

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY**

<p>GRANT MORROW on behalf of himself and other persons similarly situated,</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Plaintiff(s)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">v.</p> <p>QUEST DIAGNOSTICS INCORPORATED</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Defendant(s)</p>	<p>Civil Action No.: 2:17-cv-0948 (CCC)(JBC)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Civil Action</p>
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ORDER GRANTING PLAINTIFF’S MOTION FOR ATTORNEYS’ FEES AND EXPENSES, AND SERVICE AWARD

On October 15, 2019, Plaintiff Grant Morrow (“Plaintiff” or “Settlement Class Representative”) sought preliminary approval of a settlement (the “Settlement”) he had reached with Defendant Quest Diagnostics Incorporated (“Defendant”, together with Plaintiff, the “Parties”), which resolved all claims in the above-captioned action (the “Lawsuit”). Preliminary Approval was granted on October 25, 2019. [ECF No. 116]. Plaintiff has now filed a Motion requesting that this Court award a total of \$95,000 in Attorneys’ Fees and Expenses, and a Service Award, apportioned as follows: (i) \$79,283.59 in attorneys’ fees, (ii) \$13,216.41 for reimbursement of costs and expenses, and (iii) a Service Award of \$2,500.00 to the Class Representative.

Having reviewed the motion and supporting memorandum of law, the Court finds that Class Counsel’s request for \$79,283.59 in attorneys’ fees is reasonable, that the award of \$13,216.41 for expenses is reasonable, and that a service award in the amount of \$2,500 is reasonable. The Court therefore approves Class Counsel’s request for fees, costs, expenses, and the requested service award for the class representative.

Specifically, the Court finds that use of the lodestar method is reasonable here, that Class Counsel reasonably expended in excess of 440 hours for a lodestar total of \$301,649.60 in this matter, that the rates sought by Class Counsel are commensurate with the market rates in this District, and that, considering that the fee request results in application of a significant negative multiplier, the requested fees are imminently reasonable.

For these reasons, the Court grants Plaintiff's motion and awards a total of \$95,000 in Attorneys' Fees and Expenses, and a Service Award, apportioned as follows: (i) \$79,283.59 in attorneys' fees, (ii) \$13,216.41 for reimbursement of costs and expenses, and (iii) a Service Award of \$2,500.00 to the Class Representative.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: February 25, 2020



CLAIRE C. CECCHI, U.S.D.J.