

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

ARKANSAS TEACHER RETIREMENT SYSTEM  
and FRESNO COUNTY EMPLOYEES'  
RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION, Individually and on  
Behalf of All Others Similarly Situated,

Plaintiffs,

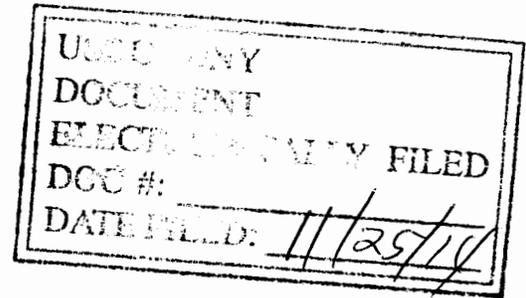
v.

BANKRATE, INC. et al.,

Defendants.

Case No. 13-cv-7183 (JSR)

ECF CASE



**ORDER AWARDING ATTORNEYS' FEES AND EXPENSES**

This matter came on for hearing on November 21, 2014 (the "Settlement Hearing") on Lead Counsel's motion for an award of attorneys' fees and reimbursement of Litigation Expenses. The Court having considered all matters submitted to it at the Settlement Hearing and otherwise; and it appearing that notice of the Settlement Hearing substantially in the form approved by the Court was mailed to all Settlement Class Members who or which could be identified with reasonable effort, except those persons or entities excluded from the definition of the Settlement Class, and that a summary notice of the hearing substantially in the form approved by the Court was published in *Investor's Business Daily* and was transmitted over the *PR Newswire* pursuant to the specifications of the Court; and the Court having considered and determined the fairness and reasonableness of the award of attorneys' fees and Litigation Expenses requested,

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. This Order incorporates by reference the definitions in the Amended Stipulation and Agreement of Settlement dated September 17, 2014 (ECF No. 73-1) (the "Amended

Stipulation”) and all terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the same meanings as set forth in the Amended Stipulation.

2. The Court has jurisdiction to enter this Order and over the subject matter of the Action and all parties to the Action, including all Settlement Class Members.

3. Notice of Lead Counsel’s motion for attorneys’ fees and reimbursement of Litigation Expenses was given to all Settlement Class Members who could be identified with reasonable effort. The form and method of notifying the Settlement Class of the motion for attorneys’ fees and expenses satisfied the requirements of Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 (15 U.S.C. § 78u-4(a)(7)), due process, and all other applicable law and rules, constituted the best notice practicable under the circumstances, and constituted due and sufficient notice to all persons and entities entitled thereto.

4. Lead Counsel is hereby awarded attorneys’ fees in the amount of 25 % of the Settlement Fund, net of Court-awarded expenses, and \$ 194,426.83 in reimbursement of litigation expenses (which fees and expenses shall be paid from the Settlement Fund), which sums the Court finds to be fair and reasonable.

5. Lead Counsel shall be paid 50% of the attorneys’ fees awarded and 100% of the approved expenses immediately upon entry of this Order. Payment of the balance of the attorneys’ fees awarded shall be made to Lead Counsel when distribution of the Net Settlement Fund to claimants has been very substantially completed.

6. In making this award of attorneys’ fees and reimbursement of expenses to be paid from the Settlement Fund, the Court has considered and found that:

(a) The Settlement has created a fund of \$18,000,000 in cash that has been funded into escrow pursuant to the terms of the Amended Stipulation, and that numerous

Settlement Class Members who submit acceptable Claim Forms will benefit from the Settlement that occurred because of the efforts of Lead Counsel;

(b) The fee sought by Lead Counsel has been reviewed and approved as fair and reasonable by Lead Plaintiffs, who are institutional investors that oversaw the prosecution and resolution of the Action;

(c) Copies of the Notice were mailed to over 35,000 potential Settlement Class Members and nominees stating that Lead Counsel would apply for attorneys' fees in an amount not to exceed 25% of the Settlement Fund and reimbursement of Litigation Expenses in an amount not to exceed \$300,000, and there were no objections to the requested attorneys' fees and expenses;

(d) Lead Counsel has conducted the litigation and achieved the Settlement with skill, perseverance and diligent advocacy;

(e) The Action raised a number of complex issues;

(f) Had Lead Counsel not achieved the Settlement there would remain a significant risk that Lead Plaintiffs and the other members of the Settlement Class may have recovered less or nothing from Defendants;

(g) Lead Counsel devoted over 5,100 hours, with a lodestar value of approximately \$2,485,000, to achieve the Settlement; and

(h) The amount of attorneys' fees awarded and expenses to be reimbursed from the Settlement Fund are fair and reasonable and consistent with awards in similar cases.

7. Lead Plaintiff Arkansas Teacher Retirement System is hereby awarded \$ 4,270.22 from the Settlement Fund as reimbursement for its reasonable costs and expenses directly related to its representation of the Settlement Class.

8. Lead Plaintiff Fresno County Employees' Retirement Association is hereby awarded \$ 850.67 from the Settlement Fund as reimbursement for its reasonable costs and expenses directly related to its representation of the Settlement Class.

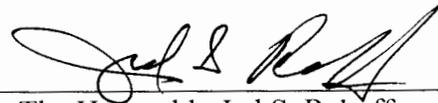
9. Any appeal or any challenge affecting this Court's approval regarding any attorneys' fees and expense application shall in no way disturb or affect the finality of the Judgment.

10. Exclusive jurisdiction is hereby retained over the parties and the Settlement Class Members for all matters relating to this Action, including the administration, interpretation, effectuation or enforcement of the Amended Stipulation and this Order.

11. In the event that the Settlement is terminated or the Effective Date of the Settlement otherwise fails to occur, this Order shall be rendered null and void to the extent provided by the Amended Stipulation.

12. There is no just reason for delay in the entry of this Order, and immediate entry by the Clerk of the Court is expressly directed.

SO ORDERED this 21<sup>st</sup> day of November, 2014.



The Honorable Jed S. Rakoff  
United States District Judge