

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA**

CASE NO. CACE24004380 DIVISION: 09 JUDGE: Levenson, Jeffrey R. (09)

Darian Peters

Plaintiff(s) / Petitioner(s)

v.

BuzzFeed, Inc.

Defendant(s) / Respondent(s)

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FINAL JUDGMENT GRANTING FINAL APPROVAL OF CLASS SETTLEMENT

Before the Court is Plaintiff's Motion requesting that the Court enter an Order granting final approval of the class action Settlement involving Plaintiff Darian Peters, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated ("Plaintiff" or "Settlement Class Representative"), and Defendant Buzzfeed, Inc. ("Buzzfeed" or "Defendant") as fair, reasonable and adequate.

Having reviewed and considered the Settlement Agreement and the motion for final approval of the settlement, and having conducted a Final Approval Hearing on October 18, 2024, the Court makes the following findings and grants the relief set forth below approving the Settlement upon the terms and conditions set forth in this Final Order and Judgment.

THE COURT not being required to conduct a trial on the merits of the case or to determine with certainty the factual and legal issues in dispute when determining whether to approve a proposed class action settlement; and

THE COURT makes the findings and conclusions hereinafter set forth for the limited purpose of determining whether the Settlement should be approved as being fair, reasonable, adequate under Florida Rule of Civil Procedure 1.220(a), and in the best interests of the Settlement Class;

ORDERED that:

1. The Settlement does not constitute an admission of liability by Defendant, and the Court expressly does not make any finding of liability or wrongdoing by Defendant.

2. Unless otherwise noted, words spelled in this Order with initial capital letters have the same meaning as set forth in the Settlement Agreement.

3. On June 3, 2024 this Court entered an Order which among other things: (a) approved the Notice to the Settlement Class, including approval of the form and manner of notice under the Notice Program set forth in the Settlement Agreement; (b) provisionally certified a class in this matter, including defining the class, appointed Plaintiff as the Settlement Class Representative, and appointed Settlement Class Counsel; (c) preliminarily approved the Settlement; (d) set deadlines for opt-outs and objections; (e) approved and appointed the Claims Administrator and (f) set the date for the Final Approval Hearing.

4. In the Order Granting the Motion for Preliminary Approval of Class Settlement Agreement, for settlement purposes only, the Court certified the Settlement Class, defined as follows:

Persons who during the Class Period in the United States, (i) were log-in account holders and/or digital newsletter subscribers to a BuzzFeed Website and (ii) accessed a video through a BuzzFeed Website while a pixel was operational as to video.

5. The Court, having reviewed the terms of the Settlement Agreement submitted by the parties, grants final approval of the Settlement Agreement and finds that the settlement is fair, reasonable and adequate and meets the requirements of Florida Rule of Civil Procedure 1.220(a).

6. The terms of the Settlement Agreement are fair, reasonable and adequate and are hereby approved, adopted and incorporated by the Court. The Parties, their respective attorneys, and the Claims Administrator are hereby directed to consummate the Settlement in accordance with this Order and the terms of the Settlement Agreement.

7. Notice of the Final Approval Hearing, the proposed motion for attorneys' fees, costs and expenses, and the proposed Service Award payment to Plaintiff have been provided to Settlement Class Members as directed by this Court's Orders, and an affidavit or declaration of the Claims Administrator's compliance with the Notice Program has been filed with the Court.

8. The Court finds that such Notice as therein ordered, constitutes the best possible notice practicable under the circumstances and constitutes valid, due and sufficient notice to all Settlement Class Members in compliance with the requirements of Florida Rule of Civil Procedure 1.220(d).

9. As of the final date for Settlement Class Members to submit a request for exclusion, one potential Settlement Class Member submitted a request to be excluded from the Settlement, however the request was invalid.

10. The Court has considered all the documents filed in support of the Settlement, and has fully considered all matters raised, all exhibits and affidavits filed, all evidence received at the Final Approval Hearing, all other papers and documents comprising the record herein, and all oral arguments presented to the Court.

11. The Court has considered Plaintiff's Motion for Fees, Costs, and a Service Award, and, having concluded that the request is appropriate, fair, and reasonable, hereby grants Class Counsel's request for \$3,000,000.00 in attorneys' fees and costs, and Service Award of \$5,000.00 to Plaintiff.

12. Further to the Settlement Agreement, on the Effective Date and in consideration of the promises and covenants set forth in this Settlement Agreement, Plaintiff and the Settlement Class Members release claims against Defendant and all Released Parties. The releases set forth in the Settlement Agreement are expressly incorporated herein in all respects. The releases are effective as of the Effective Date. Accordingly, this Court orders that, upon the Effective Date, and in consideration of the Settlement benefits described in the Settlement Agreement, each Settlement Class Members shall be deemed to have released, acquitted, and forever discharged Defendants and each of the Released Parties from any and all Released Claims.

13. Released Claims shall not include the right of any Settlement Class Member or any of the Released Parties to enforce the terms of the Settlement contained in this Settlement Agreement.

14. The matter is hereby dismissed with prejudice and without costs except that the Court reserves jurisdiction over the consummation and enforcement of the Settlement.

15. In accordance with Florida Rule of Civil Procedure 1.220(a), this Final Order and Judgment

resolves all claims against all parties in this Action and is a final order.

16. There is no just reason to delay the entry of final judgment in this matter, and the Clerk is directed to file this Order as the final judgment in this matter.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at Broward County, Florida on 18th day of October, 2024.


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Hon. Jeffrey Levenson
CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE
Electronically Signed by Jeffrey Levenson

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