settlement. You can object only if you stay in the Class. Excluding yourself from the Class is telling the Court that you don't want to be part of the Class. If you exclude yourself, you have

no basis to object because the Settlement no longer affects you.

THE COURT'S FINAL APPROVAL HEARING

19. When and where will the Court decide whether to approve the Settlement?

The Court will hold the Final Approval Hearing at X:00 p.m. on [_____], 2024, in Courtroom 1506 at the Thurgood Marshall Federal Courthouse, 40 Foley Square, New York, NY 10007. The purpose of the hearing will be for the Court to determine whether to approve the Settlement as fair, reasonable, adequate, and in the best interests of the Class; to consider the Class Counsel's request for attorneys' fees and expenses; and to consider the request for an incentive award to the Class Representative. At that hearing, the Court will be available to hear any timely filed objections and arguments concerning the fairness of the Settlement.

The hearing may be postponed to a different date or time without notice, so it is a good idea to check www.CArenewalsettlementNYT.com or call toll free 1-XXX-XXXXXXI. If, however, you timely objected to the Settlement and advised the Court that you intend to appear and speak at the Final Approval Hearing, you will receive notice of any change in the date of such Final Approval Hearing.

20. Do I have to come to the hearing?

No. Class Counsel will answer any questions the Court may have. But you are welcome to come at your own expense. If you send an objection or comment, you don't have to come to Court to talk about it. As long as you filed and mailed your written objection on time, the Court will consider it. You may also pay another lawyer to attend, but it's not required.

21. May I speak at the hearing?

Yes. So long as you timely filed an objection to the settlement, you may ask the Court for permission to speak at the Fairness Hearing, but do not have to. To do so, you must include in your letter or brief objecting to the settlement a statement saying that it is your "Notice of Intent to Appear in *Moses v. The New York Times Company*, Case No. 1:20-cv-04658-RA." It must include your name, address, telephone number and signature as well as the name and address of your lawyer, if one is appearing for you. Your objection and notice of intent to appear must be filed with the Court and postmarked no later than [______], 2024, and be sent to the addresses listed in Question 17.

GETTING MORE INFORMATION

22. Where do I get more information?

This Notice summarizes the Settlement. More details are in the Settlement Agreement. You can get a copy of the Settlement Agreement at www.CArenewalsettlementNYT.com. You may also write with questions to Moses v. The New York Times Company c/o Settlement Administrator, PO Box ####, City, XX ZIP CODE. You can call the Settlement Administrator at 1-XXX-XXX- if you have any questions. Before doing so, however, please read this full

Please do not telephone the Court to inquire about the Settlement or the claims process.					

Notice carefully. You may also find additional information elsewhere on the case website.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

MARIBEL MOSES, on behalf of herself and all others similarly situated,

Civil Action No.: 1:20-cv-04658-RA

Hon. Judge Ronnie Abrams

v.

THE NEW YORK TIMES COMPANY, d/b/a The New York Times.

Defendant.

Plaintiff,

STIPULATION REGARDING UNDERTAKING RE: ATTORNEYS' FEES AND COSTS

Plaintiff Maribel Moses ("Plaintiff"), on behalf of the putative class, and Defendant The New York Times Company ("Defendant" or "NYT") (together the "Parties"), by and through and including their undersigned counsel, stipulate and agree as follows:

WHEREAS, Scott A. Bursor ("Class Counsel"), individually and as principal of his law firm, Bursor & Fisher P.A. ("the Firm"), desire to give an undertaking (the "Undertaking") for repayment of their award of attorney fees and costs, approved by the Court, and

WHEREAS, the Parties agree that this Undertaking is in the interests of all Parties and in service of judicial economy and efficiency.

NOW, THEREFORE, the undersigned Class Counsel, on behalf of himself as an individual and as principal of the Firm, hereby submits himself and the Firm to the jurisdiction of the Court for the purpose of enforcing the provisions of this Undertaking.

Capitalized terms used herein without definition have the meanings given to them in the Class Action Settlement Agreement.

By receiving any payments pursuant to the Settlement Agreement, the Firm and its shareholders, members, and/or partners submit to the jurisdiction of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York for the enforcement of and any and all disputes relating to or arising out of the reimbursement obligation set forth herein and the Settlement Agreement.

In the event that the settlement, Settlement Agreement, Judgment, or any part of it is vacated, overturned, reversed, or rendered void as a result of an appeal, or the settlement or Settlement Agreement is voided, rescinded, or otherwise terminated for any other reason, Class Counsel and the Firm shall, within ten (10) days repay to NYT, based upon written instructions provided by NYT's Counsel, the full amount of the attorneys' fees and costs paid to Class Counsel in this matter, plus 7% interest per annum.

In the event the attorneys' fees and costs awarded by the Court or any part of them are vacated, modified, reversed, or rendered void as a result of an appeal or otherwise, Class Counsel and the Firm shall, within ten (10) days repay to NYT, based upon written instructions provided by NYT's Counsel, the attorneys' fees and costs paid to Class Counsel and/or the Class Representatives in this matter in the amount vacated or modified, plus 7% interest per annum.

