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#### UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

GARY HEFLER, MARCELO MIZUKI, 3 GUY SOLOMONOV, UNION ASSET Case No. 3:16-cv-05479-JST MANAGEMENT HOLDING AG, and CITY 4 OF HIALEAH EMPLOYEES' **CLASS ACTION** RETIREMENT SYSTEM, Individually and 5 on Behalf of All Others Similarly Situated, 6 Plaintiffs, 7 VS. 8 WELLS FARGO & COMPANY, JOHN G. STUMPF, JOHN R. SHREWSBERRY, 9 CARRIE L. TOLSTEDT, TIMOTHY J. SLOAN, DAVID M. CARROLL, DAVID 10 JULIAN, HOPE A. HARDISON, MICHAEL J. LOUGHLIN, AVID MODJTABAI, JAMES 11 M. STROTHER, JOHN D. BAKER II, JOHN S. CHEN, LLOYD H. DEAN, ELIZABETH 12 A. DUKE, SUSAN E. ENGEL, ENRIQUE HERNANDEZ JR., DONALD M. JAMES, 13 CYNTHIA H. MILLIGAN, FEDERICO F. PEÑA, JAMES H. QUIGLEY, JUDITH M. 14 RUNSTAD, STEPHEN W. SANGER, SUSAN G. SWENSON, and SUZANNE M. 15 VAUTRINOT, 16 Defendants.

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# STIPULATION AND AGREEMENT OF SETTLEMENT

This Stipulation and Agreement of Settlement, dated as of July 30, 2018 (the "Stipulation"), is entered into between (i) Lead Plaintiff, Union Asset Management Holding, AG ("Union" or "Lead Plaintiff"), on behalf of itself and the other members of the Settlement Class; and (ii) defendant Wells Fargo & Company ("Wells Fargo") and defendants John G. Stumpf, John R. Shrewsberry, Carrie L. Tolstedt, Timothy J. Sloan, David M. Carroll, David Julian, Hope A. Hardison, Michael J. Loughlin, Avid Modjtabai, James M. Strother, John D. Baker II, John S. Chen, Lloyd H. Dean, Elizabeth A. Duke, Susan E. Engel, Enrique Hernandez, Jr., Donald M. James, Cynthia H. Milligan, Federico F. Peña, James H. Quigley, Judith M. Runstad, Stephen W. Sanger, Susan G. Swenson, and Suzanne M. Vautrinot (collectively, the "Individual Defendants," and together with Wells Fargo, the STIPULATION AND AGREEMENT OF SETTLEMENT Case No. 3:16-ev-05479-JST

"Defendants"), and embodies the terms and conditions of the settlement of the above-captioned action

(the "Action"). Subject to the approval of the Court and the terms and conditions expressly provided

herein, this Stipulation is intended to fully, finally and forever compromise, settle, release, resolve,

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All terms with initial capitalization not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in ¶ 1 herein.

# WHEREAS:

and dismiss with prejudice the Action.

- On September 26, 2016, a class action complaint, styled Hefler v. Wells Fargo & Company, et al., Case No. 16-cv-05479, was filed in the United States District Court for the Northern District of California (the "Court") asserting violations of federal securities laws against Wells Fargo and certain of the Individual Defendants. A related securities class action complaint, Klein v. Wells Fargo & Company, et al., Case No. 16-cv-5513, was filed on September 28, 2016. In accordance with the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, 15 U.S.C. § 78u-4, as amended (the "PSLRA"), notice to the public was issued stating the deadline by which putative class members could move the Court for appointment as lead plaintiff.
- B. By order dated January 5, 2017, the Court consolidated the two securities class actions, appointed Union as lead plaintiff for the Action, and approved Union's selection of Motley Rice LLC as lead counsel and Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd LLP as liaison counsel.
- C. On March 6, 2017, Lead Plaintiff and named plaintiffs Gary Hefler ("Hefler"), Marcelo Mizuki ("Mizuki"), and Guy Solomonov ("Solomonov") filed the Consolidated Class Action Complaint for Violations of the Federal Securities Laws (the "Consolidated Complaint"). The Consolidated Complaint asserted claims under Section 10(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act") and Rule 10b-5 promulgated thereunder against Wells Fargo and Defendants Stumpf, Sloan, Tolstedt, Carroll, Moditabai, Loughlin and Shrewsberry; under Section 20A of the Exchange Act against Defendants Carroll, Loughlin, Moditabai, Sloan, Stumpf and Tolstedt; and under Section 20(a) of the Exchange Act against all Defendants.

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which the Court approved on May 17, 2017.

E. On June 19, 2017, Defendants filed and served their eight motions to dismiss the Consolidated Complaint. On August 21, 2017, Lead Plaintiff filed and served its omnibus opposition to Defendants' motions to dismiss, and on September 25, 2017, Defendants filed and served their

Bernstein Litowitz Berger & Grossmann LLP for Motley Rice LLP as Lead Counsel for the Action,

On May 16, 2017, Lead Plaintiff filed a Stipulation and Proposed Order substituting

- F. While Defendants' motions to dismiss were pending, the Parties agreed to discuss the possibility of resolving the Action through settlement and scheduled a mediation with former United States District Judge Layn R. Phillips. In advance of the mediation, the Parties prepared and exchanged detailed mediation statements addressing liability and damages issues. The Parties participated in a full-day mediation session before Judge Phillips in New York City on February 6, 2018, but the Parties did not reach an agreement at that mediation.
- G. On February 27, 2018, the Court entered its Order granting in part and denying in part Defendants' motions to dismiss the Consolidated Complaint. The Court dismissed, without prejudice, the claims against Defendants Carroll, Loughlin, and Modjtabai under Sections 10(b) and 20A and against Defendant Tolstedt under Section 20A. In all other respects, the Court denied Defendants' motions to dismiss.
- H. On March 8, 2018, Wells Fargo produced to Lead Plaintiff the documents produced to plaintiffs in *In re Wells Fargo & Company Shareholder Derivative Litigation*, No. 16-CV-5541-JST (N.D. Cal.), comprising 7,585 pages.
- I. On March 15, 2018, Lead Plaintiff, named plaintiffs Hefler, Mizuki and Solomonov, and additional named plaintiff City of Hialeah Employees' Retirement System (collectively, "Plaintiffs") filed the Second Consolidated Class Action Complaint for Violations of Federal Securities Laws (the "Complaint"). The Complaint asserts claims under Section 10(b) of the Exchange Act and Rule 10b-5 against Wells Fargo and Defendants Stumpf, Sloan, Tolstedt, and Shrewsberry; under Section 20A of the Exchange Act against Defendants Sloan, Stumpf and

replies in further support of their motions to dismiss.

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Tolstedt; and under Section 20(a) of the Exchange Act against all Defendants. The Complaint alleges that, during the Class Period, Wells Fargo and certain of the Individual Defendants made repeated misrepresentations and omissions about a core element of Wells Fargo's business, its "cross-selling" business model, including failing to disclose that thousands of Wells Fargo employees were opening unauthorized deposit and credit card accounts without the knowledge or consent of the customers. The Complaint further alleges that the price of Wells Fargo stock was artificially inflated during the Class Period as a result of those misrepresentations and omissions and that the price fell sharply when the truth began to be revealed in September 2016. The Complaint also alleges that certain of the Individual Defendants personally profited by selling Wells Fargo common stock during the Class Period while in possession of adverse, material non-public information.

