

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF KANSAS**

BUDICAK, INC., BLUE MARLIN
ARBITRAGE, LLC, and PRIME TRADING,
LLC, individually, and on behalf of others
similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

v.

LANSING TRADE GROUP, LLC,
CASCADE COMMODITY CONSULTING,
LLC, and JOHN DOES NOS. 6-10,

Defendants.

Case No. 2:19-cv-02449

District Judge Toby Crouse

Magistrate Judge Angel D. Mitchell

**DECLARATION OF MICHAEL BUDICAK IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFFS' MOTION
FOR AWARD OF ATTORNEYS' FEES, REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES, AND
SERVICE AWARDS TO CLASS REPRESENTATIVES**

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I, Michael Budicak, hereby declare as follows:

1. I am a resident of the state of Illinois and am the owner of Budicak, Inc., one of the class representatives in the above-referenced case. I respectfully submit this Declaration in support of the proposed \$18,000,000 Settlements with Lansing Trade Group, LLC and Cascade Commodity Consulting, LLC and request that the Court approve the proposed Settlements on behalf of the Class.

2. I have actively participated in this case from its inception. On July 20, 2018, Budicak, Inc. filed a lawsuit in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois concerning the intentional manipulation of wheat futures and options contracts traded on the Chicago Board of Trade from at least February 1, 2015 through May 15, 2015. Budicak, Inc. is currently a named Plaintiff in the Amended Class Action Complaint.

3. Since becoming involved, I have been kept fully informed of case developments and procedural matters over the course of the case, including regular correspondence with my lawyers at Cafferty Clobes Meriwether & Sprengel, LLP concerning discovery, class certification, and settlement.

4. Specifically, as part of Budicak, Inc.'s role as a named Plaintiff and class representative in this case, and in addition to the above, I aided in the creation of pleadings and searched for and provided information in response to discovery requests from Defendants.

5. Other than Plaintiffs Budicak, Inc., Blue Marlin Arbitrage, LLC, and Prime Trading, LLC, no other Class members stepped forward to file lawsuits nor to serve as class representatives.

6. Budicak, Inc. represented the Class despite the risk that there was no guarantee of compensation for the work performed on behalf of the Class. Without this willingness to represent the Class, there would have been no recovery for other Class members.

7. I have discussed with counsel and evaluated the risks of continuing the case. I have authorized counsel to settle this matter for \$18,000,000 for Class members. I believe these Settlements are fair and reasonable and are in the best interest of the Class.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on: March 23, 2023
_____, Illinois

/s/ Michael Budicak

Michael Budicak on behalf of Budicak, Inc.