This Undertaking and all obligations set forth herein shall terminate upon the Effective Date of the Settlement, defined as the latest of the following dates: (1) five business days after the time for appeal from the Final Order and Judgment approving the Settlement, or award of attorneys' fees, costs/expenses or service awards/payments, has elapsed without any such appeals being filed; or (2) the first business day after the date on which all appeals from the Final Order and Judgment approving the Settlement or award of attorneys' fees, costs/expenses or service awards/payments (including appeals from any appellate court decisions affirming said Final Order

and Judgment, or award of attorneys' fees, costs/expenses or service awards/payments) have been fully exhausted, and no further appeal may be taken. If any appeal of the Final Order and Judgment, or any order awarding attorneys' fees, costs/expenses or service awards/payments is filed, the Undertaking shall not terminate unless and until a final, non-appealable order affirming the Final Order and Judgment or any order awarding attorneys' fees, costs/expenses and service awards/payments is entered.

In the event Class Counsel and the Firm fail to repay to NYT any attorneys' fees and costs that are owed to it pursuant to this Undertaking, the Court may, upon application of NYT, and notice to Class Counsel and the Firm, summarily issue orders, including but not limited to judgments, attachment orders against Class Counsel and the Firm, and findings for sanctions and/or contempt of court.

The undersigned attorney stipulates, warrants, and represents that he has both actual and apparent authority to enter into this Stipulation, agreement, and Undertaking, individually and on behalf of the Firm.

This Undertaking may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument. Signatures by facsimile shall be as effective as original signatures.

The undersigned declare under penalty of perjury that they have read and understand the foregoing and that it is true and correct.

IT IS SO STIPULATED:

DATED: 4/18/24

BURSOR & FISHER, P.A.

By: Scott A. Bursor, individually and on behalf of Bursor & Fisher, P.A.

Attorneys for Plaintiff

DATED: <u>4/18/24</u>

DENTONS US LLP

By: Kristen C. Rodriguez Attorneys for Defendants

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

MARIBEL MOSES, on behalf of herself and all others similarly situated,

Plaintiff,

v.

THE NEW YORK TIMES COMPANY, d/b/a *The New York Times*,

Defendant.

Civil Action No.: 1:20-cv-04658-RA

Hon. Judge Ronnie Abrams

[PROPOSED] ORDER GRANTING PRELIMINARY APPROVAL
OF CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT, CONDITIONALLY CERTIFYING
SETTLEMENT CLASS, APPOINTING CLASS REPRESENTATIVE,
APPOINTING CLASS COUNSEL, AND APPROVING NOTICE PLAN

WHEREAS, a proposed class action is pending before the Court entitled *Moses v. The*New York Times Company, No. 1:20-cv-04658-RA; and

WHEREAS, Plaintiff Maribel Moses, and The New York Times Company ("Defendant" or "NYT") (collectively, the "Parties"), have entered into a Settlement Agreement, which, together with the exhibits attached thereto, sets forth the terms and conditions for a proposed class action settlement which would dispose of the Action with prejudice as to NYT and bind plaintiff and all class members to a full release of their claims, upon the terms and conditions set forth therein (the "Settlement Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, and the Court having considered all papers submitted on Plaintiff's Motion for Preliminary Approval and Certification of a Settlement Class, including the Settlement Agreement and exhibits attached thereto including the proposed Notices to the Settlement Class;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, DECREED, AND ADJUDGED AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. The Parties have agreed to settle and dismiss with prejudice this Action in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Settlement Agreement, inclusive of its exhibits. The definitions in the Settlement Agreement are hereby incorporated herein as though fully set forth in this Order, and all other terms and phrases in this Order shall have the same meaning as ascribed to them in the Settlement Agreement.
- 2. This Court finds that it has jurisdiction over the subject matter and all Parties to the Action, including the proposed Settlement Class, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 1332(d)(2).
- 3. The Court finds that, subject to the Final Approval Hearing, the Settlement Agreement, including all exhibits thereto, is preliminarily approved as fair, reasonable, and adequate, and in the best interests of the Settlement Class set forth below. The Court further finds that the Settlement Agreement substantially fulfills the purposes and objectives of the class action, and provides substantial relief to the Settlement Class without the risks, burdens, costs, or delay associated with continued litigation, trial, and/or appeal. The Settlement is not a finding or admission of liability by the Defendant or any other person, nor a finding of the validity of any claims asserted in the Action or of any wrongdoing or any violation of law.
- 4. The Plaintiff, by and through her counsel, has investigated the pertinent facts and has evaluated the risks associated with continued litigation, trial and/or appeal. The Court finds that the Settlement Agreement: (a) is the result of arm's-length negotiations between the parties and experienced counsel; (b) is sufficient to warrant notice of the settlement and the Final Approval Hearing to be disseminated to the Settlement Class; (c) meets all applicable requirements of law, including Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23 and the Class Action Fairness Act ("CAFA"), 28 U.S.C. § 1715.