- J. The Parties scheduled a second mediation session before Judge Phillips for April 13, 2018. In advance of that session, the Parties held a telephonic meet-and-confer to discuss damages and prepared and exchanged supplemental mediation statements. After a day and a half of lengthy negotiations on Friday, April 13 and Saturday, April 14, and with the assistance of Judge Phillips, the Parties reached an agreement in principle to settle the Action that the Parties memorialized in a term sheet (the "Term Sheet") executed on April 14, 2018. The Term Sheet sets forth the Parties' agreement to settle and release all claims against Defendants in return for a cash payment of \$480,000,000 to be paid by Wells Fargo on behalf of all Defendants for the benefit of the Settlement Class, subject to the completion of due diligence discovery and other terms and conditions, including the execution of a formal stipulation and agreement of settlement and related papers.
- K. Lead Counsel conducted extensive due diligence discovery regarding the strengths and weaknesses of Plaintiffs' claims to assure the reasonableness of the proposed Settlement. The due diligence discovery included the review of more than three million pages of discovery produced by Wells Fargo beginning on April 3, 2018, including documents from 65 custodians negotiated by the parties. These custodians include the named defendants John G. Stumpf; John R. Shrewsberry; Carrie L. Tolstedt; Timothy J. Sloan; David M. Carroll; David Julian; Hope A. Hardison; Michael J. Loughlin; Avid Modjtabai; James M. Strother; John D. Baker II; John S. Chen; Lloyd H. Dean;

Elizabeth A. Duke; Susan E. Engel; Enrique Hernandez, Jr.; Donald M. James; Cynthia H. Milligan; Federico F. Peña; James H. Quigley; Judith M. Runstad; Stephen W. Sanger; Susan G. Swenson; and Suzanne M. Vautrinot. The due diligence discovery has confirmed Lead Plaintiff's and Lead Counsel's belief that the Settlement is fair, reasonable and adequate.

- L. This Stipulation (together with the exhibits hereto) has been duly executed by the undersigned signatories on behalf of their respective clients and reflects the final and binding agreement between the Parties.
- M. Based upon their investigation, prosecution, and mediation of the case, and as further confirmed though the due diligence discovery, Lead Plaintiff and Lead Counsel have concluded that the terms and conditions of this Stipulation are fair, reasonable, and adequate and in the best interests of the Settlement Class. Based on Lead Plaintiff's direct oversight of the prosecution of this matter and with the advice of counsel, Lead Plaintiff has agreed to resolve the Released Plaintiffs' Claims in accordance with this Stipulation, after considering, among other things: (i) the substantial financial benefit that the members of the Settlement Class will receive under the proposed Settlement; and (ii) the significant risks and costs of continued litigation, trial and any appeals.
- N. This Stipulation constitutes a compromise of matters that are in dispute between the Parties. Defendants are entering into this Stipulation solely to eliminate the cost, disruption and uncertainty of further litigation. Each Defendant denies any wrongdoing, and this Stipulation shall not be construed or deemed to be evidence of or an admission or concession on the part of any of the Defendants with respect to any claim or allegation of any fault, liability, wrongdoing, or damage whatsoever, or any infirmity in the defenses that Defendants have, or could have, asserted. Defendants expressly deny that Plaintiffs have asserted any valid claims as to any of them, and expressly deny any and all allegations of fault, liability, wrongdoing, or damages whatsoever. Similarly, this Stipulation shall in no event be construed or deemed to be evidence of or an admission or concession on the part of Plaintiffs of any infirmity in any of the claims asserted in the Action, or an admission or concession that any of Defendants' defenses to liability had any merit. Each of the Parties recognizes and acknowledges, however, that the Action has been initiated, filed, and

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prosecuted by Plaintiffs in good faith and defended by Defendants in good faith, and that the Action is being voluntarily settled with the advice of counsel.

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby STIPULATED AND AGREED, by and among Lead Plaintiff (individually and on behalf of all members of the Settlement Class) and Defendants, by and through their respective undersigned attorneys and subject to the approval of the Court pursuant to Rule 23(e) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, that, in consideration of the benefits flowing to the Parties from the Settlement, all Released Plaintiffs' Claims as against the Defendants' Releasees and all Released Defendants' Claims as against the Plaintiffs' Releasees shall be settled and released, upon and subject to the terms and conditions set forth below.

# **DEFINITIONS**

- 1. As used in this Stipulation and any exhibits attached hereto and made a part hereof, the following capitalized terms shall have the following meanings:
- "Action" means the consolidated securities class action in the matter styled (a) Hefler, et al. v. Wells Fargo & Company, et al., Case No. 3:16-cv-05479-JST (N.D. Cal.) and includes all actions consolidated therein.
- (b) "Alternate Judgment" means a form of final judgment that may be entered by the Court herein but in a form other than the form of Judgment provided for in this Stipulation.
- "Authorized Claimant" means a Settlement Class Member who submits a (c) Claim to the Claims Administrator that is approved by the Court for payment from the Net Settlement Fund.
- (d) "Claim" means a Proof of Claim Form that is submitted to the Claims Administrator either in paper form or in electronic form.
- "Claim Form" or "Proof of Claim Form" means the form, substantially in the (e) form attached hereto as Exhibit 2 to Exhibit A, that a Claimant must complete and submit should that Claimant seek to share in a distribution of the Net Settlement Fund.
- "Claimant" means a person or entity who or which submits a Claim to the (f) Claims Administrator seeking to be eligible to share in the proceeds of the Settlement Fund.

- (g) "Claims Administrator" means the firm retained by Lead Plaintiff and Lead Counsel, subject to approval of the Court, to provide all notices approved by the Court to potential Settlement Class Members and to administer the Settlement.
- (h) "Class Distribution Order" means an order entered by the Court authorizing and directing that the Net Settlement Fund be distributed, in whole or in part, to Authorized Claimants.
- (i) "Class Period" means the period from February 26, 2014 through September 20, 2016, inclusive.
- (j) "Complaint" means the Second Consolidated Class Action Complaint filed by Lead Plaintiff in the Action on March 15, 2018.
- (k) "Court" means the United States District Court for the Northern District of California.
  - (l) "Defendants" means Wells Fargo and the Individual Defendants.
- (m) "Defendants' Counsel" means Sullivan & Cromwell LLP, Goodwin Procter LLP, Clarence Dyer & Cohen LLP, Ramsey & Ehrlich LLP, Williams & Connolly LLP, Arguedas, Cassman & Headley LLP, Coblentz Patch Duffy & Bass LLP, Farella Braun & Martel LLP, Swanson & McNamara LLP, Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP, and Morrison & Foerster LLP.
- (n) "Defendants' Releasees" means Defendants and each of Defendants' current or former directors, officers, employees, partners, insurers, co-insurers, reinsurers of said insurers and co-insurers, controlling shareholders, attorneys, accountants or auditors, personal or legal representatives, predecessors, successors, parents, subsidiaries, divisions, joint ventures, agents, assigns, spouses, heirs, executors, estates, administrators, related or affiliated entities, any entity in which a Defendant has a controlling interest, any Individual Defendant's Immediate Family Members, and any trust of which any Individual Defendant is the settlor or which is for the benefit of any Individual Defendant's family.

