

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA

EDNA SELAN EPSTEIN, Individually and on Behalf of
All Others Similarly Situated,

Plaintiff,

vs.

WORLD ACCEPTANCE CORPORATION, et al.,

Defendants.

Civil Action No. 6:14-cv-01606-MGL

CLASS ACTION

PROOF OF CLAIM AND RELEASE

I. GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. To recover as a Member of the Settlement Class based on your claims in the action entitled *Epstein v. World Acceptance Corporation, et al.*, No. 6:14-cv-01606-MGL (the "Litigation"), you must complete and, on page 6 hereof, sign this Proof of Claim and Release form ("Proof of Claim"). If you fail to submit a timely and properly addressed (as set forth in paragraph 2 below) Proof of Claim, your claim may be rejected, and you may not receive any recovery from the Net Settlement Fund created in connection with the proposed Settlement.

2. YOU MUST MAIL OR SUBMIT ONLINE YOUR COMPLETED AND SIGNED PROOF OF CLAIM, ACCOMPANIED BY COPIES OF THE DOCUMENTS REQUESTED HEREIN, NO LATER THAN **JANUARY 17, 2018**, ADDRESSED AS FOLLOWS:

World Acceptance Securities Settlement
Claims Administrator
c/o Epiq Systems, Inc.
P.O. Box 5110
Portland, OR 97208-5110
Online Submissions: www.WorldAcceptanceSecuritiesSettlement.com

3. If you are NOT a Member of the Settlement Class, as defined in the Notice of Proposed Settlement of Class Action ("Notice"), DO NOT submit a Proof of Claim.

4. If you are a Member of the Settlement Class and you do not timely request exclusion, you will be bound by the terms of any judgment entered in the Litigation, including the releases provided therein, **WHETHER OR NOT YOU SUBMIT A PROOF OF CLAIM.**

5. It is important that you completely read and understand the Notice that accompanies this Proof of Claim, including the Plan of Allocation of the Net Settlement Fund set forth in the Notice. The Notice describes the proposed Settlement, how Settlement Class Members are affected by the Settlement, and the manner in which the Net Settlement Fund will be distributed if the Settlement and Plan of Allocation are approved by the Court. The Notice also contains the definitions of many of the defined terms (which are indicated by initial capital letters) used in this Proof of Claim. By signing and submitting this Proof of Claim, you will be certifying that you have read and that you understand the Notice, including the terms of the releases described and provided for herein.

6. Submission of this Proof of Claim, however, does not assure that you will share in the proceeds of the Settlement of the Litigation. The distribution of the Net Settlement Fund will be governed by the Plan of Allocation set forth in the Notice, if it is approved by the Court, or by such other plan of allocation as the Court approves.

II. CLAIMANT IDENTIFICATION

If you purchased or acquired World Acceptance Corporation (“World Acceptance”) common stock and held the certificate(s) in your name, you are the beneficial purchaser or acquirer as well as the record purchaser or acquirer. If, however, you purchased or acquired World Acceptance common stock and the certificate(s) were registered in the name of a third party, such as a nominee or brokerage firm, you are the beneficial purchaser or acquirer, and the third party is the record purchaser or acquirer.

Use Part I of this form entitled “Claimant Identification” to identify each purchaser or acquirer of record (“nominee”), if different from the beneficial purchaser or acquirer of the World Acceptance common stock that forms the basis of this claim. **THIS CLAIM MUST BE FILED BY THE ACTUAL BENEFICIAL PURCHASER(S) OR ACQUIRER(S) OR THE LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE OF SUCH PURCHASER(S) OR ACQUIRER(S) OF THE WORLD ACCEPTANCE COMMON STOCK UPON WHICH THIS CLAIM IS BASED.**

Separate Proofs of Claim should be submitted for each separate legal entity (for example, a claim by joint owners should not include the transactions of just one of the joint owners, and an individual should not submit one claim that combines his or her IRA transactions with transactions made solely in the individual’s name). Conversely, a combined Proof of Claim should be submitted on behalf of each legal entity (including an individual) that includes all transactions made by that entity, no matter how many separate accounts that entity has (for example, a corporation/individual with multiple brokerage accounts should include all transactions made in World Acceptance common stock during the Class Period on one Proof of Claim, no matter in how many accounts the transactions were made).

All joint purchasers or acquirers must sign this Proof of Claim. Executors, administrators, guardians, conservators, trustees, or others acting in a representative capacity on behalf of a Settlement Class Member must complete and sign this Proof of Claim on behalf of persons represented by them, and submit evidence of their current authority to act on behalf of that Settlement Class Member, including that your titles or capacities must be stated. The Social Security (or taxpayer identification) number and telephone number of the beneficial owner may be used in verifying the claim. Failure to provide the foregoing information could delay verification of your claim or result in rejection of the claim.