Conditional Certification of the Settlement Class

- 5. For purposes of settlement only: (a) Bursor & Fisher, P.A. is appointed Class Counsel for the Settlement Class; and (b) Maribel Moses is appointed Class Representative. The Court finds that these attorneys are competent and capable of exercising the responsibilities of Class Counsel and that Plaintiff will adequately protect the interests of the Settlement Class defined below.
- 6. For purposes of settlement only and for purposes of disseminating Class Notice, and without prejudice to Defendant's right to contest class certification if the Settlement Agreement is not finally approved, the Court conditionally certifies the following Settlement Class as defined in the Settlement Agreement, pursuant to Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 23(a), 23(b)(3) and 23(e):

[A]ll Person who, between June 17, 2016, to and through May 12, 2021, enrolled in any of Defendant's digital, print, and/or standalone subscription offerings directly through NYT using a California billing and/or delivery address, and who were charged and paid an automatic renewal fee(s) in connection with such subscription.¹

7. The Court finds, subject to the Final Approval Hearing referred to in paragraph 23 below, that the Settlement Agreement is fundamentally fair, adequate, and reasonable, and, solely within the context of and for the purposes of settlement only, that the Settlement Class satisfies the requirements of Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, specifically, that: the Settlement Class is so numerous that joinder of all members is impracticable; there are

¹ Excluded from the Settlement Class are: (1) any Judge or Magistrate presiding over this Action and members of their families; (2) Defendant, Defendant's subsidiaries, parent companies, successors, predecessors, and any entity in which Defendant or its parents have a controlling interest and their current or former officers, directors, agents, attorneys, and employees; (3) Persons who properly execute and file a timely request for exclusion from the class; and (4) the legal representatives, successors or assigns of any excluded Persons.

questions of fact and law common to the Settlement Class; the claims of the Class Representative are typical of the claims of the members of the Settlement Class; the Class Representative and Class Counsel will fairly and adequately protect the interests of the members of the Settlement Class; common questions of law or fact predominate over questions affecting individual members; and a class action is a superior method for fairly and efficiently adjudicating the Action.

8. If the Settlement Agreement does not receive the Court's final approval, or if final approval is reversed on appeal, or if the Settlement Agreement is terminated or otherwise fails to become effective, the Court's conditional grant of class certification shall be vacated, null, and void in all respects, and the Class Representative and the Settlement Class will once again bear the burden of establishing the propriety of class certification for purposes of litigation. In such case, neither the conditional certification of the Settlement Class for settlement purposes, nor any other act relating to the negotiation or execution of the Settlement Agreement shall be considered as a factor in connection with any class certification issue(s).

Notice and Administration

9. The Court approves, as to form, content, and distribution, the Notice Plan set forth in the Settlement Agreement, including Claim Form attached to the Settlement Agreement as Exhibit A, the Notice Plan and all forms of Notice to the Settlement Class as set forth in the Settlement Agreement and Exhibits B, C, and D thereto, and finds that such Notice is reasonable and the best notice practicable under the circumstances, and that the Notice complies fully with the requirements of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. The Court also finds that the Notice constitutes valid, due and sufficient notice to all persons entitled thereto, and meets the requirements of Due Process. The Court further finds that the Notice is reasonably calculated to,

under all circumstances, reasonably apprise members of the Settlement Class of the pendency of this action, the terms of the Settlement Agreement, and the right to object to the settlement and to exclude themselves from the Settlement Class. In addition, the Court finds that no notice other than that specifically identified in the Settlement Agreement is necessary in this Action. The Parties, by agreement, may revise the Notice and Claim Form in ways that are not material, or in ways that are appropriate to update those documents for purposes of accuracy or formatting.

- 10. The Court approves the request for the appointment of JND as Settlement Administrator of the Settlement Agreement.
- Administrator is directed to publish the Notice and Claim Form on the Settlement Website and to send direct notice via U.S. Mail in accordance with the Notice Plan called for by the Settlement Agreement. The Settlement Administrator shall also maintain the Settlement Website to provide full information about the Settlement and allow for the filing of claims online. The Settlement Website shall prominently display all Settlement deadlines for Settlement Class Members as well as notify the Settlement Class to object to the Settlement Agreement, request exclusion from the Class and appear at the Settlement Hearing.

Submission of Claims and Requests for Exclusion from Settlement Class

- 12. Members of the Settlement Class with NYT Subscriptions who wish to receive benefits in the form of *pro rata* cash payments under the Settlement Agreement must complete and submit a timely and valid Claim Form(s) in accordance with the instructions contained therein. All Claim Forms must be postmarked or received by the Settlement Administrator by

 [suggested date of 73 days after entry of this Order].
 - 13. Any person falling within the definition of the Settlement Class may, upon valid

and timely request, exclude themselves or "opt out" from the Settlement Class. Any such person may do so if, on or before the Objection/Exclusion Deadline of ______ [suggested date of 73 days after entry of this Order] they comply with the exclusion procedures set forth in the Settlement Agreement and Notice. Any members of the Settlement Class so excluded shall neither be bound by the terms of the Settlement Agreement nor entitled to any of its benefits.