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- (o) "Effective Date" with respect to the Settlement means the first date by which all of the events and conditions specified in ¶ 33 of this Stipulation have been met and have occurred or have been waived.
  - (p) "ERISA" means the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974.
- (q) "Escrow Account" means an account maintained at Citibank, N.A. wherein the Settlement Amount shall be deposited and held in escrow under the control of Lead Counsel.
  - (r) "Escrow Agent" means Citibank, N.A.
- (s) "Escrow Agreement" means the agreement between Lead Counsel and the Escrow Agent setting forth the terms under which the Escrow Agent shall maintain the Escrow Account.
- (t) "Final," with respect to the Judgment or, if applicable, the Alternate Judgment, or any other court order means: (i) the expiration of time to alter or amend the Judgment or Alternate Judgment under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 59(e) without any such motion having been filed; (ii) if no appeal is filed, the expiration date of the time provided for filing or noticing of any appeal under the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure, i.e., thirty (30) days after entry of the judgment or order; or (iii) if there is an appeal from the Judgment, Alternate Judgment or other court order, including from the denial of a Rule 59(e) motion to alter or amend the judgment or order, (a) the date of final dismissal of all such appeals, or the final dismissal of any proceeding on certiorari or otherwise, or (b) the date the judgment or order is finally affirmed on an appeal, the expiration of the time to file a petition for a writ of certiorari or other form of review, or the denial of a writ of certiorari or other form of review, and, if certiorari or other form of review is granted, the date of final affirmance following review pursuant to that grant. However, any appeal or proceeding seeking subsequent judicial review pertaining solely to an order issued with respect to: (i) attorneys' fees, costs or expenses; or (ii) the plan of allocation of Settlement proceeds (as submitted or subsequently modified), shall not in any way delay or preclude a judgment from becoming Final.
- (u) "Immediate Family Members" means children, stepchildren, parents, stepparents, spouses, siblings, mothers-in-law, fathers-in-law, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law, brothers-

in-law, and sisters-in-law. As used in this definition, "spouse" shall mean a husband, a wife, or a partner in a state-recognized domestic relationship or civil union.

- (v) "Individual Defendants" means John G. Stumpf, John R. Shrewsberry, Carrie L. Tolstedt, Timothy J. Sloan, David M. Carroll, David Julian, Hope A. Hardison, Michael J. Loughlin, Avid Modjtabai, James M. Strother, John D. Baker II, John S. Chen, Lloyd H. Dean, Elizabeth A. Duke, Susan E. Engel, Enrique Hernandez, Jr., Donald M. James, Cynthia H. Milligan, Federico F. Peña, James H. Quigley, Judith M. Runstad, Stephen W. Sanger, Susan G. Swenson, and Suzanne M. Vautrinot.
- (w) "Investment Vehicle" means any investment company or pooled investment fund, including but not limited to mutual fund families, exchange-traded funds, funds of funds, private equity funds, real estate funds, and hedge funds, as to which Wells Fargo or any affiliate of Wells Fargo acts or acted as investment advisor but of which Wells Fargo or any affiliate of Wells Fargo is not a majority owner or does not hold a majority beneficial interest. This definition of Investment Vehicle does not bring into the Settlement Class Wells Fargo itself.
- (x) "Judgment" means the final judgment, substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit B, to be entered by the Court approving the Settlement.
- (y) "Lead Counsel" means the law firm of Bernstein Litowitz Berger & Grossmann LLP.
  - (z) "Lead Plaintiff" or "Union" means Union Asset Management Holding, AG.
- (aa) "Litigation Expenses" means costs and expenses incurred in connection with commencing, prosecuting and settling the Action (which may include the costs and expenses of Plaintiffs directly related to their representation of the Settlement Class), for which Lead Counsel intends to apply to the Court for reimbursement from the Settlement Fund.
- (bb) "Net Settlement Fund" means the Settlement Fund less: (i) any Taxes; (ii) any Notice and Administration Costs; (iii) any Litigation Expenses awarded by the Court; and (iv) any attorneys' fees awarded by the Court.

(cc) "Notice" means the Notice of (I) Pendency of Class Action and Proposed Settlement; (II) Settlement Hearing; and (III) Motion for an Award of Attorneys' Fees and Reimbursement of Litigation Expenses, substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit 1 to Exhibit A, which is to be mailed to Settlement Class Members.

- (dd) "Notice and Administration Costs" means the costs, fees and expenses that are incurred by the Claims Administrator and/or Lead Counsel in connection with: (i) providing notices to the Settlement Class; and (ii) administering the Settlement, including but not limited to the Claims process, as well as the costs, fees and expenses incurred in connection with the Escrow Account.
- (ee) "Parties" means Defendants and Lead Plaintiff, on behalf of itself and the Settlement Class.
- (ff) "Plaintiffs" means Lead Plaintiff, City of Hialeah Employees' Retirement System, Gary Hefler, Marcelo Mizuki, and Guy Solomonov.
- (gg) "Plaintiffs' Counsel" means Lead Counsel and the law firms of Motley Rice LLC, Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd LLP, and Klausner Kaufman Jensen & Levinson.
- (hh) "Plaintiffs' Releasees" means Plaintiffs, all other plaintiffs in this consolidated Action, and all Settlement Class Members, and each of Plaintiffs' current or former directors, officers, employees, partners, insurers, co-insurers, reinsurers of said insurers and co-insurers, controlling shareholders, attorneys, accountants or auditors, personal or legal representatives, predecessors, successors, parents, subsidiaries, divisions, joint ventures, agents, assigns, spouses, heirs, executors, estates, administrators, related or affiliated entities, any entity in which a Plaintiff has a controlling interest, any Plaintiff's Immediate Family Members, and any trust of which any Plaintiff is the settlor or which is for the benefit of any Plaintiff's family.
- (ii) "Plan of Allocation" means the proposed plan of allocation of the Net Settlement Fund set forth in the Notice.
- (jj) "Preliminary Approval Order" means the order, substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A, to be entered by the Court preliminarily approving the Settlement and directing that notice of the Settlement be provided to the Settlement Class.

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"PSLRA" means the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, (kk) 15 U.S.C. § 78u-4, as amended.

"Released Claims" means all Released Defendants' Claims and all Released (11)Plaintiffs' Claims.

(mm) "Released Defendants' Claims" means all claims, debts, demands, rights or causes of action or liabilities of every nature and description (including, but not limited to, any claims for damages, interest, attorneys' fees, expert or consulting fees, and any other costs, expenses or liability whatsoever), whether known claims or Unknown Claims, whether arising under federal, state, local, foreign, statutory or common law, that arise out of or relate in any way to the institution, prosecution, or settlement of the claims asserted in the Action against the Defendants. Released Defendants' Claims do not include any claims relating to the enforcement of the Settlement or any claims against any person or entity who or which submits a request for exclusion from the Settlement Class that is accepted by the Court.

"Released Plaintiffs' Claims" means any and all claims, debts, demands, rights (nn) or causes of action or liabilities of every nature and description (including, but not limited to, any claims for damages, interest, attorneys' fees, expert or consulting fees, and any other costs, expenses or liability whatsoever), whether known claims or Unknown Claims, whether arising under federal, state, local, foreign, statutory or common law or any other law, rule or regulation, whether fixed or contingent, accrued or un-accrued, liquidated or unliquidated, at law or in equity, matured or unmatured, whether class or individual in nature, that both (i) concern, arise out of, relate to, or are based upon the purchase, acquisition, or ownership of Wells Fargo common stock during the Class Period and (ii) were asserted or could have been asserted in this Action by Lead Plaintiff or any other member of the Settlement Class against any of the Defendants' Releasees that arise out of, relate to, or are based upon any of the allegations, circumstances, events, transactions, facts, matters, occurrences, statements, representations or omissions involved, set forth, or referred to in the Complaint, except for claims relating to the enforcement of the Settlement. "Released Plaintiffs' Claims" does not include the claims asserted in any derivative or ERISA action against any of the

