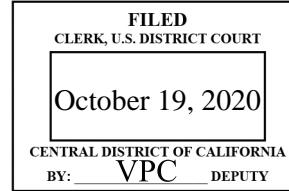


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17 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
18 **CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

19 Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, } Case No.: 8-20-cv-00043-SB-ADS
20 Plaintiff, }
21 vs. } [PROPOSED] STIPULATED FINAL
22 Chou Team Realty, LLC, et al., } JUDGMENT AND ORDER AS TO
23 Defendants. } KENNETH LAWSON AND XO MEDIA,
24 LLC
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29 The Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection (Bureau) commenced this
30 civil action on January 9, 2020, to obtain injunctive relief, redress, damages,
31 civil penalties, and disgorgement. The Second Amended Complaint alleges that,
32 in connection with providing debt-relief services to consumers with student
33 loans, certain entities and individuals violated the Fair Credit Reporting Act
34 (FCRA), 15 U.S.C. § 1681; the Telemarketing Sales Rule (TSR), 16 C.F.R. Part
35 310; and the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010 (CFPA), 12 U.S.C.
36 §§ 5531(a), 5536(a)(1)(A). The Second Amended Complaint also alleges that
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1 Relief Defendants Kenneth Lawson and XO Media, LLC received distributions
2 of profits traceable to funds obtained through violations of the FCRA, the
3 CFPA, and the TSR by the Student Loan Debt Relief Companies.

4 The Bureau and Relief Defendants Lawson and XO Media, LLC agree to
5 entry of this Stipulated Final Judgment and Order (Order), without adjudication
6 of any issue of fact or law, to settle and resolve all matters in dispute between
7 these parties arising from the conduct alleged in the Second Amended
8 Complaint.

9 **THEREFORE, it is ORDERED:**

10 **FINDINGS**

11 1. This Court has jurisdiction over the parties and the subject matter
12 of this action.

13 2. Venue is proper in this district under 12 U.S.C. § 5564(f).

14 3. The relief provided in this Order is appropriate and available
15 pursuant to sections 1054 and 1055 of the CFPA, 12 U.S.C. §§ 5564, 5565.

16 4. Relief Defendants neither admit nor deny any allegations in the
17 Second Amended Complaint, except as specified in this Order. For purposes of
18 this Order, Relief Defendants admit the facts necessary to establish the Court's
19 jurisdiction over them and the subject matter of this action.

20 5. Relief Defendants waive all rights to seek judicial review or
21 otherwise challenge or contest the validity of this Order and any claim they may
22 have under the Equal Access to Justice Act, 28 U.S.C. § 2412, concerning the
23 prosecution of this action to the date of this Order. Each party agrees to bear its
24 own costs and expenses, including, without limitation, attorneys' fees.

25 6. Entry of this Order is in the public interest.

DEFINITIONS

7. The following definitions apply to this Order:
- a. “Affected Consumers” includes all consumers who, since January 1, 2015, were charged fees by any of the Student Loan Debt Relief Companies.
 - b. “Corporate Relief Defendant” means XO Media, LLC, and its successors and assigns.
 - c. “Effective Date” means the date on which the Order is entered.
 - d. “Enforcement Director” means the Assistant Director of the Office of Enforcement for the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, or his or her delegate.
 - e. “Individual Relief Defendant” means Kenneth Lawson, and any other name by which he might be known.
 - f. “Relief Defendants” means the Individual Relief Defendant and the Corporate Relief Defendant, individually, collectively, or in any combination.
 - g. “Student Loan Debt Relief Companies” means Docu Prep Center, Inc., d/b/a DocuPrep Center, d/b/a Certified Document Center; Document Preparation Services, LP, d/b/a DocuPrep Center, d/b/a Certified Document Center; Certified Doc Prep, Inc.; Certified Doc Prep Services, LP; Assure Direct Services, Inc.; Assure Direct Services, LP; Direct Document Solutions, Inc.; Direct Document Solutions, LP; Secure Preparation Services, Inc.; Secure Preparation Services, LP, and their successors and assigns, individually, collectively, or in any combination.