III. CLAIM FORM

Use Part II of this form entitled “Schedule of Transactions in World Acceptance Common Stock” to supply all required details of your transaction(s) in World Acceptance common stock. If you need more space or additional schedules, attach separate sheets giving all of the required information in substantially the same form. Sign and print or type your name on each additional sheet.

On the schedules, provide all of the requested information with respect to **all** of your purchases or acquisitions and **all** of your sales of World Acceptance common stock that took place during the period January 30, 2013, through and including November 6, 2015, whether such transactions resulted in a profit or a loss. You must also provide **all** of the requested information with respect to all of the shares of World Acceptance common stock you held at the close of trading on January 29, 2013 and November 6, 2015. Failure to report all such transactions may result in the rejection of your claim.

List each transaction separately and in chronological order, by trade date, beginning with the earliest. You must accurately provide the month, day, and year of each transaction you list.

For each transaction, copies of broker confirmations or other documentation of your transactions in World Acceptance common stock should be attached to your Proof of Claim. Failure to provide this documentation could delay verification of your claim or result in rejection of your claim.

A purchase or sale of World Acceptance common stock shall be deemed to have occurred on the “contract” or “trade” date as opposed to the “settlement” or “payment” date; please provide any “contract” or “trade” dates in your claim.

NOTICE REGARDING ELECTRONIC FILES: Certain claimants with large numbers of transactions may request, or may be requested, to submit information regarding their transactions in electronic files. This is different from the online submission process that is available at www.WorldAcceptanceSecuritiesSettlement.com. All claimants **MUST** submit a manually signed paper Proof of Claim whether or not they also submit electronic copies. If you have a large number of transactions and wish to file your claim electronically, you must contact the Claims Administrator at 1-888-454-1105 or visit their website at www.WorldAcceptanceSecuritiesSettlement.com to obtain the required file layout.

IV. SUBMISSION TO JURISDICTION OF COURT AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

On behalf of myself (ourselves) and each of my (our) heirs, agents, executors, trustees, administrators, predecessors, successors, and assigns, I (we) submit this Proof of Claim under the terms of the Stipulation of Settlement described in the Notice. I (We) also submit to the jurisdiction of the United States District Court for the District of South Carolina with respect to my (our) claim as a Settlement Class Member and for purposes of enforcing the release set forth herein. I (We) further acknowledge that I am (we are) bound by and subject to the terms of any judgment that may be entered in the Litigation. I (We) agree to furnish additional information to the Claims Administrator to support this claim (including transactions in other World Acceptance securities) if requested to do so. I (We) have not submitted any other claim covering the same purchases, acquisitions, or sales of World Acceptance common stock during the Class Period and know of no other person having done so on my (our) behalf.

V. RELEASE

1. Upon the Effective Date of the Settlement, I (we) on behalf of myself (ourselves) and each of my (our) heirs, agents, executors, trustees, administrators, predecessors, successors, and assigns, acknowledge full and complete satisfaction of, and fully, finally, and forever compromise, settle, release, resolve, relinquish, waive, and discharge from the Released Claims each and all of the “Released Persons,” defined as each and all of the Defendants and their Related Parties, and shall forever be barred and enjoined from prosecuting any or all of the Released Claims against any of the Released Persons. “Related Parties” means each of a Defendant’s respective former, present, or future parents, subsidiaries, divisions, and affiliates and the respective present and former employees, members, partners, principals, officers, directors, controlling shareholders, attorneys, advisors, accountants, auditors, insurers, and reinsurers of each of them; and the predecessors, successors, estates, Immediate Family members, spouses, heirs, executors, trusts, trustees, administrators, agents, legal or personal representatives, assigns, and assignees of each of them, in their capacity as such.