- Defendants, including without limitation the claims asserted in *In re Wells Fargo & Co. Shareholder Derivative Litigation*, Case No. 3:16-cv-05541-JST (N.D. Cal.); *Hannon v. Loughlin, et al.*, Case No. 17-cv-07236 (N.D. Cal.); *In re Wells Fargo & Company Derivative Litigation*, Case No. CGC 16-554407 (Cal. Super. Ct.); *Herron v. Stumpf, et al.*, Case No. 18-cv-00466 (Cal. Super. Ct.); *Connecticut Laborers Pension and Annuity Funds, et al. v. John G. Stumpf, et al.*, C.A. No. 2017-0380-SG (Del. Ch.); *Rosenfeld v. Stumpf*, C.A. No. 2017-0383 (Del. Ch.); and *In re: Wells Fargo ERISA 401(k) Litigation*, Case No. 0:16-cv-03405 (D. Minn.), and any cases consolidated into any of the foregoing actions. Also, for the avoidance of doubt, the Settlement does not release any claims of any person or entity who or which submits a request for exclusion from the Settlement Class that is accepted by the Court.
- (oo) "Releasee(s)" means each and any of the Defendants' Releasees and each and any of the Plaintiffs' Releasees.
  - (pp) "Releases" means the releases set forth in ¶¶ 5-6 of this Stipulation.
- (qq) "Settlement" means the settlement between Lead Plaintiff and Defendants on the terms and conditions set forth in this Stipulation.
  - (rr) "Settlement Amount" means \$480,000,000 in cash.
- (ss) "Settlement Class" means all persons and entities who purchased Wells Fargo common stock from February 26, 2014 through September 20, 2016, inclusive. Excluded from the Settlement Class are: (i) Defendants; (ii) Immediate Family Members of any Individual Defendant; (iii) any person who was a director or member of the Operating Committee of Wells Fargo during the Class Period and their Immediate Family Members; (iv) any parent, subsidiary or affiliate of Wells Fargo; (v) any firm, trust, corporation, or other entity in which Defendants or any other excluded person or entity has, or had during the Class Period, a controlling interest; and (vi) the legal representatives, agents, affiliates, heirs, successors-in-interest or assigns of any such excluded persons or entities. Notwithstanding the foregoing exclusions, no Investment Vehicle shall be excluded from the Settlement Class. Also excluded from the Settlement Class are any persons and entities who or which exclude themselves by submitting a request for exclusion that is accepted by the Court.

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- (tt) "Settlement Class Member" means each person and entity who or which is a member of the Settlement Class.
- (uu) "Settlement Fund" means the Settlement Amount plus any and all interest earned thereon.
- (vv) "Settlement Hearing" means the hearing set by the Court under Rule 23(e)(2) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure to consider final approval of the Settlement.
- (ww) "Summary Notice" means the Summary Notice of (I) Pendency of Class Action and Proposed Settlement; (II) Settlement Hearing; and (III) Motion for an Award of Attorneys' Fees and Reimbursement of Litigation Expenses, substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit 3 to Exhibit A, to be published as set forth in the Preliminary Approval Order.
- (xx) "Taxes" means: (i) all federal, state and/or local taxes of any kind (including any interest or penalties thereon) on any income earned by the Settlement Fund; and (ii) the expenses and costs incurred by Lead Counsel in connection with determining the amount of, and paying, any taxes owed by the Settlement Fund (including, without limitation, expenses of tax attorneys and accountants).
- (yy) "Unknown Claims" means any Released Plaintiffs' Claims which Lead Plaintiff or any Settlement Class Member does not know or suspect to exist in his, her or its favor at the time of the release of such claims, and any Released Defendants' Claims which any Defendant does not know or suspect to exist in his, her or its favor at the time of the release of such claims, in each case which, if known by him, her or it, might have affected his, her or its decision(s) with respect to this Settlement. With respect to any and all Released Claims, the Parties stipulate and agree that, upon the Effective Date of the Settlement, Lead Plaintiff and Defendants shall expressly waive, and each of the Settlement Class Members shall be deemed to have waived, and by operation of the Judgment or the Alternate Judgment, if applicable, shall have expressly waived, any and all provisions, rights, and benefits conferred by any law of any state or territory of the United States, or principle of common law or foreign law, which is similar, comparable, or equivalent to California Civil Code § 1542, which provides:

A general release does not extend to claims which the creditor does not know or suspect to exist in his or her favor at the time of executing the release, which if known by him or her must have materially affected his or her settlement with the debtor.

Lead Plaintiff and Defendants acknowledge, and each of the Settlement Class Members shall be deemed by operation of law to have acknowledged, that the foregoing waiver was separately bargained for and a key element of the Settlement.

- (zz) "Wells Fargo" or the "Company" means Wells Fargo & Company.
- (aaa) "Wells Fargo's Counsel" means Sullivan & Cromwell LLP.

#### **SETTLEMENT CLASS CERTIFICATION**

2. Solely for purposes of the Settlement and for no other purpose, Defendants stipulate and agree to: (a) certification of the Action as a class action pursuant to Rules 23(a) and 23(b)(3) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure on behalf of the Settlement Class; (b) certification of Plaintiffs as Class Representatives for the Settlement Class; and (c) appointment of Lead Counsel as Class Counsel for the Settlement Class pursuant to Rule 23(g) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

# PRELIMINARY APPROVAL OF SETTLEMENT

3. Promptly upon execution of this Stipulation, Lead Plaintiff will move for preliminary approval of the Settlement and the scheduling of a hearing for consideration of final approval of the Settlement, which motion shall be unopposed by Defendants. Concurrently with the motion for preliminary approval, Lead Plaintiff shall apply to the Court for, and Defendants shall agree to, entry of the Preliminary Approval Order, substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A.

# **RELEASE OF CLAIMS**

- 4. The obligations incurred pursuant to this Stipulation are in consideration of: (i) the full and final disposition of the Action as against Defendants; and (ii) the Releases provided for herein.
- 5. Pursuant to the Judgment, or the Alternate Judgment, if applicable, without further action by anyone, upon the Effective Date of the Settlement, Lead Plaintiff and each member of the Settlement Class, on behalf of themselves, and each of their respective heirs, executors, administrators, predecessors, successors, assigns, parents, subsidiaries, affiliates, officers, directors, agents, fiduciaries, beneficiaries or legal representatives, in their capacities as such, and any other

person or entity legally entitled to bring Released Plaintiffs' Claims on behalf of a Settlement Class Member, in that capacity, shall be deemed to have, and by operation of law and of the judgment shall have, fully, finally and forever compromised, settled, released, resolved, relinquished, waived and discharged each and every Released Plaintiffs' Claim against any of the Defendants' Releasees, and shall forever be barred and enjoined from commencing, instituting, prosecuting, or continuing to prosecute any or all of the Released Plaintiffs' Claims against any of the Defendants' Releasees.

- 6. Pursuant to the Judgment, or the Alternate Judgment, if applicable, without further action by anyone, upon the Effective Date of the Settlement, Defendants, on behalf of themselves, and each of their respective heirs, executors, administrators, predecessors, successors, assigns, parents, subsidiaries, affiliates, officers, directors, agents, fiduciaries, beneficiaries or legal representatives, in their capacities as such, and any other person or entity legally entitled to bring Released Defendants' Claims on behalf of any Defendant, in that capacity, shall be deemed to have, and by operation of law and of the judgment shall have, fully, finally and forever compromised, settled, released, resolved, relinquished, waived and discharged each and every Released Defendants' Claim against the Plaintiffs' Releasees, and shall forever be barred and enjoined from commencing, instituting, prosecuting, or continuing to prosecute any or all of the Released Defendants' Claims against any of the Plaintiffs' Releasees.
- 7. Notwithstanding ¶¶ 5-6 above, nothing in the Judgment, or the Alternate Judgment, if applicable, shall bar any action by any of the Parties to enforce or effectuate the terms of this Stipulation or the Judgment, or Alternate Judgment, as applicable.

# THE SETTLEMENT CONSIDERATION

8. In consideration of the settlement of the Released Plaintiffs' Claims against Defendants' Releasees, Wells Fargo shall pay or cause to be paid the Settlement Amount into the Escrow Account by the later of: (a) fifteen (15) business days after the date of entry by the Court of an order preliminarily approving the Settlement; or (b) ten (10) business days after Wells Fargo's Counsel's receipt from Lead Counsel of the information necessary to effectuate a transfer of funds to the Escrow Account, including wiring instructions to include the bank name and ABA routing

number, account name and number, and a signed W-9 reflecting a valid taxpayer identification number for the qualified settlement fund in which the Settlement Amount is to be deposited.

