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## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA JACKSONVILLE DIVISION

Case No. 3:19-cv-392-J-34JRK

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Plaintiff,

INSPIRED PERSPECTIVES, LLC and

AMY B. COHEN,

Defendants.

INSPIRED PERSPECTIVES, LLC,

Counterclaim Plaintiff,

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TERRY CREW,

Counterclaim Defendant.

## ORDER AND STIPULATED FINAL JUDGMENT

THIS CAUSE is before the Court on the Report and Recommendation (Dkt. No. 15; Report) entered by the Honorable James R. Klindt, United States Magistrate Judge, on August 2, 2019. In the Report, Judge Klindt recommends that the Joint Motion for Approval of FLSA Settlement and Dismissal of Action with Prejudice and Incorporated Memorandum of Law (Dkt. No. 14; Motion) be granted to the extent that the Court enter an Order and Stipulated Final Judgment approving the parties' settlement agreement and that the case be dismissed with prejudice. See Report at 5. Neither party has filed objections to the Report, and the time for doing so has passed.

The Court "may accept, reject, or modify, in whole or in part, the findings or recommendations made by the magistrate judge." 28 U.S.C. § 636(b). If no specific objections to findings of facts are filed, the district court is not required to conduct a <u>de novo</u> review of those findings. <u>See Garvey v. Vaughn</u>, 993 F.2d 776, 779 n.9 (11th Cir. 1993); <u>see also 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)</u>. However, the district court must review legal conclusions <u>de novo</u>. <u>See Cooper-Houston v. Southern Ry. Co.</u>, 37 F.3d 603, 604 (11th Cir. 1994); <u>United States v. Rice</u>, No. 2:07-mc-8-FtM-29SPC, 2007 WL 1428615, at \* 1 (M.D. Fla. May 14, 2007).

The Court has conducted an independent examination of the record in this case and a <u>de novo</u> review of the legal conclusions. Plaintiff filed suit against Defendants for overtime wage violations and wrongful discharge pursuant to the Fair Labor Standards Act, 29 U.S.C. § 201 et seq. (FLSA). <u>See</u> Complaint (Dkt. No. 3). Thereafter, the parties engaged in settlement negotiations, which resulted in a resolution of the issues and claims raised in this case. <u>See</u> Motion (Dkt. No. 14). Upon review of the record, including the Report, Motion, and Settlement Agreement, the undersigned concludes that the settlement represents a "reasonable and fair" resolution of Plaintiff's claims. Accordingly, the Court will accept and adopt Judge Klindt's Report.

In light of the foregoing, it is hereby

## ORDERED:

- The Report and Recommendation (Dkt. No. 15) is ADOPTED as the opinion of the Court.
- 2. The Joint Motion for Approval of FLSA Settlement and Dismissal of Action with Prejudice and Incorporated Memorandum of Law (Dkt. No. 14) is

**GRANTED** to the extent that the Court enters this Order and Stipulated Final Judgment.

- 3. For purposes of satisfying the FLSA, the Settlement Agreement is **APPROVED**.
- 4. This case is **DISMISSED WITH PREJUDICE**.
- 5. The Clerk of the Court is directed to terminate any pending motions or deadlines as moot and close this file.

**DONE AND ORDERED** in Jacksonville, Florida this 20th day of August, 2019.

MARCIA MORALES HOWARD
United States District Judge

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