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1 INTRODUCTION

Analytics is one of the premier providers of class action consulting and administration services - including the planning, notification, claims processing and distribution of settlement funds.

Top law firms, corporate legal departments, Special Masters, and other legal professionals rely on Analytics to plan and implement complex notice and claims programs, including collective and class action settlements, governmental settlements, and regulatory remediation engagements. Our experienced staff, tested systems, and turn-key operations centers are in place to meet the most complex of notice and settlement requirements.

Analytics' program and claims management practice provides:

- PMP-certified project managers
- SOC 1 Type II audited data intake, case management, and distribution process
- FISMA-Moderate accredited infrastructure and applications that includes:
 - Call Centers
 - Claims Resolution
 - Application and Data Hosting
 - Mail Processing
 - o Treasury Management and Distribution Services
- Experience providing expert testimony and consulting services regarding legal and operational issues as they relate to the management of claims facilities and communications programs.
- 1.1 Company Information
- 1.1.1 Analytics

Analytics was established in 1970, two years after the revisions to Federal Rules of Civil Procedure Rule 23 that made federal class action litigation practical. Throughout our 49-year history, Analytics has assisted clients in managing class action settlements around the globe involving more than 250 million class members and \$6 billion dollars. With decades of experience, Analytics has the demonstrated ability to customize fund administration solutions for every sector and to manage engagements ranging from less than 25 to over 80 million individuals. Our clients include law firms, Special Masters. Fortune 500 corporations, and the United States Government. Analytics has been retained under multi-year contracts to provide expert consulting and administration services to the following agencies to support their consumer and investor protection missions: The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, Federal Trade Commission, Securities and Exchange Commission, and the Department of Justice.

Our experience covers the full range of collective action, class action and mass tort litigation, including antitrust, building products, consumer fraud, employment, ERISA, racial and sexual discrimination, insurance, privacy, securities, and truth-in-lending litigation. We have



administered settlements ranging in size from fewer than 100 class members to more than 40 million, including one of the largest mailed-notice campaigns in history.

1.1.2 Why Analytics?

There are several qualities that distinguish Analytics as a notice and claims administrator:

- EXPERTS IN CLASS ACTION NOTICE AND SETTLEMENT ADMINISTRATION. Our management team includes experts in law, economics, and ecommerce, and averages more than three decade's worth of class action notice and settlement administration experience. The unique perspective this team brings gives us the ability to meet the challenges of modern legal notice and claims administration.
- WE ARE E-COMMERCE AND TECHNOLOGY EXPERTS. We are committed to investments in technology to improve the administration process for clients and class members. From load-tested applications designed to accommodate surges in claimant interest, to websites designed for smartphones that encourage participation; our systems are designed to meet the needs of modern notice and claims administration.
- WE'RE OBSESSIVE ABOUT THE DETAILS. Our processes are based upon decades of experience and detailed planning and undergo an annual SOC 1 Type II audit. For each engagement, project plans result in defined deliverables as well as measured and transparent results.
- **PERSONALIZED SERVICE FOR CLIENTS AND CLASS MEMBERS** We understand that every engagement is personal: personal to the lawyers who litigated the matter and personal to the class members who participate in the settlement process. For clients, we provide a single point of contact that oversees and coordinates all aspects of each engagement. For class members we provide the administration support they need in the mode best suited to their needs.
- WE HAVE NO CONFLICTS. We have no conflicts of interest that could compromise our services or undermine the trust of the parties. Due to our closely held nature, Analytics has never had a conflict of interest, however remote, in any matter that we've assisted in administering.
- WE NEVER OUTSOURCE. All consulting services are performed in house, and we do not offshore any portion of our administration work. This provides us with greater control over our work product and tighter data security for our clients.

Our focused approach to class action consulting provides a single, fully dedicated point of contact who is responsible for overseeing and coordinating all aspects of each engagement. In addition to a single point of contact for each engagement, we provide an unmatched level of access to senior management (all of whom are actively involved with every case we administer). Our management team has regular and direct contact with all employees, from the mailroom, processing staff and customer service representatives working directly with class members, to IT and accounting departments.



While Analytics administers cases of all sizes and scope, we are a recognized as the leader in bespoke case administration. Analytics' Minneapolis facility has 25,000 square feet of floor space (with access to an additional 30,000 of contiguous flexible space) and includes an on-site call center and on-demand, on-premise printing and mail center.

