## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

## **CIVIL MINUTES – GENERAL**

CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

Case No. 2:21-cv-06918-FWS-JC Date: November 12, 2024

Title: Ivan Baron v. HyreCar Inc., et al.

Present: HONORABLE FRED W. SLAUGHTER, UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Melissa H. Kunig
Deputy Clerk

Court Reporter

Attorneys Present for Plaintiff: Attorneys Present for Defendant:

Not Present Not Present

PROCEEDINGS: (IN CHAMBERS) ORDER CONTINUING HEARING ON MOTION FOR SETTLEMENT APPROVAL OF FINAL APPROVAL OF CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT AND PLAN OF ALLOCATION [132] AND MOTION FOR ATTORNEY FEES AND REIMBURSEMENT OF LITIGATION EXPENSES [134]

Before the court are two motions: (1) Lead Plaintiff Turton Inc.'s ("Lead Plaintiff") Unopposed Motion for Final Approval of Class Action Settlement and Plan of Allocation (Dkts. 131 (Notice of Motion), 132 (Memorandum, "Final Approval Motion")), and (2) Lead Counsel's Motion for An Award of Attorneys' Fees and Reimbursement of Litigation Expenses (Dkts. 134 (Notice of Motion), 135 (Memorandum, "Fee Motion")). A hearing on these motions is scheduled for November 14, 2024. (See generally Final Approval Motion, Fee Motion.) However, the court observes that "[t]he deadline for claims submission is filed online at www.HyreCarSecuritiesSettlement.com by December 14, 2024 or postmarked no later than December 14, 2024." (Dkt. 139-1 (Supplemental Declaration of Josephine Bravata, "Supp. Bravata Decl.") ¶ 10.) In addition, the claims administrator stated that "[a] majority of the claims typically are submitted on or shortly before the claims filing deadline," and "[s]ince the claims filing has not passed, the number of claims considered valid has not yet been finally determined." (Id.)

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In deciding whether to grant the Final Approval Motion and the Fee Motion, the court must analyze whether the Settlement is "fair, reasonable, and adequate." Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(e)(2). The court finds that it cannot conduct a sufficient analysis without having final claims numbers. The court therefore **DIRECTS** Lead Plaintiff to make an appropriate filing with final claims numbers, including the number of claims the claims administrator has determined are valid, on or before **January 13, 2025**. Accordingly, the court **CONTINUES** the hearing on the Final Approval Motion and the Fee Motion to **January 30, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. in Courtroom 10D.** 

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