

EXHIBIT 1



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Dr. Wheatman specializes in designing, developing, analyzing, and implementing large-scale legal notification plans. She is a court-recognized expert who provides testimony on the best notice practicable. Dr. Wheatman began her class action career in 2000 at the Federal Judicial Center where she was instrumental in the development of model notices to satisfy the plain language amendment to Rule 23. Her plain language expertise was advanced by her education, including her doctoral dissertation on plain language drafting of class action notice and her master's thesis on comprehension of jury instructions. Dr. Wheatman has been involved in over 300 class actions. Her selected case experience includes:

Antitrust

Allen v. Dairy Farmers of America, Inc., No. 5:09-CV-00230-CR (D. Vt.).

Blessing v. Sirius XM Radio Inc., No. 09-CV-10035 HB (S.D.N.Y.).

Brookshire Bros. v. Chiquita, No. 05-CIV-21962 (S.D. Fla.).

Cipro Cases I and II, Nos. 4154 and 4220 (Super. Ct. Cal.).

In re: Dynamic Random Memory (DRAM) Antitrust Litig., MDL No. 1486 (N.D. Cal.).

In re Flonase Antitrust Litigation, No. 08-CV-3301 (E.D. Pa.).

In re: Metoprolol Succinate End-Payor Antitrust Litig., No. 06-cv-71 (D. De.).

In re: Online DVD Rental Antitrust Litig., MDL No. 2029 (N.D. Cal.).

In re TFT-LCD (Flat Panel) Antitrust Litig., MDL No. 1827 (N.D. Cal.).

Sweetwater Valley Farm, Inc. v. Dean Foods, No. 2:07-CV-208 (E.D. Tenn.).

Consumer and Product Liability

Beringer v. Certegy Check Servs., Inc., No. 8:07-cv-1434-T-23TGW (M.D. Fla.) (data breach).

CSS Inc. v. FiberNet, L.L.C., No. 07-C-401 (Cir. Ct. W. Va.) (telecommunications).

Donovan v. Philip Morris USA, Inc., No. 06-12234 NG (D. Mass.) (medical monitoring).

FIA Card Services, N.A. v. Camastro, No. 09-C-233 (Cir. Ct. W. Va.) (credit card arbitration).

Glazer v. Whirlpool Corp., No. 1:08-WP-65001 (N.D. Ohio)(defective product).

Grays Harbor v. Carrier Corp., No. 05-CIV-21962 (W.D. Wash.) (defective product).

In Re: Checking Account Overdraft Litig., MDL No. 2036 (S.D. Fla.) (JP Morgan, U.S. Bank, BOA settlements; overdraft fees).

In Re: Enfamil LIPIL Mktg. & Sales Practs. Litig., No. 11-MD-02222 (S.D. Fla.) (false advertising).

In re: M3Power Razor System Marketing & Sales Practs. Litig., MDL 1704 (D. Mass.) (false advertising).

In re Netflix Privacy Litig., No. 5:11-cv-00379 (N.D. Cal.) (privacy).

In re: Pharmaceutical Industry Average Wholesale Price Litig., MDL No. 1456 (D. Mass.) (pharmaceutical).

In re: SCBA Liquidation, Inc., f/k/a Second Chance Body Armor, Inc., No. 04-12515 (Bankr. W.D. Mich.) (defective product).

In re Vioxx Products Liability Litig., No. 05-md-01657 (E.D. La) (pharmaceutical).

In re: Toyota Motor Corp. Unintended Acceleration Mktg, Sales Practs, & Prods Litig., No. 8:10ML2151 (C.D. Cal.) (unintended acceleration).

In Re: Wachovia Corp. "Pick-a-Payment" Mortgage Mktg & Sales Practs. Litig., No. M:09-CV-2015 (N.D. Cal.) (negative amortization).

Keilholtz v. Lennox Hearth Prods., No. 08-CV-00836 (N.D. Cal.) (defective product).