9. Defendants' sole monetary obligation under the Settlement shall be for Wells Fargo to pay or cause to be paid the Settlement Amount and Defendants shall not be liable for any other amounts, *provided, however*, that Wells Fargo shall bear the costs of providing its shareholder lists of holders of Wells Fargo common stock during the Class Period to the Claims Administrator as provided under ¶ 20 below, and disseminating notice under the Class Action Fairness Act of 2005, as provided under ¶ 21 below. The Individual Defendants shall have no obligation to pay or cause to be paid, directly or indirectly, any amount under ¶ 8, or otherwise, in connection with the Settlement.

#### USE OF SETTLEMENT FUND

- 10. The Settlement Fund shall be used to pay: (a) any Taxes; (b) any Notice and Administration Costs; (c) any Litigation Expenses awarded by the Court; and (d) any attorneys' fees awarded by the Court. The balance remaining in the Settlement Fund, that is, the Net Settlement Fund, shall be distributed to Authorized Claimants as provided in ¶¶ 19-31 below.
- shall remain in the Escrow Account prior to the Effective Date. All funds held by the Escrow Agent shall be deemed to be in the custody of the Court and shall remain subject to the jurisdiction of the Court until such time as the funds shall be distributed or returned pursuant to the terms of this Stipulation and/or further order of the Court. The Escrow Agent shall invest any funds in the Escrow Account exclusively in United States Treasury Bills (or a mutual fund invested solely in such instruments) and shall collect and reinvest all interest accrued thereon, except that any residual cash balances up to the amount that is insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC") may be deposited in any account that is fully insured by the FDIC. In the event that the yield on United States Treasury Bills is negative, in lieu of purchasing such Treasury Bills, all or any portion of the funds held by the Escrow Agent may be deposited in any account that is fully insured by the FDIC or backed by the full faith and credit of the United States.

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12. The Parties agree that the Settlement Fund is intended to be a Qualified Settlement Fund within the meaning of Treasury Regulation § 1.468B-1 and that Lead Counsel, as administrator of the Settlement Fund within the meaning of Treasury Regulation § 1.468B-2(k)(3), shall be solely responsible for filing or causing to be filed all informational and other tax returns as may be necessary or appropriate (including, without limitation, the returns described in Treasury Regulation § 1.468B-2(k)) for the Settlement Fund. Lead Counsel shall also be responsible for causing payment to be made from the Settlement Fund of any Taxes owed with respect to the Settlement Fund. The Defendants' Releasees shall not have any liability or responsibility for any such Taxes. Upon written request, Wells Fargo will provide to Lead Counsel the statement described in Treasury Regulation Lead Counsel, as administrator of the Settlement Fund within the meaning of § 1.468B-3(e). Treasury Regulation § 1.468B-2(k)(3), shall timely make such elections as are necessary or advisable to carry out this paragraph, including, as necessary, making a "relation back election," as described in Treasury Regulation § 1.468B-1(j), to cause the Qualified Settlement Fund to come into existence at the earliest allowable date, and shall take or cause to be taken all actions as may be necessary or appropriate in connection therewith.

- 13. All Taxes shall be paid out of the Settlement Fund, and shall be timely paid, or caused to be paid, by Lead Counsel and without further order of the Court. Any tax returns prepared for the Settlement Fund (as well as the election set forth therein) shall be consistent with the previous paragraph and in all events shall reflect that all Taxes on the income earned by the Settlement Fund shall be paid out of the Settlement Fund as provided herein. Defendants' Releasees shall have no responsibility or liability for the acts or omissions of Lead Counsel or its agents with respect to the payment of Taxes, as described herein.
- 14. The Settlement is not a claims-made settlement. Upon the occurrence of the Effective Date, no Defendant, Defendants' Releasee, or any other person or entity who or which paid, directly or indirectly, any portion of the Settlement Amount shall have any right to the return of the Settlement Fund or any portion thereof for any reason whatsoever, including without limitation, the number of Claims submitted, the collective amount of Recognized Claims of Authorized Claimants,

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the percentage of recovery of losses, or the amounts to be paid to Authorized Claimants from the Net Settlement Fund.

15. Prior to the Effective Date of the Settlement, Lead Counsel may pay up to \$1,250,000 from the Settlement Fund, without further approval from Defendants or further order of the Court, for Notice and Administration Costs actually incurred and paid or payable. Such costs and expenses shall include, without limitation, the actual costs of printing and mailing the Notice, publishing the Summary Notice, reimbursements to nominee owners for forwarding the Notice to their beneficial owners, the administrative expenses incurred and fees charged by the Claims Administrator in connection with providing notice, administering the Settlement (including processing the submitted Claims), and the fees, if any, of the Escrow Agent. In the event that the Settlement is terminated pursuant to the terms of this Stipulation, all Notice and Administration Costs paid or incurred, including any related fees, shall not be returned or repaid to Wells Fargo, any of the other Defendants or Defendants' Releasees, or any other person or entity who or which paid any portion of the Settlement Amount. After the Effective Date, Lead Counsel may pay all Notice and Administration Costs from the Settlement Fund without further approval from Defendants or further order of the Court.

#### ATTORNEYS' FEES AND LITIGATION EXPENSES

- 16. Lead Counsel will apply to the Court for a collective award of attorneys' fees to Plaintiffs' Counsel to be paid from (and out of) the Settlement Fund. Lead Counsel also will apply to the Court for reimbursement of Litigation Expenses, which may include a request for reimbursement of Plaintiffs' costs and expenses directly related to its representation of the Settlement Class, to be paid from (and out of) the Settlement Fund. Lead Counsel's application for an award of attorneys' fees and/or Litigation Expenses is not the subject of any agreement between Defendants and Lead Plaintiff other than what is set forth in this Stipulation.
- 17. Any attorneys' fees and Litigation Expenses that are awarded by the Court shall be paid to Lead Counsel immediately upon award, notwithstanding the existence of any timely filed objections thereto, or potential for appeal therefrom, or collateral attack on the Settlement or any part

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thereof, subject to Plaintiffs' Counsel's obligation to make appropriate refunds or repayments to the Settlement Fund, plus accrued interest at the same net rate as is earned by the Settlement Fund, if the Settlement is terminated pursuant to the terms of this Stipulation or if, as a result of any appeal or further proceedings on remand, or successful collateral attack, the award of attorneys' fees and/or Litigation Expenses is reduced or reversed and such order reducing or reversing the award has become Final. Plaintiffs' Counsel shall make the appropriate refund or repayment in full no later than thirty (30) days after: (a) receiving from Defendants' Counsel notice of the termination of the Settlement; or (b) any order reducing or reversing the award of attorneys' fees and/or Litigation Expenses has become Final. An award of attorneys' fees and/or Litigation Expenses is not a necessary term of this Stipulation and is not a condition of the Settlement embodied herein. Neither Lead Plaintiff nor Lead Counsel may cancel or terminate the Settlement based on this Court's or any appellate court's ruling with respect to attorneys' fees and/or Litigation Expenses.

Lead Counsel shall allocate the attorneys' fees awarded amongst Plaintiffs' Counsel in a manner which it, in good faith, believes reflects the contributions of such counsel to the institution, prosecution and settlement of the Action. Defendants' Releasees shall have no responsibility for or liability whatsoever with respect to the allocation or award of attorneys' fees or Litigation Expenses. The attorneys' fees and Litigation Expenses that are awarded to Plaintiffs' Counsel shall be payable solely from the Escrow Account.