- 14. Any members of the Settlement Class who elect to exclude themselves or "opt out" of the Settlement Agreement must file a written request with the Settlement Administrator, received or postmarked no later than the Objection/Exclusion Deadline. The request for exclusion must comply with the exclusion procedures set forth in the Settlement Agreement and Notice and include the Settlement Class member's name and address, a signature, the name and number of the case, and a statement that he or she wishes to be excluded from the Settlement Class for the purposes of this Settlement. Each request for exclusion must be submitted individually. So called "mass" or "class" opt-outs shall not be allowed.
- 15. Individuals who opt out of the Settlement Class relinquish all rights to benefits under the Settlement Agreement and will not release their claims. However, members of the Settlement Class who fail to submit a valid and timely request for exclusion shall be bound by all terms of the Settlement Agreement and the Final Judgment, regardless of whether they have requested exclusion from the Settlement Agreement or received any benefit or award from the settlement.
- 16. No request for exclusion may be made on behalf of a group of Settlement Class Members who do not share a single NYT subscription. "Mass" opt outs and/or attempts to opt out a "class" shall not be allowed.

Appearances and Objections

- 17. At least twenty-one (21) calendar days before the Final Approval Hearing, any person who falls within the definition of the Settlement Class and who does not request exclusion from the Settlement Class may enter an appearance in the Action, at their own expense, individually or through counsel of their own choice. Any Settlement Class Member who does not enter an appearance will be represented by Class Counsel.
- Any members of the Settlement Class who have not timely filed a request for exclusion may object to the fairness, reasonableness, or adequacy of the Settlement Agreement or to a Final Judgment being entered dismissing the Action with prejudice in accordance with the terms of the Settlement Agreement, or to the attorneys' fees and expense reimbursement sought by Class Counsel in the amounts specified in the Notice, or to the award to the Class Representative as set forth in the Notice and Settlement Agreement. At least fourteen (14) days prior to the Objection/Exclusion Deadline, papers supporting the Fee Award shall be filed with the court and posted to the settlement website. Members of the Settlement Class may object on their own, or may do so through separate counsel at their own expense.
- 19. To object, members of the Settlement Class must sign and file a written objection no later than on or before the Objection/Exclusion Deadline of ______ [suggested date of 73 days after entry of this Order]. To be valid, the objection must comply with the objection procedures set forth in the Settlement Agreement and Notice, and include his or her name and address; an explanation of the basis upon which he or she claims to be a Settlement Class Member; a signature; all grounds for the objection, including all citations to legal authority and evidence supporting the objection; the name and contact information of any and all attorneys representing, advising, or in any way assisting him or her in connection with the preparation or

submission of the objection or who may profit from the pursuit of the objection (the "Objecting Attorneys"); and a statement indicating whether he or she intends to appear at the Final Approval Hearing (either personally or through counsel who files an appearance with the Court in accordance with Southern District of New York Local Rules). If a Settlement Class Member or any of the Objecting Attorneys has objected to any class action settlement where the objector or the Objecting Attorneys asked for or received any payment in exchange for dismissal of the objection, or any related appeal, without any modification to the settlement, then the objection must include a statement identifying each such case by full case caption.

- 20. Members of the Settlement Class who fail to file and serve timely written objections in compliance with the requirements of this paragraph and the Settlement Agreement shall be deemed to have waived any objections and shall be foreclosed from making any objections (whether by appeal or otherwise) to the Settlement Agreement or to any of the subjects listed in paragraph 3, above, *i.e.* (a) whether the proposed settlement of the Action on the terms and conditions provided for in the Settlement Agreement is fair, reasonable, and adequate and should be given final approval by the Court; (b) whether a judgment and order of dismissal with prejudice should be entered; (c) whether to approve the Fee Award to Class Counsel; and (d) whether to approve the payment of an incentive award to the Class Representative.
- 21. To be valid, objections must be filed with the Court and sent to the following: Class Counsel Neal Deckant of Bursor & Fisher, P.A., 1990 North California Blvd., Suite 940, Walnut Creek, CA 94596; and Defendant The New York Times Company's Counsel Kristen Rodriguez, Dentons US LLP, 1221 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10020. In addition, any objections made by a Class member represented by counsel must be filed through the

Final Approval Hearing

22. The Final Approval Hearing shall be held before this Court on,			
at [at least 120 days after entry of this order] in Courtroom 1506 at the Thurgood			
Marshall United States Courthouse, Courtroom 1506, 40 Foley Square, New York, New York to			
determine (a) whether the proposed settlement of the Action on the terms and conditions			
provided for in the Settlement Agreement (including as it may be modified prior to the Final			
Hearing date) is fair, reasonable, and adequate and should be given final approval by the Court;			
(b) whether a judgment and order of dismissal with prejudice should be entered; (c) whether to			
approve the Fee Award to Class Counsel; and (d) whether to approve the payment of an			
incentive award to the Class Representative. The Court may adjourn the Final Approval Hearing			
without further notice to members of the Settlement Class. The new date of Hearing, if any,			
shall be published on the Court's docket and on the Settlement Website.			
23. Class Counsel shall file papers in support of their Fee Award and Class			
Representative's incentive award (collectively, the "Fee Petition") with the Court on or before			
[suggested date of 52 days after entry of this Order, (i.e., 14 days before the			
Objection/Exclusion Deadline).] Defendant may, but is not required to, file a response to Class			
Counsel's Fee Petition with the Court on or before [suggested date of 21 days			
before Final Approval hearing.] Class Counsel may file a reply in support of their Fee Petition			
with the Court on or before [suggested date of 14 days before Final			
Approval hearing.]			
24. Papers in support of final approval of the Settlement Agreement and any			
supplementation to the Fee Petition shall be filed with the Court on or before			