Kramer v. B2Mobile, LLC, No. 10-cv-02722 (N.D. Cal.) (TCPA).

Lee v. Carter Reed Co., L.L.C., No. UNN-L-39690-04 (N.J. Super. Ct.) (false advertising).

Palace v. DaimlerChrysler, No. 01-CH-13168 (Cir. Ct. Ill.) (defective product).

Rowe v. UniCare Life & Health Ins. Co., No. 09-cv-02286 (N.D. Ill.) (data breach).

Spillman v. Domino's Pizza, No. 10-349 (M.D. La.) (robo-call).

Trammell v. Barbara's Bakery, Inc., No. 3:12-cv-02664 (N.D. Cal.) (false advertising).

Wolph v. Acer, No. 09-cv-01314 (N.D. Cal.) (false advertising).

Environmental/Property

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(dioxin release).

Angel v. U.S. Tire Recovery, No. 06-C-855 (Cir. Ct. W.Va.) (tire fire).

Ed Broome Inc. v. XTO Energy, Inc., No. 1:09-CV-147 (N.D. W. Va.) (oil & gas rights).

Cather v. Seneca-Upshur Petroleum Inc., No. 1:09-cv-00139 (N.D. W. Va.) (oil & gas rights).

In re: Oil Spill by the Oil Rig "Deepwater Horizon" in the Gulf of Mexico on April 20, 2010, MDL No. 2179 (E.D. La.) (BP oil spill).

In Re Katrina Canal Breaches Litig., No. 05-4182 (E.D. La.) (Hurricanes Katrina and Rita).

Jones v. Dominion Transmission Inc., No. 2:06-cv-00671 (S.D. W. Va.) (oil & gas rights).

Thomas v. A. Wilbert Sons, LLC, No. 55,127 (18th Jud. Dist. Ct., Iberville Parish) (vinyl chloride water contamination).

Government

Countrywide Mortgage Settlement, Department of Justice.

Iovate Settlement, Federal Trade Commission.

Cobell v. Salazar, No. 1:96cv01285 (D. D.C.), Depts. of Interior and Treasury.

National Mortgage Settlement, Attorneys General.

Walgreens Settlement, Federal Trade Commission.

Insurance

Beasley v. Hartford Ins. Co. of the Midwest, No. CV-2005-58-1 (Cir. Ct. Ark.) (homeowners insurance).

Bond v. Am. Family Ins. Co., No. CV06-01249 (D. Ariz) (property insurance).

Burgess v. Farmers Ins. Co., No. 2001-292 (Dist. Ct. Okla.) (homeowners insurance).

Campbell v. First Am. Title Ins. Co., No. 2:08-cv-311-GZS (D. Me.) (title insurance).

DesPortes v. ERJ Ins. Co., No. SU2004CV-3564 (Ga. Super. Ct.) (credit premium insurance).

Fogel v. Farmers Group, Inc., No. BC300142 (Super. Ct. Cal.) (management exchange fees).

Guidry v. Am. Public Life Ins. Co., No. 2008-3465 (14th Jud. Dist. Ct.) (cancer insurance).

Gunderson v. F.A. Richard & Associates, Inc., No. 2004-2417-D. (14th Jud. D. Ct. La.) (PPO).

Johnson v. Progressive Casualty Ins., Co., No. CV-2003-513 (Cir. Ct. Ark.) (automobile insurance).

McFadden v. Progressive Preferred, No. 09CV002886 (Ct. C.P. Ohio) (UM/UIM).

Orrill v. Louisiana Citizens Fair Plan, No. 05-11720 (Civ. Dist. Ct., Orleans Parish) (Hurricane Katrina property insurance).



Purdy v. MGA Ins. Co., No. D412-CV-2012-298 (4th Jud. Ct. N. Mex.) (UM/UIM).

