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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

THE LINCOLN NATIONAL LIFE  
INSURANCE COMPANY,

Plaintiff,

v.

CLAUDIA RIDGWAY; JOSEPH M.  
GONZALES; and AMANDA GONZALES  
and BETHANY KRISTIANSSEN, in their  
individual capacities, and as personal  
representatives for the ESTATE of JOSEPH  
B. GONZALES,

Defendants.

No.: 2:17-cv-01490 RSM

STIPULATION TO DISMISS  
REMAINING COUNTERCLAIM WITH  
PREJUDICE AND DISBURSE  
INTERPLEADED FUNDS

**I. STIPULATION**

Plaintiff The Lincoln National Life Insurance Company (“Lincoln National”) and  
Defendant Claudia Ridgway (together, the “Parties”) join in this stipulated motion to dismiss  
Ridgway’s counterclaim against Lincoln National with prejudice and without an award of  
costs or fees to any of the Parties. The dismissal of Ridgway’s counterclaim and the Parties’  
requests for costs and attorney fees will fully resolve this matter.

The Parties further jointly move the Court to disburse the interpleaded funds  
deposited in the Court’s registry. Pursuant to LCR 67(b), the principal sum deposited by

1 Lincoln National into the Court's registry is \$257,295.72.<sup>1</sup> The Parties respectfully move the  
2 Court to direct the clerk to draw a check on these funds, plus all accrued interest, minus any  
3 statutory users fees, payable to "Attorney Tom Seguire in Trust for Claudia Ridgway" and  
4 mail or deliver the checks to "Attorney Tom Seguire in Trust for Claudia Ridgway." In  
5 accordance with LCR 67(b) Ridgway's counsel, Mr. Seguire, will provide the clerk with the  
6 appropriate mailing address and tax identification number, which will not be filed in the  
7 record.

## 8 **II. ORDER**

9 Based on the Stipulation to Dismiss Remaining Counterclaim with Prejudice and  
10 Disburse Interpleaded Funds submitted by Plaintiff The Lincoln National Life Insurance  
11 Company ("Lincoln National") and Defendant Claudia Ridgway, the Court hereby GRANTS  
12 the Parties' motion and hereby ORDERS that:

13 (1) Ms. Ridgway's counterclaim against Lincoln National is dismissed with prejudice,  
14 and without attorney fees, expenses, or costs as to any party; and

15 (2) the clerk is authorized and directed to draw a check(s) on the funds deposited in  
16 the registry of this Court in the principal amount of \$257,295.72 plus all accrued interest,  
17 minus any statutory users fees, payable to "Attorney Tom Seguire in Trust for Claudia  
18 Ridgway" and mail or deliver the checks to "Attorney Tom Seguire in Trust for Claudia  
19 Ridgway," as mutually agreed between the clerk and Mr. Seguire.

20 Dated this 10 day of April 2018.

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22 **RICARDO S. MARTINEZ**  
23 **CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE**

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25 <sup>1</sup> Lincoln National deposited the funds totaling \$257,295.72 in two payments. Lincoln National  
26 initially deposited a check for \$256,785.21, on March 16, 2018. And Lincoln National deposited a  
second check for \$510.51, on March 30, 2018. The second check was for the remainder of the  
interest that had accrued as of the date Lincoln National's original deposit.

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