Further Matters

- 25. All further proceedings in the Action are ordered stayed until Final Judgment or termination of the Settlement Agreement, whichever occurs earlier, except for those matters necessary to obtain and/or effectuate final approval of the Settlement Agreement. Additionally, pending this Court's determination as to whether to finally approve the Settlement, the Court hereby prohibits and/or enjoins any other person, entity or counsel (other than successful optouts to this Settlement) from representing or from commencing, prosecuting, participating in or assisting in any lawsuit or proceeding against the Released Parties on any matters within the scope of the Released Claims).
- Absent prior approval from this Court, Plaintiff and Class Counsel, shall not issue any press release, advertisement, internet posting, or any other public statement (to the media or otherwise), or make any other extrajudicial statements concerning the facts and circumstances of this action or the disclosures exchanged between the parties, with the exception of the notices to be distributed to the Settlement Class Members in accordance with this Settlement. Any communications between Class Counsel and any individual Settlement Class Members seeking inquiries shall be limited to providing publicly available information contained in the notices provided to the Settlement Class Members, and Class Counsel shall in no way make any disparaging statements about NYT or the Released Parties in responding to any such inquiries.
- 27. Members of the Settlement Class shall be bound by all determinations and judgments in the Action, whether favorable or unfavorable.
- 28. The Court retains jurisdiction to consider all further applications arising out of or connected with the proposed Settlement Agreement. The Court may approve the Settlement,

with such modifications as may be agreed to by the Parties, if appropriate, without further notice to the Class.

- 29. All Settlement Class Members who do not timely exclude themselves from the Settlement: (a) shall be bound by the provisions of the Settlement Agreement and all proceedings, determinations, orders and judgments in the Action relating thereto, including, without limitation, the Judgment or Alternate Judgment, if applicable, and the Releases provided for therein, whether favorable or unfavorable to the Settlement Class or Settlement Class Member; and (b) shall forever be barred and enjoined from directly or indirectly filing, commencing, instituting, prosecuting, maintaining, participating in, or intervening (as class members or otherwise) in any action, suit, cause of action, arbitration, claim, demand, or other proceeding in any jurisdiction, whether in the United States or elsewhere, on their own behalf or in a representative capacity, that is based upon or arises out of any or all of the Released Claims against NYT and the other Released Parties, as more fully described in the Settlement Agreement, whether or not a Claim Form is required or submitted.
- 30. Neither this Order, the Settlement Agreement including the exhibits thereto, the negotiations leading to the execution of the Settlement Agreement, nor any proceedings taken pursuant to or in connection with the Settlement Agreement and/or approval of the Settlement (a) shall be referred to or offered against any of the Releasees as evidence of, or constructed as, or deemed to be evidence of any presumption, concession or admission by any of the Releasees with respect to the truth of any allegation, the validity of any claim or the deficiency of any defense that has been or could have been asserted in the Action or in any other litigation, including the appropriateness of a litigation class, or of any liability, negligence, fault, or other wrongdoing of any kind of any of the Releasees, in any civil, criminal or administrative action or

proceeding, or (b) shall be construed against any of the Releasees or Releasing Parties as an admission, concession or presumption that the consideration to be given represents the amount which could be or would have been recovered after trial; provided, however, that notwithstanding the foregoing, if the Settlement Agreement is approved by the Court, the Parties and Releasees and their respective counsel may file or refer to the Settlement Agreement or the Judgment in any action that may be brought to enforce its terms.

- 31. In accordance with the Settlement Agreement, if the Settlement Agreement is not approved by the Court, each party will have the option of having the Action revert to its status as if the Settlement Agreement had not been negotiated, made, or filed with the Court. In such event, the parties will retain all rights as if the Settlement Agreement was never agreed upon.
- 32. If the Settlement Agreement is terminated pursuant to the provisions of the Settlement Agreement or for any reason whatsoever the approval of it does not become Final then (i) the Settlement Agreement shall be null and void, including any provision related to the award of attorneys' fees, and shall have no further force and effect with respect to any party in this Action, and shall not be used in this Action or in any other proceeding for any purpose; (ii) all negotiations, proceedings, documents prepared, and statements made in connection therewith shall be without prejudice to any person or party hereto, shall not be deemed or construed to be an admission by any party of any act, matter, or proposition, and shall not be used in any manner or for any purpose in any subsequent proceeding in this Action or in any other action in any court or other proceeding, provided, however, that the termination of the Settlement Agreement shall not shield from subsequent discovery any factual information provided in connection with the negotiation of this Settlement Agreement that would otherwise be discoverable; (iii) other than as expressly preserved by the Settlement Agreement in the event of its termination, the

Settlement Agreement shall have no further force and effect with respect to any party and shall

not be used in the Action or any other proceeding for any purpose; and (iv) any party may elect

to move the Court pursuant to the provisions of this paragraph, and none of the non-moving

parties (or their counsel) shall oppose any such motion.