Press v. Louisiana Citizens Fair Plan Prop. Ins. Co., No. 06-5530 (Civ. Dist. Ct., Orleans Parish) (Hurricane Katrina property insurance).

Shaffer v. Continental Casualty Co., No. 06-2235 (C.D. Cal.) (long term care insurance).

Sherrill v. Progressive Northwestern Ins. Co., No. DV-03-220 (18th D. Ct. Mont.) (automotive premiums).

Soto v. Progressive Mountain Ins. Co., No. 2002CV47 (Dist. Ct. Mont.) (personal injury insurance).

Webb v. Liberty Mutual Ins. Co., No. CV-2007-418-3 (Cir. Ct. Ark) (bodily injury claims).

Securities

In re Municipal Derivatives Antitrust Litig., MDL No. 1950 (S.D.N.Y.).

In re Mutual Funds Investment Litig., MDL No. 1586 (Allianz Sub-Track, D. Md.).

Canada

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Hall v. Gillette Canada Co., No. 47521CP (Ont. S.C.J.) (false advertising).

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Shannon R. Wheatman, *Cutting Through the Clutter: Eight Tips for Creatively Engaging Class Members and Increasing Response*, CLASS ACTION LITIGATION REPORT, 15 CLASS 88 (Jan. 24, 2014).

Shannon Wheatman & Michelle Ghiselli, *Privacy Policies: How To Communicate Effectively with Consumers*, International Association of Privacy Professionals (2014).

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Washington, DC (Dec. 2013).

Shannon R. Wheatman, Speaker, Class Action Notice, Reach & Administration, CLE INTERNATIONAL'S 9TH ANNUAL CLASS ACTION CONFERENCE, Washington, DC (Oct. 2013).

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Shannon R. Wheatman, Speaker, *Report on Model Jury Instructions in Civil Antitrust Cases, Presentation*, American Antitrust Institute's 6th Annual Private Antitrust Enforcement Conference, Washington, DC (Dec. 2012).

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Katherine Kinsella & Shannon Wheatman, *Class Notice and Claims Administration*, in PRIVATE ENFORCEMENT OF ANTITRUST LAW IN THE UNITED STATES: A HANDBOOK 338-348 (Albert A. Foer & Randy M. Stutz eds., 2012).

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Shannon R. Wheatman & Terri R. LeClercq, *Majority of Publication Class Action Notices Fail to Satisfy Rule 23 Requirements*, CLASS ACTION LITIGATION REPORT, 12 CLASS 560, (June 24, 2011).

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Scharfstein v. BP West Coast Products, LLC, No. 1112-17046 (Cir. Ct. Ore.).

Spillman v. Domino's Pizza, No. 10-349 (M.D. La.)

PRC Holdings LLC v. East Resources, Inc., No. 06-C-81 (Cir. Ct. W. Va.).

Guidry v. American Public Life Ins. Co., No. 2008-3465 (14th Jud. Dist. Ct., Calcasieu Parish).

Webb v. Liberty Mutual Ins. Co., No. CV-2007-418-3 (Cir. Ct. Ark).

Beasley v. The Reliable Life Insurance Co., No. CV-2005-58-1 (Cir. Ct. Ark).

Depositions

Hale v. CNX Gas Company, LLC, No. 10-CV-59 (W.D. Va.).

Thomas v. A. Wilbert Sons, LLC, No. 55,127 (18th Jud. Dist. Ct., Iberville Parish).



Judicial Comments

Trammell v. Barbara's Bakery, Inc., No. 3:12-cv-02664 (N.D. Cal.)

