

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN
AND FOR HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION**

JAZLYN RODRIGUEZ, on behalf of
herself and on behalf of all others
similarly situated,

Plaintiff,

v.

Case No.: 2023-CA-000401

TZ INSURANCE SOLUTIONS, LLC
d/b/a TRANZACT and WILLIS TOWERS
WATSON, U.S., LLC

Defendant.

**ORDER GRANTING JOINT MOTION FOR PRELIMINARY
APPROVAL OF SETTLEMENT AND NOTICE OF SETTLEMENT CLASS**

A hearing on this matter was held on March 21, 2023 at 9:30 AM. The parties' Joint Motion for Preliminary Approval of Settlement, including conditional certification of a class solely for settlement purposes; appointment of Plaintiff's counsel as class counsel; appointment of Plaintiff as class representative; approval of the proposed notice of the settlement and notice procedures; scheduling of a fairness hearing, to the extent needed; and approval of deadlines and procedures for filing claims, opting out, objecting, and filing a motion for an award of attorneys' fees, expenses, and general release compensation to Plaintiff, is **GRANTED**.

1. Based on a review of the motion for preliminary approval and all other papers submitted in connection with the motion, the Court finds Plaintiff has standing and the Court has jurisdiction over this action. The settlement memorialized in the Settlement Agreement is preliminarily approved. For purposes of preliminary approval, the Court finds the proposed settlement fair, reasonable, and adequate.

2. The proposed settlement is within the range of possible final settlement approval, and the proposed notice to the class is adequate.

3. The settlement is the result of good-faith, arm's-length negotiation by attorneys well-versed in the prosecution of Fair Credit Reporting Act actions.

4. For settlement purposes only, the Settlement Class is defined as:

All consumers in the United States who (1) were subject to a consumer report provided to named released Parties in connection with and application for employment in a call center operated by Willis Towers Watson, U.S., LLC, one of its lines of business, subsidiaries, or affiliates, (2) for whom employment was denied, based on whole or in part, on the information contained in those consumer reports, (3) to whom the Released Parties did not provide the consumer with a copy of the report and written summary of FCRA rights at least five business days before taking such adverse action, and (4) for the two years preceding the date of the filing of this action.

5. For settlement purposes only, the Settlement Class meets the requirements for class certification under [Rules 1.220\(a\) and \(b\)\(3\), Florida Rules of Civil Procedure](#). The identities of the approximately 741 members of the Settlement Class can be ascertained from records available to Defendant.

6. For settlement purposes only, the Settlement Class satisfies [Rule 1.220\(a\)\(1\)](#) because the joinder of approximately 741 class members is impracticable.

7. For settlement purposes only, the Settlement Class satisfies [Rule 1.220\(a\)\(2\)](#) because the class members' claims share common questions of fact and law.

8. For settlement purposes only, the Settlement Class satisfies [Rule 1.220\(a\)\(3\)](#) because the Plaintiff's claims and those of the class arise out of the same practice and are based on the same legal theories.

9. For settlement purposes only, [Rule 1.220\(a\)\(4\)](#) is satisfied because no conflict of interest exists between the Plaintiff and the Settlement Class, and Plaintiff has retained competent counsel to represent him and the Settlement Class. Plaintiff's counsel, Marc R. Edelman, regularly

engages in FCRA lawsuits and other litigation similar to this action and has dedicated substantial resources to the prosecution of this action. Further, Plaintiff and Plaintiff's counsel have adequately represented the Settlement Class members' interests in this action.

10. For settlement purposes only, [Rule 1.220\(b\)\(3\)](#) is satisfied because common legal and factual issues predominate over individualized issues. Resolution of the common issues for the members of the Settlement Class in a single, coordinated proceeding is superior to individual lawsuits addressing the same legal and factual issues.

11. For settlement purposes only, Marc R. Edelman, Esq., Morgan & Morgan, P.A. is appointed as Class Counsel for the Settlement Class.

12. Class Counsel performed substantial work identifying, investigating, prosecuting, and settling Plaintiff's and the Settlement Class Members' claims and have knowledge of the applicable law.

13. Jazlyn Rodriguez is appointed as Class Representative.

14. The proposed notice of settlement (Notice), attached to the Settlement Agreement is approved and must be sent via mail. Further, the notice procedures set forth in the Settlement Agreement are approved.

15. The content of the Notice complies with due process and [Rule 1.220\(d\)\(2\)](#).

16. The Court approves the procedures for opting out (requesting exclusion), objecting, and submitting claim forms set forth in the Settlement Agreement are approved.

