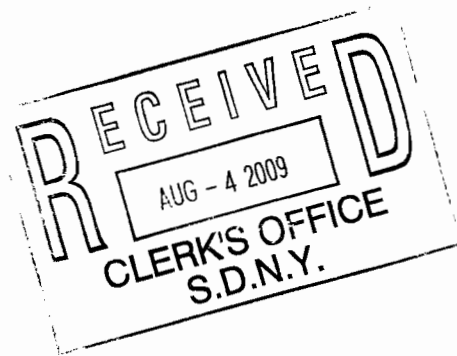


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RE: *The Authors Guild, Inc. et. al. v. Google Inc.*, No. 05 CV 8136

Dear J. Michael McMahon:

Objection is made to the proposed settlement on the following grounds.

The settlement is not fair, adequate and reasonable. See Exhibits A and B hereto, which are incorporated herein by reference.

Putting aside the fairness of the settlement, the attorneys' fees and expenses sought by the counsel for the Author sub-class are excessive and should be disapproved. The settlement notice says "Google will pay those fees and expenses in addition to the amounts it has agreed to pay the Sub-Class members and Rightholders." How did counsel negotiate such a good deal for themselves? The Court should scrutinize how this attorneys' fee provision was negotiated to ensure no conflicts or collusion was present.

Sincerely,

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