Our success stems from our leadership in the development of methods to notify consumers of their rights and our development of processes that ease the manner in which they participate in a settlement or judgement. Our focus on improving the process and participation rates is backed by our proprietary software application, CARMEN. We pioneered the class action claims administration process - and have incorporated the lessons that we've learned into carefully documented, scalable, notice and administration best practices.

2 EXPERTS – NOTICE AND ADMINISTRATION

State and Federal Courts, the Department of Justice, the Federal Trade Commission, and the Securities and Exchange Commission have all recognized Analytics (and members of the executive team) as experts regarding class notification and notice procedures. Significantly, we have:

- testified regarding the adequacy of notice procedures in direct notice cases;
- testified regarding the adequacy of published notice plans;
- been appointed as a Distribution Fund Administrator by the Securities and Exchange Commission tasked with developing Distribution Plans for court approval;
- been retained as an expert by the Federal Trade Commission to testify regarding the effectiveness of competing notice plans and procedures.

Attached is a biography for Richard Simmons, Analytics' president and principal consultant with respect to notification issues. This biography identifies matters in which Analytics testified as to the adequacy of published notice, including quotes from relevant orders.

This does not include the hundreds of instances where we testified as to notice procedures employed by Analytics so that a court could have a basis for a ruling regarding the adequacy of notice. These cases are reflected in the Partial List of Class Action Consulting Experience that accompanies the biography.

Additionally,

- In 2011, Mr. Simmons was a panelist at the Federal Judicial Center's workshop/meeting regarding class action notice and settlement administration.
- In 2014, we were interviewed by the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau regarding notice and claims administration in class action litigation as part of their study on arbitration and consumer class litigation waivers.
- In 2016, we worked with the Federal Trade Commission's Class Action Notice Project to design and test alternate forms of notice.



• In 2017, Mr. Simmons is the primary author for the Duke Law Center's standards for evaluating class action notice programs.

3 PROJECT MANAGEMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION

Analytics provides turnkey solutions for the management of collective action, class action, and mass tort notice and claims programs. Every engagement is managed using a project management structure designed to meet the standards of the Project Management Institute and our annual SOC 1 audit. We will work closely with each client detailed Project Plan that addresses the lifecycle of the matter from initial database development through distribution of funds. This ensures that the scope of the work is clearly identified, appropriate responsibilities are assigned, and realistic timelines are established for key milestones. This ensures accuracy, timeliness, and cost efficiency for clients.

3.1 Project Management Plan

After a project is awarded to Analytics, a project team is assembled to work with the client to document the matter, coordinate data transfer, and begin the initial process. We will work closely with each client to prepare a detailed Project Plan that addresses the lifecycle of the distribution fund. This ensures that the scope of the work is clearly identified for engagement, appropriate responsibilities are assigned, and realistic timelines are established for milestones.

Analytics senior management team chairs a weekly management meeting that is attended by project managers and a representative from each department that supports their engagements (i.e., Data Services, Shared Services [Call Center and Data Capture], Document Center, and Treasury Management). During this meeting, Project Managers and Executive team will review Analytics' performance against commitments to our clients. This ensures Analytics' senior management is fully informed of each engagement, and that resources are made available so that we meet or exceed client expectations.

3.2 Project Implementation

Analytics leverages its capabilities from startup to closeout to complete all services within the scope of the contract in a timely manner. Analytics' consulting services are based on a tested technology infrastructure and documented processes to securely collects, manages, and distribute data. Consequently, we are able to efficiently and cost-effectively manage matters of any size. We have available for our clients use:

- Applications hosted in secure Tier III data centers;
- Imaging and scanning facilities with a capacity of more than 200,000 pages/day
- Call-center capacity suitable for direct notification programs of up to 40 million consumers; and
- Inbound mail-processing center engineered for volumes that accompany direct notification programs of up to 40 million consumers.



3.2.1 Claims

In a typical engagement, claims are submitted in one of two ways:

- **Online Claims**: A claimant may prepare and submit (or upload) a claim using a secure online claims portal.
- **Paper Claim Submission**: Claimant may submit an original claim form, including supporting documentation (if any) to Analytics.