The Court further orders that:

a. **Notice. No later than 14 days after entry of this Order (the "Notice Date").** The Settlement Administrator must mail the Notice, in accordance with the Settlement Agreement.

b. **Fee and Incentive/General Release Compensation Motion.** No later than 30 days before the Final Fairness Hearing, Plaintiff must file a motion for attorneys' fees and expenses, and notification of incentive /general release compensation award.

c. **Objections.** The deadline for filing and serving objections to the Settlement shall be sixty days after the Notice Date. Settlement Class Members who do not file an objection that meets all of the requirements set forth below and in the Settlement Agreement waive any objection to the Settlement. Objections must be filed with the Court, served on Class Counsel and Defendant's Counsel (at the addresses below), reference this lawsuit and:

- (i) state the objector's full name, current address, and telephone number;
- (ii) include the Claim Number listed on the Notice sent to the objector;
- (iii) contain the objector's original signature;
- (iv) state that the objector objects to the Settlement, in whole or in part;
- (v) state the legal and factual basis for the objection;
- (vi) attach copies of any documents that the objector wants the Court to consider in support of the objection;
- (vii) identify by name, address, and bar number any attorney who represents the objector with respect to the objection or who assisted or advised the objector in any way with respect to the objection;
- (viii) list by case name and civil action number all class action settlements to which the objector (or any attorney that meets the description of subsection vii immediately above) have objected within the last five years; and
- (ix) attach a copy of any orders relating to or ruling upon the objector's prior objections that were issued by the trial and appellate courts in each case;
- (x) if the objector is represented in the objection by an attorney who intends to seek fees and expenses from anyone other than the objector, include (a) a description of the attorney's legal background and prior experience in connection with class action litigation; (b) the amount of fees sought by the attorney for representing the objector and the factual and legal justification for the fees being sought; (c) a statement

regarding whether the fees being sought are calculated on the basis of a lodestar, contingency, or other method; (d) the number of hours already spent by the attorney and an estimate of the hours to be spent in the future; (e) the attorney's hourly rate; and (f) any and all agreements that relate to the objection or the process of objecting, whether written or verbal, between the objecting Settlement Class Member and his or her counsel and any other person or entity;

(xi) be postmarked or deposited with an overnight delivery service or hand delivered no later than sixty days after the Notice Date; and

(xii) be sent to each of the following:

Clerk of Court	Clerk of Court Thirteenth Judicial Circuit Hillsborough County Courthouse 800 East Twiggs Street Tampa, Florida 32602 Re: <i>Jazlyn Rodriguez</i> , No. 2023-CA-000401
Class Counsel	Marc R. Edelman, Esq. MORGAN & MORGAN, P.A. 201 N. Franklin Street, Suite 700 Tampa, FL 33602 Re: <i>Jazlyn Rodriguez Class Action</i> , No. 2023-CA-000401
Defendant's Counsel	Brandon T. White, Esq. Holland & Knight, LLC 100 North Tampa Street, Suite 4100 Tampa, FL 33602 Re: <i>Jazlyn Rodriguez Class Action</i> , Case No.: 2023-CA-000401

d. **Opt Outs (Exclusions)**. Opt out (exclusion) requests must be postmarked and sent by U.S. mail to the Settlement Administrator: *Jazlyn Rodriguez v TZ Insurance Solutions, LLC d/b/a Tranzact and Willis Towers Watson, U.S. LLC class action Settlement Administrator*, c/o American Legal Claims Services, no later than 30 days after the Notice Date. Settlement Class Members who do not file opt out (exclusion) requests that meet all of the requirements set forth

below and in the Settlement Agreement shall be bound by the Settlement. Opt-out (exclusion) requests must contain:

- (i) the requestor's name;
- (ii) the requestor's physical address
- (iii) the requestor's phone number;
- (iv) the requestor's Claim Number (included on the Notice sent to the requestor);
- (v) the following statement: "I hereby request to be excluded from the Settlement in *Jazlyn Rodrigues v. TZ Insurance Solutions, LC d/b/a Tranzact and Willis Towers Watson, U.S., LLC* , Case No.: 23-CA-000401, and understand that I will not be entitled to receive any proceeds from the Settlement."; and
- (vi) the requestor's personal signature.

e. **Fairness Hearing.** The final Fairness Hearing is scheduled for **June 27** at **9:30 a.m./p.m.** at the Circuit Court of the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, in and for Hillsborough County, Florida, Hillsborough County Courthouse, 800 East Twiggs Street, Tampa, Florida 33602., in Courtroom 4502 before Judge Caroline Tesche Arkin to the extent needed. No later than 14 days before the final fairness hearing, Plaintiffs must file a motion for final approval of the settlement.

DONE AND ORDERED on this _____ day of _____, 2023.

Electronically Conformed 4/3/2023
Caroline Tesche Arkin

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CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE

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