33. Pending final determination of whether the proposed Settlement Agreement

should be approved, neither Plaintiff nor any Settlement Class Member, directly or indirectly, in

a representative or any other capacity, shall commence or prosecute against Defendant and the

other Released Parties any action or proceeding in any court or tribunal asserting any of the

Released Claims.

34. The Parties and their counsel shall meet and confer and work together in good

faith to effectuate the terms of the Settlement Agreement and this Order. The Court may, upon

proper notice and motion, resolve any disputes between the parties concerning the Settlement

Agreement and this Order.

IT IS SO ORDERED, this _____ day of ______, 2024.

The Honorable Ronnie Abrams, United States
District Judge

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

MARIBEL MOSES, on behalf of herself and all others similarly situated,

Civil Action No.: 1:20-cv-04658-RA

Plaintiff,

v.

THE NEW YORK TIMES COMPANY, d/b/a The New York Times.

Defendant.

Hon. Judge Ronnie Abrams

[PROPOSED] FINAL APPROVAL ORDER AND JUDGMENT

On [DATE], this Court granted preliminary approval of the proposed class action settlement agreement between the parties (the "Settlement Agreement" or "Settlement").

The Court also provisionally certified a Settlement Class for settlement purposes, approved the procedure for giving notice and forms of Notice, and set a final approval hearing to take place on [DATE]. The Settlement Class is defined as: all Persons who, from June 17, 2016, to and through May 12, 2021, enrolled in an automatically renewing NYT Subscription directly through NYT using a California billing and/or delivery address, and who were charged and paid an automatic renewal fee(s) in connection with such subscription. Excluded from this definition are the Released Parties. Settlement Class Members who exclude themselves from the Settlement, pursuant to the procedures set forth in Paragraph 4.5 of the Settlement, shall no longer thereafter be Settlement Class Members and shall not be bound by the Settlement and shall not be eligible to make a claim for any benefit under the terms of the Settlement.

On [DATE], the Court held a duly noticed final approval hearing to consider: (1) whether

the terms and conditions of the Settlement are fair, reasonable and adequate; (2) whether a judgment should be entered dismissing the complaint on the merits and with prejudice in favor of Defendant and against all persons or entities who are Settlement Class members herein who have not requested exclusion from the Settlement Class; and (3) whether and in what amount to award attorneys' fees, costs and expenses to Class Counsel and whether and in what amount to make an incentive award to Plaintiff Maribel Moses.

The Court, having considered all matters submitted to it at the hearing and otherwise, and it appearing that the Class Notice substantially in the form approved by the Court was given in the manner that the Court ordered to persons who purchased the NYT Subscriptions at issue, as ordered by the Court, and having considered and determined that the proposed settlement of the claims of the Settlement Class Members against Defendant, as well as the release of Defendant and the Released Parties, and the awards of attorneys' fees, costs, and expenses and incentive award requested, are fair, reasonable and adequate, hereby ORDERS THAT:

- 1. The definitions in the Settlement Agreement and the Court's Preliminary
 Approval Order are hereby incorporated herein as though fully set forth in this Order, and all
 other terms and phrases in this Order shall have the same meaning as ascribed to them in the
 Settlement Agreement and in the Court's Preliminary Approval Order, and/or in any Order of
 this Court prior to the entry of final Judgment.
- 2. The Court finds that the prerequisites for a settlement class under Federal Rules of Civil Procedure ("Fed. R. Civ. P.") 23(a) and (b)(3) have been satisfied, for purposes of settlement only, in that: (a) the number of Settlement Class Members is so numerous that joinder of all members thereof is impracticable; (b) there are questions of law and fact common to the Settlement Class; (c) the claims of the Class Representative are typical of the claims of the Settlement Class she seeks to represent; (d) the Class Representative has and will fairly and

adequately represent the interests of the Settlement Class; (e) the questions of law and fact common to the Settlement Class Members predominate over any questions affecting any individual Settlement Class Member; and (f) a class action is superior to the other available methods for the fair and efficient adjudication of the controversy.

- 3. The Court finds that the requirements of Rule 23(e) of the Federal Rule of Civil Procedure and other laws and rules applicable to final settlement approval of class actions have been satisfied, and the Court approves the settlement of this Action as memorialized in the Settlement Agreement as being fair, just reasonable and adequate to the Settlement Class and its members. The Court further finds that the Settlement Agreement substantially fulfills the purposes and objectives of the class action, and provides substantial relief to the Settlement Class without the risks, burdens, costs or delays associated with continued litigation, trial and/or appeal. The Settlement is not a finding or admission of liability by the Defendant or any other person, nor a finding of the validity of any claims asserted in the Action or of any wrongdoing or any violation of law.
- 4. Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 23, this Court hereby finally certifies this action, for purposes of settlement, a class action on behalf of all Persons who, from June 17, 2016, to and through May 21, 2021, enrolled in an automatically renewing NYT Subscription directly through NYT using a California billing and/or delivery address, and who were charged and paid an automatic renewal fee(s) in connection with such subscription. Excluded from this definition are the Released Parties. Settlement Class Members who exclude themselves from the Settlement, pursuant to the procedures set forth in Paragraph 4.5 of the Settlement Agreement, shall no longer thereafter be Settlement Class Members and shall not be bound by the Settlement Agreement and shall not be eligible to make a claim for any benefit under the terms of this Settlement Agreement.