Our claims processing team is supported by dedicated applications designed to meet the specific needs and workflows of class action settlements. These applications allow for:

- **Document Imaging:** Our applications provide scanned images of claims and supporting documentation and have the ability to interpret the information.
- **Process Management:** Our systems are designed to enforce the criteria of each settlement agreement to ensure claimant eligibility and claim valuation is appropriate and correct.
- Analysis: Our systems provide pattern matching for claim validation and identify duplicate claims.
- **Data Security:** Analytics' applications enforce a secure audit trail, and we separate duties for claims processing and review to reduce the risk of fraud.

3.2.2 Claim Controls

In each engagement, we perform comprehensive audits and reviews to ensure that all claims are processed accurately and that the settlement fund is protected against fraud.

3.2.2.1 Fraud Prevention

Analytics is an industry leader in addressing and preventing fraudulent transactions. This has been accomplished through statistical analysis of transactions and extensive training of claims analysts to keep a watchful eye for suspicious claims. All staff members are trained to investigate red flag alerts.

Analytics employs an experienced and trained disbursements staff. These professionals are highly skilled in detecting potential check fraud and performing daily fraud and abuse monitoring activities in addition to account reconciliation. The disbursements team has appropriate quality controls in place to ensure error-free processing of financial transactions once the case has reached the disbursement phase.

3.2.2.2 Misuse of Data

Analytics has also implemented internal procedures to prevent unscrupulous activity and to protect our clients' and class members' private information. These controls include:

• Configuring all of Analytics' systems so that modifications can only be made to data though the use of Analytics' proprietary applications. Individuals are not allowed direct access to underlying production databases.



- Tracking all modifications to Analytics computer programs with a version control system and auditing all changes.
- Authorizing only designated individuals to perform work on a matter and access data on which any distribution will be based.
- If an individual has the security clearance to make changes in data, all original data is maintained, a copy of the edited data is maintained, and the system records the identity of the individual who made the change.
- 3.2.3 Claims Support & Contact Center

In a world where consumers expect 24/7 availability, we are committed to providing class members the support that they need, when and how they need it. Each engagement is staffed with dedicated agents and supported by an enterprise grade contact center infrastructure that integrates calls, emails, and online chat into a single system:

- Interactive Voice Response: Calls are initially routed to an automated system that answers to 90% of callers' questions. We monitor caller selections to optimize class member experience. If they request to speak to an agent, and hold times are above average, callers can request a return call rather than remain on hold. When requested, voice recognition in multiple languages is available.
- Call Center Agents: Calls are routed based on skill sets to agents that are trained on the specific engagement. Agents have access to online scripts (approved by our clients) that provide them with answers frequently asked questions. Inquiries not covered by the script can be immediately queued to a supervisor, and then on to the client if appropriate. We also have Spanish, French, and Chinese speaking agents and can accommodate other languages upon request.
- **Email**: Each email is routed to ticketing systems and immediately acknowledged. Class members know that we've received their inquiry, and we track and report on the response to every email. Where possible, responses are standardized, ensuring that class members receive correct, client approved answers to all of their questions.

Analytics has a full service, in-house call center in its Minneapolis facility with capacity for more than 200 agents (including flexible space). For larger projects, remote locations offer the ability to scale our capacity significantly.

Analytics' contact center system employs VOIP (Voice-Over Internet Protocol) technology that provides clients with local access/toll free/free phone numbers across the globe and allows us to route calls to any location in the world. With real-time monitoring, Analytics is also able to allocate staff as needed to a particular program – all dependent on the amount of incoming calls, number of calls in queue and average hold time. Staffing projections and budget monitoring are also better informed given the detailed, historical information routinely available.

The "average" Analytics' agent has supported callers on hundreds of settlements, and has received training regarding Analytics' applications, policies, and procedures. This training includes



engagement specific information as well as customer service-oriented training to ensure that the answers to callers' questions are delivered in a conversational manner.

Agents are supported in accurate information by a knowledgebase that is integrated into the contact center software that scripts information about each engagement and answers of the most commonly discussed topics.

Call center agents are monitored and coached on an ongoing basis to ensure that consistent messages are delivered regarding each litigation. To further ensure the quality of the experience and the accuracy of the information we provide, calls are anonymously monitored through digital call recordings, and are graded for compliance with standards of accuracy and service.