# NOTICE AND SETTLEMENT ADMINISTRATION

19. As part of the Preliminary Approval Order, Lead Counsel shall seek appointment of a Claims Administrator. The Claims Administrator shall administer the Settlement including but not limited to the process of receiving, reviewing and approving or denying Claims, under Lead Counsel's supervision and subject to the jurisdiction of the Court. Other than Wells Fargo's obligation to provide or cause to be provided its shareholder records as set forth in ¶ 20 below, none of the Defendants' Releasees, shall have any involvement in or any responsibility, authority or liability whatsoever for the selection of the Claims Administrator, the Plan of Allocation, the administration of the Settlement, the Claims process, or disbursement of the Net Settlement Fund, and

shall have no liability whatsoever to any person or entity, including, but not limited to, Lead Plaintiff, any Settlement Class Members or Lead Counsel in connection with the foregoing. Defendants' Counsel shall cooperate in the administration of the Settlement to the extent reasonably necessary to effectuate its terms.

- 20. In accordance with the terms of the Preliminary Approval Order to be entered by the Court, Lead Counsel shall cause the Claims Administrator to mail the Notice and Claim Form to those members of the Settlement Class as may be identified through reasonable effort. Lead Counsel shall also cause the Claims Administrator to have the Summary Notice published in accordance with the terms of the Preliminary Approval Order to be entered by the Court. For the purposes of identifying and providing notice to the Settlement Class, within ten (10) business days of the date of entry of the Preliminary Approval Order, Wells Fargo shall provide or cause to be provided to the Claims Administrator in electronic format (at no cost to the Settlement Fund, Lead Counsel, or the Claims Administrator) Wells Fargo's shareholder lists (consisting of names and addresses) of the holders of Wells Fargo common stock during the Class Period.
- 21. No later than ten (10) calendar days following the filing of this Stipulation with the Court, Defendants shall serve the notice required under the Class Action Fairness Act, 28 U.S.C. § 1715 et seq. ("CAFA"). Wells Fargo shall be solely responsible for the costs of the CAFA notice and administering the CAFA notice. At least seven (7) calendar days before the Settlement Hearing, or as otherwise ordered by the Court, Wells Fargo's Counsel shall cause to be served on Lead Counsel and filed with the Court proof, by affidavit or declaration, regarding compliance with CAFA § 1715(b).
- 22. The Claims Administrator shall receive Claims and determine first, whether the Claim is a valid Claim, in whole or in part, and second, each Authorized Claimant's *pro rata* share of the Net Settlement Fund based upon each Authorized Claimant's Recognized Claim compared to the total Recognized Claims of all Authorized Claimants (as set forth in the Plan of Allocation set forth in the Notice attached hereto as Exhibit 1 to Exhibit A, or in such other plan of allocation as the Court approves).

23. The Plan of Allocation proposed in the Notice is not a necessary term of the Settlement or of this Stipulation, and it is not a condition of the Settlement or of this Stipulation that any particular plan of allocation be approved by the Court. Lead Plaintiff and Lead Counsel may not cancel or terminate the Settlement (or this Stipulation) based on this Court's or any appellate court's ruling with respect to the Plan of Allocation or any other plan of allocation in this Action. Defendants' Releasees shall not object in any way to the Plan of Allocation or any other plan of allocation in this Action. Defendants' Releasees shall have no involvement with or liability, obligation or responsibility whatsoever for the application of the Court-approved plan of allocation.

- 24. Any Settlement Class Member who does not submit a valid Claim will not be entitled to receive any distribution from the Net Settlement Fund, but will otherwise be bound by all of the terms of this Stipulation and Settlement, including the terms of the Judgment or the Alternate Judgment, if applicable, to be entered in the Action and the Releases provided for herein and therein, and will be permanently barred and enjoined from commencing, instituting, prosecuting, or continuing to prosecute any action, claim, or other proceeding of any kind against the Defendants' Releasees with respect to the Released Plaintiffs' Claims in the event that the Effective Date occurs with respect to the Settlement.
- 25. Lead Counsel shall be responsible for supervising the administration of the Settlement and the disbursement of the Net Settlement Fund subject to Court approval. Defendants' Releasees shall have no right under the Stipulation to review, contest or object to any Claim, or any decision of the Claims Administrator or Lead Counsel with respect to accepting or rejecting any Claim for payment. Lead Counsel shall have the right, but not the obligation, to waive what it deems to be formal or technical defects in any Claims submitted in the interests of achieving substantial justice.
- 26. For purposes of determining the extent, if any, to which a Claimant shall be entitled to be treated as an Authorized Claimant, the following conditions shall apply:
- (a) Each Claimant shall be required to submit a Claim in paper form, substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit 2 to Exhibit A, or in electronic form, in accordance with the instructions for the submission of such Claims, and supported by such documents as are designated

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therein, including proof of the Claimant's claimed loss, or such other documents or proof as the Claims Administrator or Lead Counsel, in their discretion, may deem acceptable;

- (b) All Claims must be submitted by the date set by the Court in the Preliminary Approval Order and specified in the Notice. Any Settlement Class Member who fails to submit a Claim by such date shall be forever barred from receiving any distribution from the Net Settlement Fund or payment pursuant to this Stipulation (unless by Order of the Court such Settlement Class Member's Claim is accepted), but shall in all other respects be bound by all of the terms of this Stipulation and the Settlement, including the terms of the Judgment or Alternate Judgment, if applicable, and the Releases provided for herein and therein, and will be permanently barred and enjoined from commencing, instituting, prosecuting, or continuing to prosecute any action, claim or other proceeding of any kind against any Defendants' Releasees with respect to any Released Plaintiffs' Claim. Provided that it is mailed by the claim-submission deadline, a Claim Form shall be deemed to be submitted when postmarked, if received with a postmark indicated on the envelope and if mailed by first-class mail and addressed in accordance with the instructions thereon. In all other cases, the Claim Form shall be deemed to have been submitted on the date when actually received by the Claims Administrator;
- Each Claim shall be submitted to and reviewed by the Claims Administrator (c) who shall determine in accordance with this Stipulation and the plan of allocation the extent, if any, to which each Claim shall be allowed, subject to review by the Court pursuant to subparagraph (e) below as necessary;
- (d) Claims that do not meet the submission requirements may be rejected. Prior to rejecting a Claim in whole or in part, the Claims Administrator shall communicate with the Claimant in writing, to give the Claimant the chance to remedy any curable deficiencies in the Claim submitted. The Claims Administrator shall notify, in a timely fashion and in writing, all Claimants whose Claim the Claims Administrator proposes to reject in whole or in part, setting forth the reasons therefor, and shall indicate in such notice that the Claimant whose Claim is to be rejected has the right to review by

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the Court if the Claimant so desires and complies with the requirements of subparagraph (e) below;

- (e) If any Claimant whose Claim has been rejected in whole or in part desires to contest such rejection, the Claimant must, within twenty (20) days after the date of mailing of the notice required in subparagraph (d) above or a lesser time period if the Claim was untimely, serve upon the Claims Administrator a notice and statement of reasons indicating the Claimant's grounds for contesting the rejection along with any supporting documentation, and requesting a review thereof by the Court. If a dispute concerning a Claim cannot be otherwise resolved, Lead Counsel shall thereafter present the request for review to the Court.
- 27. Each Claimant shall be deemed to have submitted to the jurisdiction of the Court with respect to the Claimant's Claim, and the Claim will be subject to investigation and discovery under the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, provided, however, that such investigation and discovery shall be limited to that Claimant's status as a Settlement Class Member and the validity and amount of the Claimant's Claim. No discovery shall be allowed on the merits of this Action or of the Settlement in connection with the processing of Claims.
- 28. Lead Counsel will apply to the Court, on notice to Defendants' Counsel, for a Class Distribution Order: (a) approving the Claims Administrator's administrative determinations concerning the acceptance and rejection of the Claims submitted; (b) approving payment of any administration fees and expenses associated with the administration of the Settlement from the Escrow Account; and (c) if the Effective Date has occurred, directing payment of the Net Settlement Fund to Authorized Claimants from the Escrow Account.
- 29. Payment pursuant to the Class Distribution Order shall be final and conclusive against all Claimants. All Settlement Class Members whose Claims are not approved by the Court for payment shall be barred from participating in distributions from the Net Settlement Fund, but otherwise shall be bound by all of the terms of this Stipulation and the Settlement, including the terms of the Judgment or Alternate Judgment, if applicable, to be entered in this Action and the Releases provided for herein and therein, and will be permanently barred and enjoined from commencing,