“The Class Notice, the Summary Settlement Notice, the website, the toll-free telephone number, all other notices in the Settlement Agreement, the Declaration of the Notice Administrator, and the notice methodology implemented pursuant to the Settlement Agreement: (a) constituted the best practicable notice under the circumstances; (b) constituted notice that was reasonably calculated to apprise Class Members of the pendency of the Action, the terms of the settlement, and their rights under the settlement, including, but not limited to, their right to object to or exclude themselves from the proposed settlement and to appear at the Fairness Hearing; (c) were reasonable and constituted due, adequate, and sufficient notice to all persons entitled to receive notice; and (d) met all applicable requirements of law, including, but not limited to, the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, 28 U.S.C. §1715, and the Due Process Clause(s) of the United States Constitution, as well as complied with the Federal Judicial Center’s illustrative class action notices.” – Hon. Charles R. Breyer (2013).

Spillman v. Dominos Pizza, LLC., No. 10-349 (M.D. La.)

“At the fairness hearing notice expert Wheatman gave extensive testimony about the design and drafting of the notice plan and its implementation, the primary goal of which was to satisfy due process under the applicable legal standards...Wheatman, who has extensive experience developing plain-language jury instructions, class action notices and rules of procedure, testified that the notice was composed at a ninth grade reading level because many adults read below a high school level.” – Hon. Stephen C. Riedlinger (2013).

In Re: Metoprolol Succinate End-Payor Antitrust Litig., No. 06-cv-71 (D. Del.)

“In accordance with the Preliminary Approval Order, notice of the proposed Settlement and Plan of Allocation has been provided to the Class in the manner directed by the Court. See Wheatman Dec. Such notice to members of the Class is hereby determined to be fully in compliance with requirements of Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(e) and due process of law and is found to be the best notice practicable under the circumstances and to constitute due and sufficient notice to all persons and entities entitled thereto.” – Hon. Mary Pat Thyng (2013).

PRC Holdings, LLC v. East Resources, Inc., No. 06-C-81(E) (W.Va. Cir. Ct., Roane County).

“Notice was uniquely effective in this action because East's records of their leases allowed the Claims Administrator to provide individual notice by mail to most Class Members.” - Hon. Thomas C. Evans, III (2012).

Kramer v. B2Mobile, LLC, No. 10-cv-02722 (N.D. Cal.).



“The Court approved Notice Plan to the Settlement Classes . . . was the best notice practicable under the circumstances, including comprehensive nationwide newspaper and magazine publication, website publication, and extensive online advertising. The Notice Plan has been successfully implemented and satisfies the requirements of Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23 and Due Process.” - Hon. Claudia A. Wilken (2012).

Cather v. Seneca-Upshur Petroleum, Inc., No. 1:09-CV-00139 (N.D. W. Va.).

“The Court finds that Class Members have been accorded the best notice as is practical under the circumstances, and have had the opportunity to receive and/or access information relating to this Settlement by reading the comprehensive written notice mailed to them . . . or by reading the published Notice in the local newspapers . . . The Court further finds that the Notice provided to the members of the Settlement Class had been effective and has afforded such class members a reasonable opportunity to be heard at the Final Fairness Hearing and to opt-out of the subject settlement should anyone so desire.” – Hon. Irene M. Keeley (2012).

In re: Checking Account Overdraft Fee Litig., No. 1:09-md-2036-JLK (S.D. Fla.) (JP Morgan Settlement)

“The Court finds that the Settlement Class Members were provided with the best practicable notice; the notice was “reasonably calculated, under [the] circumstances, to apprise interested parties of the pendency of the action and afford them an opportunity to present their objections.” *Shutts*, 472 U.S. at 812 (quoting *Mullane*, 339 U.S. at 314-15). This Settlement with Chase was widely publicized, and any Settlement Class Member who wished to express comments or objections had ample opportunity and means to do so.” - Hon. James Lawrence King (2012).

In re Netflix Privacy Litig., No. 5:11-cv-00379 (N.D. Cal.)

“The Notice Plan and the intent of the forms of Notice to the Settlement Class as set forth in the Settlement Agreement and Exhibits B through E to the Wheatman Declaration are approved pursuant to subsections (c)(2)(B) and (ed) of Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23.” - Hon. Edward J. Davila (2012)

Purdy v. MGA Ins. Co., No. D412-CV-2012-298 (N.M. 4th Jud. Dist. Ct.)