- 5. The Court appoints Neal Deckant of Bursor & Fisher, P.A. as Class Counsel for the Settlement Class. The Court designates Plaintiff Maribel Moses as the Class Representative.
- 6. Notice of the pendency of this action as a class action and of the proposed settlement was given to Settlement Class Members in a manner reasonably calculated to provide the best notice practicable under the circumstances. The form and method of notifying the Settlement Class of the pendency of the Action as a class action and of the terms and conditions of the proposed Settlement met the requirements of Fed. R. Civ. P. 23, due process, and any other applicable law, and constituted due and sufficient notice to all persons and entities entitled thereto. In addition, the Court finds that Defendant fully satisfied any obligation to provide Notice of the proposed Settlement Agreement to the public officials designated under the Class Action Fairness Act, 28 U.S.C. § 1715, to receive such notice, as set forth in the Defendant's Notice of Compliance with 28 U.S.C. § 1715.
- 7. The Court has considered and finds Class Counsel and the Class Representative have adequately represented the Class. Plaintiff, by and through her counsel, has investigated the pertinent facts and law, and has evaluated the risks associated with continued litigation, class certification, trial, and/or appeal. The Court finds that the Settlement Agreement was reached in the absence of collusion, is the product of informed, good-faith, arms-length negotiations between the parties and their capable and experienced counsel.
- 8. The Court finds that the Settlement is effective in appropriately distributing relief to the Settlement Class in light of the claims and defenses asserted, that the method of processing Settlement Class Member claims is reasonable and appropriate, and that the Settlement Agreement treats all Settlement Class Members equitably relative to each other.
- 9. The Court has evaluated this overall reaction of the Class to the Settlement, and finds that the overall acceptance of the Settlement Agreement by Settlement Class Members

supports the Court's conclusion that the Settlement Agreement is in all respects fair, reasonable, adequate, and in the best interests of the Class.

- 10. The Parties are directed to consummate the Settlement Agreement in accordance with its terms and conditions.
- 11. As set forth at Paragraph 2.2 of the Settlement Agreement, Defendant already has revised the presentation and wording of the automatic renewal terms on the checkout pages in its mobile and desktop platforms and in its direct mail offers to be consistent with the requirements of Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17602(a)(1)-(2).
- 12. JND is finally appointed to continue to serve as the Claims Administrator as provided in the Settlement Agreement. The Claims Administrator is directed to process all Authorized Claims in accordance with the Settlement Agreement. Class Counsel and Counsel for Defendant are hereby authorized to employ all reasonable procedures in connection with administration of the Settlement Agreement that are not materially inconsistent with this Order or the Settlement Agreement.
- 13. The Claims Administrator shall administer the Escrow Account, which is a Qualified Settlement Fund within the meaning of Treasury Regulation § 1.468B-1. The Claims Administrator, as administrator of the fund within the meaning of Treasury Regulation § 1.468B-2(k)(3), shall be solely responsible for filing or causing to be filed all informational and other tax returns as may be necessary or appropriate (including, without limitation, the returns described in Treasury Regulation § 1.468B-2(k)) for the Escrow Account. The Claims Administrator shall also be responsible for causing payment to be made from the Escrow Account of any Taxes and Tax Expenses owed. None of the Releasees, Plaintiff, Class Counsel or Counsel for Defendant shall have any liability or responsibility for any such Taxes or Tax Expenses, or any required filings regarding same.

- 14. There shall be no recourse to any Defendant, Releasee, Released Party or their counsel, or to the Class Representative or Class Counsel, or to the Claims Administrator or to this Court, for any determination made by the Claims Administrator pursuant to its responsibilities under the Settlement Agreement. In addition, notwithstanding anything else in this Order, if the Claims Administrator or any Party has reason to believe that a false or fraudulent Claim has been submitted in this Settlement, or that any Claim has been submitted under false pretenses, the Claims Administrator may reject the Claim.
- 15. The Court has evaluated the application for a Fee Award and Incentive Award in connection with its consideration of the overall fairness, reasonable and adequacy of the Settlement.
- 16. Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(h), the Court hereby awards Class Counsel attorneys' fees, costs, and expenses in the amount of \$_______. The Court also orders payment of an incentive award(s) in the amount(s) of \$______ to Plaintiff Maribel Moses. These amounts are to be paid in the time and manner described in the Settlement Agreement.
- 17. Any appeal from any Fee Award or Incentive Award or other order relating thereto, shall not operate to terminate or cancel the Settlement Agreement, nor affect or delay the finality of this Final Order and Judgment.
- 18. The Action is hereby dismissed with prejudice and without costs as against Defendant and the Released Parties.
- 19. Class Representative and all Settlement Class Members (except any such person who has filed a proper and timely request for exclusion) and all persons acting on behalf of or in concert with any of the above, are hereby permanently barred and enjoined from instituting, commencing or prosecuting, either directly or in any other capacity, any and all of the Released

Claims against any of the Released Parties. The Court finds that issuance of the permanent injunction described in this paragraph is necessary and appropriate in aid of the Court's jurisdiction over this Action and to protect and effectuate this Order.