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Releasees with respect to any and all of the Released Plaintiffs' Claims. 30. No person or entity shall have any claim against Plaintiffs, Lead Counsel, the Claims

instituting, prosecuting, or continuing to prosecute any action against any and all Defendants'

- Administrator or any other agent designated by Lead Counsel, or the Defendants' Releasees and/or their respective counsel, arising from distributions made substantially in accordance with the Stipulation, the plan of allocation approved by the Court, or any order of the Court. Plaintiffs and Defendants, and their respective counsel, and Lead Plaintiff's damages expert and all other Releasees shall have no liability whatsoever for the investment or distribution of the Settlement Fund or the Net Settlement Fund, the plan of allocation, or the determination, administration, calculation, or payment of any Claim or nonperformance of the Claims Administrator, the payment or withholding of taxes (including interest and penalties) owed by the Settlement Fund, or any losses incurred in connection therewith.
- 31. All proceedings with respect to the administration, processing and determination of Claims and the determination of all controversies relating thereto, including disputed questions of law and fact with respect to the validity of Claims, shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the Court. All Settlement Class Members, other Claimants, and Parties to this Settlement expressly waive trial by jury (to the extent any such right may exist) and any right of appeal or review with respect to such determinations.

#### TERMS OF THE JUDGMENT

32. If the Settlement contemplated by this Stipulation is approved by the Court, Lead Counsel and Defendants' Counsel shall request that the Court enter a Judgment, substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit B.

# CONDITIONS OF SETTLEMENT AND EFFECT OF DISAPPROVAL, CANCELLATION OR TERMINATION

33. The Effective Date of the Settlement shall be deemed to occur on the occurrence or waiver of all of the following events:

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- (a) the Court has entered the Preliminary Approval Order, substantially in the form set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto, as required by ¶ 3 above;
- (b) the Settlement Amount has been deposited into the Escrow Account in accordance with the provisions of ¶ 8 above;
- (c) Wells Fargo has not exercised its option to terminate the Settlement pursuant to the provisions of this Stipulation (including the Supplemental Agreement described in ¶ 37 below);
- (d) Lead Plaintiff has not exercised its option to terminate the Settlement pursuant to the provisions of this Stipulation; and
- (e) the Court has approved the Settlement as described herein, following notice to the Settlement Class and a hearing, as prescribed by Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and entered the Judgment and the Judgment has become Final, or the Court has entered an Alternate Judgment and none of the Parties seek to terminate the Settlement and the Alternate Judgment has become Final.
- 34. Upon the occurrence of all of the events referenced in ¶ 33 above, any and all remaining interest or right of Defendants in or to the Settlement Fund, if any, shall be absolutely and forever extinguished and the Releases herein shall be effective.
- 35. If (i) Wells Fargo exercises its right to terminate the Settlement as provided in this Stipulation; (ii) Lead Plaintiff exercises its right to terminate the Settlement as provided in this Stipulation; (iii) the Court disapproves the Settlement; or (iv) the Effective Date as to the Settlement otherwise fails to occur, then:
- (a) The Settlement and the relevant portions of this Stipulation shall be canceled and terminated.
- (b) Lead Plaintiff and Defendants shall revert to their respective positions in the Action immediately prior to the execution of the Term Sheet on April 14, 2018.
- (c) The terms and provisions of this Stipulation, with the exception of this ¶ 35 and ¶¶ 15, 17, 38 and 57, shall have no further force and effect with respect to the Parties and shall not be used in the Action or in any other proceeding for any purpose, and any Judgment, or Alternate

Judgment, if applicable, or order entered by the Court in accordance with the terms of this Stipulation

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shall be treated as vacated, nunc pro tunc. Within five (5) business days after joint written notification of termination is (d) sent by Wells Fargo's Counsel and Lead Counsel to the Escrow Agent, the Settlement Fund (including accrued interest thereon and any funds received by Lead Counsel consistent with ¶ 17 above), less any Notice and Administration Costs actually incurred, paid or payable and less any Taxes paid, due or

owing shall be refunded by the Escrow Agent to Wells Fargo (or such other persons or entities as

Wells Fargo may direct). In the event that the funds received by Lead Counsel consistent with ¶ 17

above have not been refunded to the Settlement Fund within the five (5) business days specified in this paragraph, those funds shall be refunded by the Escrow Agent to Wells Fargo (or such other persons

or entities as Wells Fargo may direct) immediately upon their deposit into the Escrow Account

consistent with ¶ 17 above.

It is further stipulated and agreed that Lead Plaintiff and Wells Fargo shall each have 36. the right to terminate the Settlement and this Stipulation, by providing written notice of their election to do so ("Termination Notice") to the other Parties to this Stipulation within thirty (30) days of: (a) the Court's final refusal to enter the Preliminary Approval Order in any material respect; (b) the Court's final refusal to approve the Settlement or any material part thereof; (c) the Court's final refusal to enter the Judgment in any material respect as to the Settlement; (d) the date upon which the Judgment is modified or reversed in any material respect by the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit or the United States Supreme Court; or (e) the date upon which an Alternate Judgment is modified or reversed in any material respect by the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit or the United States Supreme Court, and the provisions of ¶ 35 above shall apply. However, any decision or proceeding, whether in this Court or any appellate court, with respect to an application for attorneys' fees or reimbursement of Litigation Expenses or with respect to any plan of allocation shall not be considered material to the Settlement, shall not affect the finality of any Judgment or Alternate Judgment, if applicable, and shall not be grounds for termination of the Settlement.

right to terminate the Settlement in the event that Settlement Class Members timely and validly

requesting exclusion from the Settlement Class meet the conditions set forth in Wells Fargo's

confidential supplemental agreement with Lead Plaintiff (the "Supplemental Agreement"), in

accordance with the terms of that agreement. The Supplemental Agreement, which is being executed

concurrently herewith, shall be filed with the Court under seal and in camera. The Parties shall

request that the Court afford the Supplemental Agreement confidential treatment and shall not

otherwise disclose its terms in any other manner (other than the statements herein and in the Notice,

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38. Neither the Term Sheet, this Stipulation (whether or not consummated), including the exhibits hereto and the Plan of Allocation contained therein (or any other plan of allocation that may be approved by the Court), the negotiations leading to the execution of the Term Sheet and this Stipulation, nor any proceedings taken or submissions made pursuant to or in connection with the Term Sheet, this Stipulation, and/or approval of the Settlement (including any arguments proffered in connection therewith):

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construed as, or deemed to be evidence of any presumption, concession, or admission by any of the Defendants' Releasees with respect to the truth of any fact alleged by Plaintiffs or the validity of any claim that was or could have been asserted or the deficiency of any defense

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proceedings as may be necessary to effectuate the provisions of this Stipulation;

(b) shall be offered against any of the Plaintiffs' Releasees, as evidence of, or construed as, or deemed to be evidence of any presumption, concession or admission by any of the Plaintiffs' Releasees that any of their claims are without merit, that any of the Defendants' Releasees had meritorious defenses, or that damages recoverable under the Complaint would not have exceeded the Settlement Amount or with respect to any liability, negligence, fault or wrongdoing of any kind, or in any way referred to for any other reason as against any of the Plaintiffs' Releasees, in any civil, criminal, administrative, or other action or proceeding, other than such proceedings as may be necessary to effectuate the provisions of this Stipulation; or