ORDER

MONETARY PROVISION

I.

Order to Pay Redress

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that:

8. A judgment for monetary relief is entered in favor of the Bureau and against Relief Defendants, jointly and severally, in the amount of \$200,000, such amount being for the purpose of providing redress to Affected Consumers.

9. Within 10 days of the Effective Date, Relief Defendants must pay to the Bureau, by wire transfer to the Bureau or to the Bureau's agent, and according to the Bureau's wiring instructions, \$200,000, in full satisfaction of the judgment as ordered in Paragraph 8 of this Section

10. Any funds received by the Bureau in satisfaction of this judgment will be deposited into a fund or funds administered by the Bureau or to the Bureau's agent according to applicable statutes and regulations to be used for redress for Affected Consumers, including, but not limited to, refund of moneys, restitution, damages or other monetary relief, and for any attendant expenses for the administration of any such redress.

11. If the Bureau determines, in its sole discretion, that redress to consumers is wholly or partially impracticable or if funds remain after redress is completed, the money will not revert to Relief Defendants. Relief Defendants will have no right to challenge any actions that the Bureau or its representatives may take under this Section.

12. Payment of redress to any Affected Consumer under this Order may not be conditioned on that Affected Consumer waiving any right.

13. In the event of any default on Relief Defendants' obligations to make payment under this Order, interest, computed under 28 U.S.C. § 1961, as

1 amended, will accrue on any outstanding amounts not paid from the date of
2 default to the date of payment, and will immediately become due and payable.

3 14. Relief Defendants relinquish all dominion, control, title to the
4 funds paid under this Order to the fullest extent permitted by law. No part of the
5 funds may be returned to Relief Defendants.

6 15. The facts alleged in the Second Amended Complaint will be taken
7 as true and be given collateral estoppel effect, without further proof, in any
8 proceeding based on the entry of the Order, or in any subsequent civil litigation
9 by, or on behalf of the Bureau, including in a proceeding to enforce its rights to
10 any payment or monetary judgment under this Order, such as a
11 nondischargeability complaint in any bankruptcy case.

12 16. The facts alleged in the Second Amended Complaint establish all
13 elements necessary to sustain an action by the Bureau under Section
14 523(a)(2)(A) of the Bankruptcy Code, 11 U.S.C. § 523(a)(2)(A). For such
15 purposes, this Order will have collateral estoppel effect against each Relief
16 Defendant, even in such Relief Defendant's capacity as debtor-in-possession.

17 17. Under 31 U.S.C. § 7701, Relief Defendants, unless they already
18 have done so, must furnish to the Bureau their taxpayer-identification numbers,
19 which may be used for purposes of collecting and reporting on any delinquent
20 amount arising out of this Order.

21 18. Under Section 604(a)(1) of FCRA, 15 U.S.C. § 1681b(a)(1), any
22 Consumer Reporting Agency may furnish a Consumer Report concerning any
23 Relief Defendant to the Bureau, which may be used for purposes of collecting
24 and reporting on any delinquent amount arising out of this Order.

COMPLIANCE PROVISIONS

III.

Notices

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that:

19. Unless otherwise directed in writing by the Bureau, Relief Defendants must provide all submissions, requests, communications, or other documents relating to this Order in writing, with the subject line, “*CFPB v. Chou Team Realty, LLC, et al.*, Case No. 8:20-cv-00043-JVS-ADS,” and send them by overnight courier or first-class mail to the below address, and contemporaneously by email to Enforcement.Compliance@cfpb.gov:

Assistant Director for Enforcement

Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection

ATTENTION: Office of Enforcement

1700 G Street, N.W.

Washington D.C. 20552

III.

Retention of Jurisdiction

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that:

20. The Court will retain jurisdiction of this matter for the purpose of enforcing this Order.

1 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

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3 DATED this 19th day of Oct., 2020.

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7 Hon. Stanley Blumenfeld, Jr.
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