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ANTHONY P. NEIDLE, ALISSA RAGONA  
and CHRISTIAN HARDMAN on behalf of  
themselves and all others similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

v.

ACME TRADING EXPEDITIONS, LLC,  
GOURMET EXPEDITIONS, LLC, CHIANTI  
RISTORANTE ITALIANO, TARANTELLA  
RISTORANTE, FEMMINA ITALIAN  
GRILLE, BIAGIO COPPOLA, OCTAVIO  
COPPOLA, IVAN COPPOLA, FRANCO  
COPPOLA and JOHN DOE (I-L) and ABC  
CORPORATION (LI-C), fictitious individuals  
and/or entities, jointly, severally and/or in the  
alternative,

Defendants.

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY  
CAMDEN COUNTY

DOCKET NO. CAM-L-3026-18

**ORDER GRANTING PRELIMINARY, NON-BINDING APPROVAL TO PROPOSED  
CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT, APPROVING FORM OF CLASS SETTLEMENT  
NOTICE AND NOTICE DISTRIBUTION PLAN, AND  
SCHEDULING A DATE FOR THE FORMAL PUBLIC FAIRNESS HEARING**

This matter having come before the Court upon an unopposed motion by plaintiff under R. 4:32-2(e) for preliminary, non-binding approval of a proposed class action settlement, court approval of a proposed form of class settlement notice and a plan of notice publication and setting a hearing date for the formal public fairness hearing on whether to grant final approval to

the proposed class settlement, and the Court having considered the plaintiff's unopposed motion papers, and for good cause shown;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED this 14 day of February, 2020 as follows:

1. The Court grants preliminary, non-binding approval of the proposed class action settlement;
2. This matter shall preliminarily proceed as a class action with the settlement class defined as follows:  
  

**All persons who are current or former employees of Defendants who worked as restaurant servers at Tarantella Ristorante, Femmina Italian Grille and/or Chianti Ristorante Italiano since August 9, 2012 to the present**
3. The Court preliminarily appoints Plaintiffs Anthony P. Neidle, Alissa Ragona and Christian Hardman as the named Class Representative and preliminarily appoints Stephen DeNittis and Joseph A. D'Aversa of DeNittis Osefchen Prince, P.C. as Class Counsel.
4. The Court appoints class action administrator Angeion. Angeion shall be responsible for disseminating class notice as set forth in this Order and in the Settlement Agreement, administering the class settlement, and processing claims.
5. It is apparent from the file and presentation of counsel that the proposed Settlement Class meets the requirements of New Jersey Rule of Court 4:32-1 such that Class Notice should be provided.
6. The Court approves the content of the proposed class settlement notice, publication notice and claim form submitted by counsel and the proposed manner of notice distribution. The Court directs that Notice shall be sent on two occasions with one notice being sent within 20 days of the date of this Order and on a second occasion within 40 days of this Order. Notice shall

be disseminated by First Class Mail to all Settlement Class Members to the extent practicable.

In addition, Defendant also shall cause to be published the Class Notice on one date in the *Courier Post* in a form substantially similar to the document attached as Exhibit C to the Settlement Agreement

7. Any objections to the proposed class settlement, or requests for exclusion from the class, must be submitted to the Clerk, post-marked no later than ten (10) prior to the Fairness Hearing scheduled in this matter. Pursuant to R. 4:32-2(e)(C), a formal, public fairness hearing on whether to grant final, binding approval to the proposed class action settlement shall be held on June 12, 2020 (~~suggested date May 24, 2020 which is at least 100 days from the date of the Preliminary approval order~~) at the Camden County Courthouse, 101 South Fifth Street, Camden, New Jersey Office 3, Courtroom 34 at 9:00 AM


8. The Claim Deadline for class members to submit claims will be one hundred twenty (120) days from the date for mailing the first Class Notice (the "First Notice Date").

9. Any memoranda of law or other documents in support of final approval of the proposed class settlement, copies of any objections or requests from exclusion that have been submitted to class counsel or defense counsel, and an affidavit attesting that class notice has been distributed in a manner consistent with this Order, must be submitted to the Court no later than 10 days prior to the hearing on final approval.

10. In the event that the proposed settlement as provided in the Settlement Agreement is not granted final approval by the Court, then the Settlement Agreement, and all drafts, negotiations, discussions and documentation related thereto and orders entered by the Court in connection therewith shall become null and void. In such event the Agreement and all negotiations and proceedings related thereto shall be withdrawn without prejudice to the rights of any and all

parties thereto, who shall be restored to their respective positions as of the date of the execution of the Agreement.

SO ORDERED:



Steven J. Polansky, P.J.Cv.

Opposed

Unopposed

"Reasons set forth On the Record"

2-13-20