(c) shall be construed against any of the Releasees as an admission, concession, or presumption that the consideration to be given hereunder represents the amount which could be or would have been recovered after trial;

provided, however, that if this Stipulation is approved by the Court, the Parties and the Releasees and their respective counsel may refer to it to effectuate the protections from liability granted hereunder and otherwise to enforce the terms of the Settlement.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

- 39. All of the exhibits attached hereto are hereby incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event that there exists a conflict or inconsistency between the terms of this Stipulation and the terms of any exhibit attached hereto, the terms of the Stipulation shall prevail.
- 40. Wells Fargo warrants that, as to the payments made or to be made on behalf of it, at the time of entering into this Stipulation and at the time of such payment it, or to the best of its knowledge any persons or entities contributing to the payment of the Settlement Amount, were not insolvent, nor will the payment required to be made by or on behalf of it render them insolvent, within the meaning of and/or for the purposes of the United States Bankruptcy Code, including §§ 101 and 547 thereof. This representation is made by Wells Fargo and not by its counsel.

41. In the event of the entry of a final order of a court of competent jurisdiction determining the transfer of money to the Settlement Fund or any portion thereof by or on behalf of Defendants to be a preference, voidable transfer, fraudulent transfer or similar transaction and any portion thereof is required to be returned, and such amount is not promptly deposited into the Settlement Fund by others, then, at the election of Lead Plaintiff, the Parties shall jointly move the Court to vacate and set aside the Releases given and the Judgment or Alternate Judgment, if applicable, entered in favor of Defendants and the other Releasees pursuant to this Stipulation, in which event the releases and Judgment or Alternate Judgment, if applicable, shall be null and void, and the Parties shall be restored to their respective positions in the litigation as provided in ¶35 above, Lead Counsel shall promptly return any attorneys' fees and Litigation Expenses received pursuant to ¶17, above, plus accrued interest at the same net rate as is earned by the Settlement Fund, and any cash amounts in the Settlement Fund (less any Taxes paid, due or owing with respect to the Settlement Fund and less any Notice and Administration Costs actually incurred, paid or payable) shall be returned as provided in ¶35.

42. The Parties intend this Stipulation and the Settlement to be a final and complete resolution of all disputes asserted or which could be asserted by Lead Plaintiff and any Settlement Class Members against the Defendants' Releasees with respect to the Released Plaintiffs' Claims. Accordingly, Lead Plaintiff and their counsel and Defendants and their counsel agree not to assert in any forum that this Action was brought by Plaintiffs or defended by Defendants in bad faith or without a reasonable basis. No party shall assert any claims of any violation of Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure relating to the institution, prosecution, defense, or settlement of this Action. The Parties agree that the amounts paid and the other terms of the Settlement were negotiated at arm's-length and in good faith by the Parties, including through a mediation process supervised and conducted by Judge Phillips, and reflect the Settlement that was reached voluntarily after extensive negotiations and consultation with experienced legal counsel, who were fully competent to assess the strengths and weaknesses of their respective clients' claims or defenses.

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(whether or not for attribution) will not assert that the Action was commenced or prosecuted in bad

faith nor will they deny that the Action was commenced and prosecuted in good faith and is being

settled voluntarily after consultation with competent legal counsel. In all events, Lead Plaintiff and

their counsel and Defendants and their counsel shall not make any accusations of wrongful or

actionable conduct by either party concerning the prosecution, defense, and resolution of the Action,

and shall not otherwise suggest that the Settlement constitutes an admission of any claim or defense

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The terms of the Settlement, as reflected in this Stipulation, may not be modified or

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amended, nor may any of its provisions be waived except by a writing signed on behalf of both Lead Plaintiff and Defendants (or their successors-in-interest). 45. The headings herein are used for the purpose of convenience only and are not meant to have legal effect. The administration and consummation of the Settlement as embodied in this 46. Stipulation shall be under the authority of the Court, and the Court shall retain jurisdiction for the

purpose of entering orders providing for awards of attorneys' fees and Litigation Expenses to

Plaintiffs' Counsel and enforcing the terms of this Stipulation, including the Plan of Allocation (or

such other plan of allocation as may be approved by the Court) and the distribution of the Net

- 47. The waiver by one party of any breach of this Stipulation by any other party shall not be deemed a waiver of any other prior or subsequent breach of this Stipulation.
- 48. This Stipulation and its exhibits and the Supplemental Agreement constitute the entire agreement among Lead Plaintiff and Defendants concerning the Settlement and this Stipulation and All parties acknowledge that no other agreements, representations, warranties, or its exhibits. inducements have been made by any party hereto concerning this Stipulation, its exhibits or the Supplemental Agreement other than those contained and memorialized in such documents.

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- 49. This Stipulation may be executed in one or more counterparts, including by signature transmitted via facsimile, or by a .pdf/.tif image of the signature transmitted via email. All executed counterparts and each of them shall be deemed to be one and the same instrument.
- 50. This Stipulation shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the successors and assigns of the Parties, including any and all Releasees and any corporation, partnership, or other entity into or with which any party hereto may merge, consolidate or reorganize.
- 51. The construction, interpretation, operation, effect and validity of this Stipulation, the Supplemental Agreement and all documents necessary to effectuate it shall be governed by the internal laws of the State of California without regard to conflicts of laws, except to the extent that federal law requires that federal law govern.
- 52. Any action arising under or to enforce this Stipulation or any portion thereof, shall be commenced and maintained only in the Court.
- 53. This Stipulation shall not be construed more strictly against one party than another merely by virtue of the fact that it, or any part of it, may have been prepared by counsel for one of the Parties, it being recognized that it is the result of arm's-length negotiations between the Parties and all Parties have contributed substantially and materially to the preparation of this Stipulation.
- 54. All counsel and any other person executing this Stipulation and any of the exhibits hereto, or any related Settlement documents, warrant and represent that they have the full authority to do so and that they have the authority to take appropriate action required or permitted to be taken pursuant to the Stipulation to effectuate its terms.
- 55. Lead Counsel and Defendants' Counsel agree to cooperate fully with one another in seeking Court approval of the Preliminary Approval Order and the Settlement, as embodied in this Stipulation, and to use best efforts to promptly agree upon and execute all such other documentation as may be reasonably required to obtain final approval by the Court of the Settlement.
- 56. If any party is required to give notice to another party under this Stipulation, such notice shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given upon receipt of hand delivery or email transmission, with confirmation of receipt. Notice shall be provided to any such party at the

email address or physical address of their respective counsel as set forth on the signature pages of this Stipulation.

- 57. Except as otherwise provided herein, each party shall bear its own costs.
- 58. Whether or not the Stipulation is approved by the Court and whether or not the Stipulation is consummated, or the Effective Date occurs, the Parties and their counsel shall use their best efforts to keep all negotiations, discussions, acts performed, agreements, drafts, documents signed, and proceedings in connection with the Stipulation confidential.
- 59. All agreements made and orders entered during the course of this Action relating to the confidentiality of information shall survive this Settlement.
- 60. No opinion or advice concerning the tax consequences of the proposed Settlement to individual Settlement Class Members is being given or will be given by the Parties or their counsel; nor is any representation or warranty in this regard made by virtue of this Stipulation. Each Settlement Class Member's tax obligations, and the determination thereof, are the sole responsibility of the Settlement Class Member, and it is understood that the tax consequences may vary depending on the particular circumstances of each individual Settlement Class Member.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** the Parties hereto have caused this Stipulation to be executed, by their duly authorized attorneys, as of July 30, 2018.

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