

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - LAW DIVISION

Plaintiff,

v.

Case No.

Defendant.

**Settlement Order**

Upon the motion of the parties through the respective attorneys and pursuant to the laws of Illinois for the entry of an order approving the settlement with the Defendant(s) listed on Exhibit A, the Court finds as follows:

1. Attached as Exhibit \_\_\_ is the Distribution Summary Worksheet detailing the Defendant(s)'s settlement offer(s), the attorney fees, case expenses submitted for reimbursement, the liens that will be paid, the allocation of settlement proceeds between the wrongful death action and the survival action, and the division of the wrongful death proceeds pursuant to the order of dependency.
2. The settlement amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is fair and reasonable.
3. The attorney for the Plaintiff is entitled to attorney fees in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ and the attorney fees are within the limits of Cook CO. Cir. R. 6.5 (1) (d).
4. The attorney for the Plaintiff is entitled to reimbursement in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for case expenses as detailed on Exhibit A.
5. Liens in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ shall be paid from the settlement amounts as detailed on Exhibit A.
6. After the payment of attorney fees, reimbursement of case expenses, and the payment of liens, the net proceeds of the action are \$\_\_\_\_\_.
7. \_\_\_% of the net proceeds of the action are allocated to the survival action, resulting in \$\_\_\_\_\_ that will be distributed to the representative as an asset of the decedents' estate. As an estate asset, these funds shall be distributed according to the Probate Act.
8. \_\_\_% of the net proceeds of the action are allocated to the Wrongful Death action, resulting in \$\_\_\_\_\_ that will be distributed according to the provisions of the Wrongful Death Act. Based on the order of dependency, the representative shall distribute this sum as detailed on Exhibit A. These distributions shall be accounted for and administered in the Probate Division.
9. In accordance with Cook Co. Cir. Ct. R. 6.5 and 12.15 (Sept. 29, 2011), the settlement shall only be paid upon the presentation of an order entered in the Probate Division

authorizing the Decedent's representative to receive the distributable amounts and approving the bond or other security required.

10. In accordance with Cook Co. Cir. Ct. R. 6.5(2), if no Probate estate is opened and only a wrongful death claim is pleaded, the settlement proceeds will be distributed to each of the surviving next of kin in the proportion as determined by the division where the appointment was made. In this case, a probate estate does not need to be opened, except for situations in which over \$10,000 is to be distributed to a minor or disabled adult.

**ENTERED**

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Judge