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6 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
7 AT SEATTLE

8 JOSHUA BROTHERS, as Litigation  
Guardian ad Litem for REYMON  
9 LEAVELL,

10 Plaintiff,

11 v.

12 ESTEBAN MONREAL, *et al.*,

13 Defendants.  
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CASE NO. 2:21-cv-01461-RSL

ORDER

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16 This matter comes before the Court on the report of the Settlement Guardian ad  
17 Litem (“SGAL”). Dkt. # 24. The SGAL recommends that the Court approve a settlement  
18 of Mr. Leavall’s claims which would provide \$33,755.82 to Mr. Leavall, \$59,290.61 to  
19 plaintiff’s counsel for fees and costs, \$80.57 for medical cost reimbursement, and  
20 \$6,873.00 for guardian fees and costs. Counsel and the SGAL apparently negotiated a fee  
21 agreement which granted to counsel 40% of all sums recovered through settlement.  
22 Whether that percentage covers anticipated costs or whether there is a separate cost  
23 recovery provision is unclear because the fee agreement was not provided. In addition, the  
24 Court is unable to ascertain the reasonableness of counsel’s hourly rate, hours expended on  
25 each task, and costs incurred because his billing and expense were not provided.  
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