“Notice of the Settlement Class was constitutionally adequate, both in terms of its substance and the manner in which it was disseminated. The Notice contained the essential elements necessary to satisfy due process . . . [T]he Notice also contained a clear and concise Claim Form, and a described a clear deadline and procedure for filing of Claims. Notice was directly mailed to all Class Members whose current whereabouts could be identified by reasonable effort. Notice reached a large majority of the Class Members. The Court finds that such notice constitutes the best notice practicable.” – Hon. Eugenio Mathis (2012).



Blessing v. Sirius XM Radio Inc., No 09-CV-10035 HB (S.D.N.Y.).

“The Court finds that the distribution of the Notice and the publication of the Publication Notice . . . constituted the best notice reasonably practicable under the circumstances . . . was reasonably calculated . . . constituted due, adequate, and sufficient notice to all Class members who could be identified with reasonable efforts; and . . . satisfied the requirements of Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the United States Constitution (including the Due Process Clause), the Class Action Fairness Act of 2005, 28 U.S.C. § 1715, R 23.1 of the Local Civil Rules of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, and all other applicable law and rules.” - Honorable Harold Baer, Jr. (2011).

Fogel v. Farmers Group, Inc., No. BC300142 (Super. Ct. Cal.).

“The Court further finds and confirms that the Individual Notice (including the Proof of Claim), the Summary Notice, the reminder postcard, and the notice methodology: (a) constituted the best practicable notice . . . ; (b) constituted noticed that was reasonably calculated under the circumstances to apprise potential Class Members . . . ; (c) were reasonable and constituted due, adequate, and sufficient notice to all persons or entities entitled to receive notice, and (d) met all applicable requirements of California law” - Hon. Laura Evans (2011).

In Re: Enfamil LIPIL Mktg. & Sales Practs. Litig., No. 11-MD-02222 (S.D. Fla.)

“The Court finds that the Class Notice provided to Class Members, in the form and manner of distribution described above, constitutes the best notice practicable under the circumstances, and fully satisfies the requirements of Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule 23, the requirements of due process, and any other applicable law. The declarations filed with the Court demonstrate that the Parties have fully complied with the Court's Preliminary Approval Order (as amended by Order dated April 1, 2011) and that the best notice practicable under the circumstances was in fact given to Class Members.” - Hon. James I. Cohn (2011).

Keilholtz v. Lennox Hearth Prods., No. 08-CV-00836 (N.D. Cal.)

“Notice has been provided to the Settlement Class of the pendency of the Actions, the conditional certification of the Settlement Class for purposes of this Settlement, and the preliminary approval of the Settlement Agreement and the Settlement contemplated thereby. The Court finds that said notice and the related Notice Plan provided for the best notice practicable under the circumstances to all Persons entitled to such notice and fully satisfied the requirements of Rule 23(c)(2)(B) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and the requirements of due process.” - Hon. Claudia Wilken (2011).

Rowe v. UniCare Life and Health Ins. Co., No. 09-CV-02286 (N.D.Ill.)

“The form, content, and method of dissemination of the notice given to the Settlement Class were adequate and reasonable, and constituted the best notice practicable under the circumstances. The



notice, as given, provided valid, due, and sufficient notice of the proposed settlement, the terms and conditions set forth in the Settlement Agreement, and these proceedings to all Persons entitled such notice, and said notice fully satisfied the requirements of Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and due process.” – Hon. William J. Hibbler (2011).

Thomas v. A. Wilbert & Sons, LLC, 55,127 (La. 18th Jud. Dist. Ct., Iberville Parish).

“[N]otices complied with all requirements of the federal and state constitutions, including the due process clauses, and applicable articles of the Louisiana Code of Civil Procedure, and constituted the best notice practicable under the circumstances and constituted due and sufficient notice to all potential members of the Thomas Subclass.” – Hon. Jerome M. Winsberg (2011).

