

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA  
CASE NO. 10-61753-CIV-SEITZ/O'SULLIVAN

CAROL NORRIS,

Plaintiff,

vs.

ROSENBAUM FINE ART, INC.,  
HOWARD ROSENBAUM, and  
RONALD SULLIVAN,

Defendants.

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**ORDER APPROVING SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND  
RECOMMENDING THAT THE CASE BE DISMISSED WITH PREJUDICE**

THIS MATTER is before the Court on the parties' Joint Motion for Approval of Settlement Agreement (DE# 9, 12/22/10). THE COURT has heard from counsel and considered the terms of the Settlement Agreement, the pertinent portions of the record, and is otherwise fully advised in the premises.

This case involves a claim for unpaid overtime compensation under the Fair Labor Standards Act, 29 U.S.C. §201, et seq ("FLSA"). In reviewing a settlement of an FLSA private claim, a court must "scrutiniz[e] the settlement for fairness," and determine that the settlement is a "fair and reasonable resolution of a bona fide dispute over FLSA provisions." Lynn Food Stores v. United States, 679 F.2d 1350, 1352-53 (11th Cir. 1982). A settlement entered into in an adversarial context where both sides are represented by counsel throughout litigation "is more likely to reflect a reasonable compromise of disputed issues." Id. The district court may approve the settlement in order to promote the policy of encouraging settlement of litigation. Id. at 1354.


In this case, there is a bona fide dispute over the number of hours the plaintiff

worked and whether the administrative employee exemption applied. The Court has reviewed the terms of the Settlement Agreement including the amount to be received by the plaintiff and the attorney's fees and costs to be received by counsel and finds that the compromise reached by the parties is a fair and reasonable resolution of the parties' bona fide disputes. Accordingly, it is

**ORDERED AND ADJUDGED** that the Joint Motion for Approval of Settlement Agreement (DE# 9, 12/22/10) is hereby **GRANTED** and the Settlement Agreement (including attorney's fees and costs) is **APPROVED**. It is further

**RECOMMENDED** that this case be **DISMISSED WITH PREJUDICE** and that the Court retain jurisdiction until February 21, 2011 to enforce the terms of the settlement.

DONE AND ORDERED, in Chambers, at Miami, Florida, this **20th** day of January, 2011.

  
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JOHN J. O'SULLIVAN  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

Copies furnished to:  
United States District Judge Seitz  
All Counsel of Record