

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI
AT INDEPENDENCE**

JAMES MERRELL, CASSIE MERRELL,
MONICA COUNTERMAN, and STEPHANIE
KNISLEY, on behalf of themselves and all
others similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

EQUITY BANK,

Defendant.

CASE NO. 2216-CV02011

ORDER APPROVING ATTORNEYS' FEES, EXPENSES, AND SERVICE AWARDS

This matter is before the Court on Plaintiffs' Motion for Approval of Attorneys' Fees, Expenses, and Service Awards from Settlement Fund, and the Court, being duly advised, now finds that the requested fees, expenses, and service award amounts are reasonable and that, therefore, the motion should be, and hereby is, **GRANTED**.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that the following sums are awarded and payable from the Settlement Fund created by the class action settlement of this case in accordance with the terms of the class action Settlement Agreement filed with the Court (the "Settlement"):

1. Attorneys' fees to Class Counsel in the amount of \$500,000 (28% of the \$1,765,000 value of the settlement) and reimbursement of litigation expenses to Class Counsel in the amount of \$44,876.22; and
2. Service awards to each Class Representative (James Merrell, Cassie Merrell, Monica Counterman, and Stephanie Knisley) in the amount of \$10,000 to each.

The Settlement Administrator is authorized and directed to make these payments from the Settlement Fund in accordance with the Settlement. The remainder of the Settlement Fund shall be distributed pursuant to the terms of the Settlement.

SO ORDERED.

DATED:

Judge, Circuit Court