In re: M3Power Razor System Mktg. & Sales Pract. Litig., MDL 1704 (D. Mass).

“The form, content, and method of dissemination of the notice given to the Settlement Class was adequate and reasonable, and constituted the best notice practicable under the circumstances. The notice, as given, provided valid, due, and sufficient notice of the proposed settlement, the terms and conditions set forth in the Amended Settlement Agreement, and these proceedings to all Persons entitled to such notice, and said notice fully satisfied the requirements of Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and due process.” - Hon. Douglas P. Woodlock (2011).

Soto v. Progressive Mountain Ins. Co., No. 2002CV47 (Dist. Ct. Colo.).

“Notice of the Settlement Class was constitutionally adequate, both in terms of its substance and the manner in which it was disseminated. The Notice contained the essential elements necessary to satisfy due process . . . Finally, the Notice also contained a clear and concise Claim Form, and described a clear deadline and procedure for filing of claims. . . . Notice reached a large majority of the Class Members. The Court finds that such notice constitutes the best notice practicable.” - Hon. J. Steven Patrick (2010).

Press v. Louisiana Citizens Fair Plan Prop. Ins. Co., No. 06-5530 (Civ. Dist. Ct., Orleans Parish).

“This notice methodology . . . constitutes reasonable and best practicable notice . . . constitutes due, adequate and sufficient notice to all persons entitled to receive notice; and . . . meets the requirements of the United States Constitution, Louisiana law, the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and any other applicable rules of the Court . . .” - Hon. Sidney H. Cates, IV (2010).

In Re Katrina Canal Breaches, No. 05-4182 (E.D. La.).

“The notice here was crafted by Shannon Wheatman, Ph.D., whose affidavit was received as evidence . . . The entire notice was drafted in plain, comprehensible language . . . The Court finds this notice adequately reached the potential class.” - Hon. Stanwood R. DuVal, Jr. (2009).

Jones v. Dominion Transmission Inc., No. 2.06-cv-00671 (S.D. W. Va.)



“The Parties’ notice expert Shannon R. Wheatman, Ph.D. . . testified that in this case . . . that the mailed notices reached approximately 95.4 percent of the potential class . . . I HOLD that personal jurisdiction exists over the Class Members because notice was reasonable and afforded the Settlement Class an opportunity to be heard and to opt out.” - Hon. Joseph R. Goodwin (2009).

Guidry v. American Public Life Ins. Co., No. 2008-3465 (14th Jud. Dist. Ct.).

“The facts show that the notice plan . . . as adequate to design and implementation . . . Dr. Shannon R. Wheatman, a notice expert, also testified at the fairness hearing as to the sufficiency of the notice plan. Dr. Wheatman testified that the notice form, content, and dissemination was adequate and reasonable, and was the best notice practicable.” - Hon. G. Michael Canaday (2008).

Webb v. Liberty Mutual Ins. Co., (March 3, 2008) No. CV-2007-418-3 (Cir. Ct. Ark).

“Ms. Wheatman’s presentation today was very concise and straight to the point . . . that’s the way the notices were . . . So, I appreciate that . . . Having admitted and reviewed the Affidavit of Shannon Wheatman and her testimony concerning the success of the notice campaign, including the fact that written notice reached 92.5% of the potential Class members, the Court finds that it is unnecessary to afford a new opportunity to request exclusion to individual Class members who had an earlier opportunity to request exclusion but failed to do so . . . The Court finds that there was minimal opposition to the settlement. After undertaking an extensive notice campaign to Class members of approximately 10,707 persons, mailed notice reached 92.5% of potential Class members.” - Hon. Kirk D. Johnson (2008).

Sherrill v. Progressive Northwestern Ins. Co., No. DV-03-220 (18th D. Ct. Mont.).

