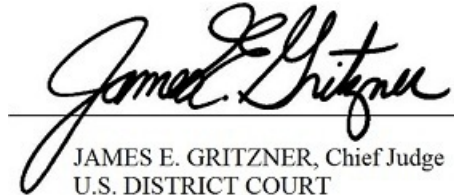


The record clearly reflects the cases were pursued in an adversarial context with capable counsel. The record developed in these and other similar cases around the country demonstrates there was significant risk to the parties that encouraged compromise. Based on the Court's understanding of the underlying cases, the settlements appear fair and reasonable. Accordingly, the Court finds that the Motion is meritorious.

The Joint Motion for Order Approving Individual Settlements, ECF No. 52, is hereby **granted**. The Court hereby **approves** the individual settlements reached by the Parties in each of these individual matters. Plaintiffs' individual causes of action in the above-styled and numbered individual causes against Defendant, which were consolidated into the above-entitled lead case, are each hereby **dismissed with prejudice** to the refiling of same, with each party to bear its own costs of Court.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated this 22nd day of February, 2012.



JAMES E. GRITZNER, Chief Judge
U.S. DISTRICT COURT