20. Effective as of the Final Settlement Approval Date, each and all of the Settlement Class Members (except any such person who has filed a proper and timely request for exclusion) shall be deemed to have, and by operation of the Final Judgment shall have, fully, finally, and forever released, relinquished, and discharged, and shall be forever barred from asserting, instituting, or maintaining against any or all of the Released Parties, any and all causes of action or claims for relief, whether in law or equity, including but not limited to injunctive relief, actual damages, nominal damages, statutory damages, punitive damages, exemplary or multiplied damages, restitution, disgorgement, expenses, attorneys' fees and costs, and/or any other form of consideration whatsoever (including Unknown Claims), whether in law or in equity, accrued or un-accrued, direct, individual or representative, of every nature and description whatsoever, that were brought or could have been brought in the Action relating to any and all Releasing Parties, any NYT Subscription associated with any of them, or that in any way relate to or arise out of Defendant's automatic renewal and/or continuous service programs in California from June 17, 2016 to date of judgment in this action, including but not limited to any of the facts, transactions, events, matters, occurrences, acts, disclosures, statements, representations, omissions or failures to act related thereto. Plaintiff, the Settlement Class and the Releasing Parties each individually covenant not to bring any Released Claim and expressly agree that this Release will be, and may be raised as, a complete defense to and will preclude any action or proceeding encompassed by the release(s) contained herein in respect to any NYT Subscription associated with a Class Member.

- 21. Neither the Settlement Agreement, nor any of its terms and provisions, nor any of the negotiations or proceedings connected with it, nor any of the documents or statements referred to therein shall be:
- (a) offered by any person or received against Defendant as evidence or construed as or deemed to be evidence of any presumption, concession, or admission by Defendant of the truth of the facts alleged by the Class Representative or any Settlement Class Member or the validity of any claim that has been or could have been asserted in the Action or in any litigation, or other judicial or administrative proceeding, or the deficiency of any defense that has been or could have been asserted in the Action or in any litigation, or of any liability, negligence, fault or wrongdoing of Defendant;
- (b) offered by any person or received against Defendant as evidence of a presumption, concession or admission of any fault, misrepresentation or omission with respect to any statement or written document approved or made by Defendant or any other wrongdoing by Defendant;
- presumption, concession, or admission with respect to any liability, negligence, fault, or wrongdoing, or in any way referred to for any other reason against any of the settling parties, in any civil, criminal, or administrative action or proceeding; provided, however, that nothing contained in this paragraph shall prevent the Settlement Agreement from being used, offered, or received in evidence in any proceeding to approve, enforce, or otherwise effectuate the Settlement or the Settlement Approval Order and Final Judgment, or in which the reasonableness, fairness, or good faith of the parties in participating in the Settlement (or any agreement or order relating thereto) is an issue, or to enforce or effectuate provisions of the

Settlement, the Settlement Approval Order and Final Judgment, the releases as to the Released Parties.

- 22. Claims documents in this case, and all materials and data held by the Claims Administrator regarding the Settlement Class, including the Class List, shall be strictly confidential and not subject to publication or disclosure, and shall not be used for any other purposes beyond providing notice to the Settlement Class and assisting with the determination of valid claims. No person other than the Parties and their counsel, the Claims Administrator, and the Court shall be permitted to obtain or review any Claim Form, or any decision of the Claims Administrator with respect to accepting or rejecting any Claim, except as provided for herein or upon Court Order for good cause shown.
- 23. This Settlement Approval Order and Final Judgment constitutes a judgment within the meaning and for purposes of Rule 54 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

 Without affecting the finality of the Settlement Approval Order and Final Judgment in any way, this Court hereby retains continuing jurisdiction over: (a) the disposition of the settlement benefits; (b) the settling parties for purposes of construing, enforcing and administering the Settlement Agreement; and (c) enforcement of the Stipulation and Order Regarding Undertaking Re: Attorneys' Fees and Costs.
- 24. Without further order of the Court, the settling parties may agree to reasonably necessary extensions of time to carry out any of the provisions of the Settlement Agreement.
- 25. In the event that the Final Settlement Approval Date does not occur, this Settlement Approval Order and Final Judgment shall automatically be rendered null and void and shall be vacated and, in such event, all orders entered in connection herewith, except the Stipulation and Order Regarding Undertaking Re: Attorneys' Fees and Costs, shall be null and void.

DONE this	day of	, 2024.

Hon. Judge Ronnie Abrams United States District Court Judge, Southern District of New York