“Dr. Wheatman’s affidavit was very informative, and very educational, and very complete and thorough about the process that was undertaken here. . . So I have reviewed all of these documents and the affidavit of Dr. Wheatman and based upon the information that is provided . . . and the significant number of persons who are contacted here, 90 percent, the Court will issue the order.” - Hon. Mike Salvagni (2008).

Shaffer v. Continental Casualty Co., No. 06-2235 (C.D. Cal.).

“The Class Notice and the notice methodology implemented pursuant to the Settlement Agreement, as described in part in the Declarations of . . . Shannon Wheatman . . . constituted the best practicable notice. . . was reasonable and constitutes due, adequate, and sufficient notice to all persons entitled to receive notice; and met all applicable requirements of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the Class Action Fairness Act, the United States Constitution (including the Due Process Clauses), the Rules of the Court, and any other applicable law.” - Hon. Philip S. Gutierrez (2008).

Gray’s Harbor v. Carrier Corp., No. 05-05437(W.D. Wash.).

“The Court finds that this notice was the best notice practicable under the circumstances, that it



provided due and adequate notice of the proceedings and of the matters set forth therein, and that it fully satisfied all applicable requirements of law and due process.” - Hon. Ronald B. Leighton (2008).

Beringer v. Certegy Check Servs., Inc., No. 8.07-cv-1434-T-23TGW (M.D. Fla.).

“The proposed form of notice and plan for publishing are reasonable and designed to advise members of the Settlement class of their rights . . . A nationally recognized notice specialist, Hilsoft Notifications, has developed the comprehensive Notice Plan. Here, Notice is reasonably calculated to reach the maximum number of potential Settlement Class Members and, thus, qualifies as the best notice practicable. The Notice Plan here is designed to reach the maximum number of Class Members, and it is Plaintiffs’ goal to reach at least 80% of the Class—an extraordinary result in consumer class action litigation.” - Hon. Steven D. Merryday (2008).

Palace v. DaimlerChrysler Corp., No. 01-CH-13168 (Cir. Ct. Ill.).

“The form, content, and method of dissemination of the notice given to the Illinois class and to the Illinois Settlement Class were adequate and reasonable, and constituted the best notice practicable under the circumstances. The notice, as given, provided valid, due, and sufficient notice of the proposed Settlement, the terms and conditions set forth in the Settlement Agreement, and these proceedings, to all Persons entitled to such notice, and said notice fully satisfied the requirements of due process . . .” – Hon. Mary Anne Mason (2008).

Johnson v. Progressive Casualty Ins., Co., No. CV-2003-513 (Cir. Ct. Ark.).

“Notice of the Settlement Class was constitutionally adequate, both in terms of its substance and the manner in which it was disseminated . . . Notice was direct mailed to all Class members whose current whereabouts could be identified by reasonable effort. Notice reached a large majority of the Class members. The Court finds that such notice constitutes the best notice practicable . . . The forms of Notice and Notice Plan satisfy all of the requirements of Arkansas law and due process.” - Hon. Carol Crafton Anthony (2007).

Beasley v. The Reliable Life Insurance Co., No. CV-2005-58-1 (Cir. Ct. Ark.).

“[T]he Court has, pursuant to the testimony regarding the notification requirements, that were specified and adopted by this Court, has been satisfied and that they meet the requirements of due process. They are fair, reasonable, and adequate. I think the method of notification certainly meets the requirements of due process . . . So the Court finds that the notification that was used for making the potential class members aware of this litigation and the method of filing their claims, if they chose to do so, all those are clear and concise and meet the plain language requirements and those are completely satisfied as far as this Court is concerned in this matter.” - Hon. Joe Griffin (2007).



Education and Experience

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Ph.D., Social Psychology, 2001; The University of Georgia, Athens, GA

Dissertation Title: *The effects of plain language drafting on layperson's comprehension of class action notices.*

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M.L.S., Legal Studies, 1996; The University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, NE

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