

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE Northern District of Illinois – CM/ECF LIVE, Ver 6.3.2
Eastern Division**

Lanicka Smith

Plaintiff,

v.

Case No.: 1:18–cv–07628

Honorable Matthew F. Kennelly

DTLR, Inc.

Defendant.

NOTIFICATION OF DOCKET ENTRY

This docket entry was made by the Clerk on Wednesday, April 29, 2020:

MINUTE entry before the Honorable Matthew F. Kennelly: Based upon the Court's review of the motion for final approval and the status report filed on 4/28/2020, and having considered the factors for approval of a class settlement under Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(e)(2) and governing caselaw, the Court finds that the criteria for approval of the settlement have been met and that the settlement is fair, reasonable, and adequate. The Court also finds that the proposed award of attorney's fees and expenses and the proposed \$7,500 incentive award for the named plaintiff are likewise reasonable. Finally, the Court determines, in light of the adequacy of notice and the absence of objections and opt-outs, and due to the coronavirus pandemic and resulting restrictions on travel and the cancellation of all hearings at the Dirksen Courthouse through 5/29/2020, that the need for class members to receive prompt compensation outweighs the need for an in-court hearing, which would have to be delayed well into June, and perhaps later depending on how the pandemic progresses. The Court therefore foregoes holding a hearing on the motion for final approval and grants the motion [67]. Class counsel are directed to promptly provide a Word version of the proposed final approval order to Judge Kennelly's proposed order e-mail address, a link to which may be found on his web page. The hearing set for 5/12/2020 is vacated pursuant to Third Amended General Order 20–0012 and this order. (mk)

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