3.2.4 Distribution Services

Following the completion of the data capture process, Analytics coordinates the distribution of checks or other forms of compensation to eligible recipients. All checks are printed in-house by Analytics, ensuring quick and accurate payment to all eligible claimants once payment amounts are approved.

Analytics has breadth of experience in the distribution of awards on qualifying claims. Fund management and disbursement services are handled on-site by accounting and tax professionals. Rigorous controls that exceed banking and federal government-sector security and audit standards are followed.

Checks are printed on-site with MICR encoding and secure check stock. All financial instruments are handled with dual custody and in areas secured by access keys and recorded digital camera monitoring. Daily account reviews are conducted, and positive pay presentments escalated to the business unit. Monthly reconciliations and account reporting are available for review.

3.3 Technology and Data Security

In managing settlement, Analytics brings decades of experience handling the sensitive and complex data for clients across a range of industries, from financial and healthcare to manufacturing and services. Analytics' pre-existing management processes and years of operations with complex systems and infrastructure to deliver proven value to our clients.

In light of uncertainty and marketing representations made regarding the "alphabet soup" of information security standards (HIPAA, ISO 27001, NIST, PCI/DSS, SAS70, SOC2, SSAE16, for example), Analytics chose to implement the National Institute of Standards and Technology ("NIST") Cybersecurity Framework. This Framework embodies best practices from the various bodies and can be mapped directly to any of these standards¹. It requires us to conduct a risk assessment regarding the data that we maintain (be it credit card data, health, or financial

¹ For example, SOC2 compliance does not indicate NIST compliance, but NIST compliance at the level that Analytics maintains indicates full SOC2 compliance.



information), develop a System Security Plan to address those risks, and then continuously test our compliance with that plan.

Within this standard – also in NIST Publication 800-53 (Security and Privacy Controls for Federal Information Systems and Organizations) - there are various tiers of commitments to information security. After consultation with the Federal Trade Commission (the agency charged with enforcing data privacy), we chose to implement one of the highest standards within this framework– "FISMA" Moderate² (meeting the information security requirements for the top 10% of Federal systems). We hold a FISMA-moderate "authority to operate" or "authority to use" from the US Federal Trade Commission, the US Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, and the US Securities and Exchange Commission.

Highlights of Analytics' commitment to technology and data security include:

- **High Availability**: The systems that we utilize support 24/7 operations, are architected for redundancy (i.e., no critical single points of failure) and have a business continuity management strategy in place.
- Secure Data Transfer: Analytics takes the protection of personal information very seriously. Analytics will receive encrypted data files from clients using sFTP or encrypted media. The data elements sent by the client may vary from case to case and may include personally identifiable information (PII) such as: full name, address, telephone numbers, date of birth, and social security number
- Secure Data Storage: Once Analytics has retrieved the data, it will be processed and stored in Analytics' secure network. Analytics uses state-of-the-art enterprise database server technology for data storage, and our database and application solution.
- Audited and Controlled Access: Analytics staff, including processing and technical support personnel, will have access to the CARMEN Database. IT specialists and Analytics technical and operational program managers will access CARMEN and the CARMEN Database to ensure system performance and to audit the use 'of the system. All of these users and other authorized users, whose identity and need for access have been

validated, will have varying levels of access to CARMEN Database.

- **Physical Security:** Analytics maintains access levels at the physical, software, and database levels. In addition to the many layers of data security, Analytics data processing facilities are physically secured at the perimeter and within datacenters through the use of electronic key cards, biometric access controls, and monitoring equipment. Anyone visiting our facility must sign in and out and be accompanied by an employee at all times.
- **Information Governance:** A comprehensive, written Information Security Plan designed to comply with applicable state and Federal laws and to ensure the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of client data.

² FISMA is the acronym for the Federal Information Security Management Act of 2002 that established the initial NIST authority and framework.



- A dedicated information security team, including an Information Technology Security officer, with specific responsibility of implementing and overseeing the Information Security Plan.
- An on-site 3,000 square foot enterprise grade Tier III data center.
- All Analytics personnel who have full access to client data have undergone comprehensive background checks
- Periodic evaluations of the implementation of Analytics' Information Security Plan, including:
 - Annual reviews by the Federal Trade Commission, the Department of Justice, and other external auditors.