2. “Released Claims” means any and all claims, debts, disputes, demands, rights, actions or causes of action, liabilities, damages, losses, obligations, sums of money due, judgments, suits, amounts, matters, issues, and charges of any kind whatsoever (including, but not limited to, any claims for interest, attorneys’ fees, expert or consulting fees, and any other costs, expenses, amounts, or liabilities whatsoever), whether fixed or contingent, accrued or unaccrued, liquidated or unliquidated, at law or in equity, matured or unmatured, foreseen or unforeseen, whether individual or class in nature, whether arising under federal or state statutory or common law or any other law, rule, or regulation, whether foreign or domestic, that Lead Plaintiff or any other Member of the Settlement Class (i) asserted in any of the complaints filed in the Litigation; or (ii) could have been asserted in the Litigation or in any other action or in any other forum that arise out of, are based upon, are related to, or are in consequence of any of the facts, allegations, transactions, matters, events, disclosures, non-disclosures, occurrences, representations, statements, acts, or omissions or failures to act that were involved, set forth, or referred to in any of the complaints filed in the Litigation and that relate to the purchase or other acquisition of World Acceptance common stock during the Class Period, or that otherwise would have been barred by *res judicata* had the Litigation been fully litigated to a final judgment. “Released Claims” does not include any derivative or ERISA claims, or claims to enforce the Settlement. For the avoidance of doubt, “Released Claims” does not include any claims that were or could have been alleged in *In re World Acceptance Corp. Derivative Litig.*, No. 6:15-cv-02796-MGL (D.S.C.). “Released Claims” includes “Unknown Claims” as defined below.

3. “Unknown Claims” means any and all Released Claims that Lead Plaintiff, Lead Plaintiff’s Counsel, or any Settlement Class Members do not know or suspect to exist in his, her, or its favor at the time of the release of the Released Persons and any and all Released Defendants’ Claims that the Released Persons do not know or suspect to exist in her, her, or its favor at the time of the release of the Lead Plaintiff, Lead Plaintiff’s Counsel, or any Settlement Class Members, which, if known by him, her, or it, might have affected his, her, or its settlement with and release of the Released Persons, Lead Plaintiff, Lead Plaintiff’s Counsel, or Settlement Class Members, or might have affected his, her, or its decision(s) with respect to the Settlement, including, but not limited to, whether or not to object to this Settlement or to the release of the Released Persons, Lead Plaintiff, Lead Plaintiff’s Counsel, or Settlement Class Members. With respect to any and all Released Claims and Released Defendants’ Claims, the Settling Parties stipulate and agree that, upon the Effective Date, the Settling Parties shall expressly waive and each of the Settling Parties shall be deemed to have, and by operation of the Judgment shall have, expressly waived the provisions, rights, and benefits of California Civil Code §1542, which provides:

A general release does not extend to claims which the creditor does not know or suspect to exist in his or her favor at the time of executing the release, which if known by him or her must have materially affected his or her settlement with the debtor.

The Settling Parties shall expressly waive and each of the Settlement Class Members shall be deemed to have, and by operation of the Judgment shall have, expressly waived any and all provisions, rights, and benefits conferred by any law of any state or territory of the United States, or principle of common law, which is similar, comparable, or equivalent to California Civil Code §1542. The Settling Parties acknowledge that they may hereafter discover facts in addition to or different from those that he, she, it, or their counsel now knows or believes to be true with respect to the subject matter of the Released Claims or Released Defendants' Claims, but the Settling Parties shall expressly settle and release, and each Settlement Class Member, upon the Effective Date, shall be deemed to have, and by operation of the Judgment shall have, fully, finally, and forever settled and released any and all Released Claims and Released Defendants' Claims, known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, contingent or non-contingent, whether or not concealed or hidden, which now exist, or heretofore have existed, upon any theory of law or equity now existing or coming into existence in the future, including, but not limited to, conduct which is negligent, intentional, with or without malice, or a breach of any duty, law, or rule, without regard to the subsequent discovery or existence of such different or additional facts. The Settling Parties acknowledge, and the Settlement Class Members shall be deemed by operation of the Judgment to have acknowledged, that the foregoing waiver was separately bargained for and is a key element of the Settlement of which this release is a part.

4. I (We) hereby warrant and represent that I (we) have read and understand the contents of the Notice and this Proof of Claim, including the releases provided for in the Settlement and the terms of the Plan of Allocation.

5. I (We) hereby warrant and represent that I (we) have not assigned or transferred or purported to assign or transfer, voluntarily or involuntarily, any matter released pursuant to this release or any other part or portion thereof.

6. I (We) hereby warrant and represent that I (we) have included the information requested about all of my (our) transactions in World Acceptance common stock that are the subject of this claim, which occurred during the Class Period, as well as the closing positions in such securities held by me (us) on the dates requested in this Proof of Claim.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that all of the foregoing information supplied on this Proof of Claim by the undersigned is true and correct.

Executed this _____ day of _____, in _____,
(Month/Year) (City)

(State/Country)

(Sign your name here)

(Type or print your name here)

(Capacity of person(s) signing,
e.g., Beneficial Purchaser or Acquirer, Executor,
or Administrator)

**ACCURATE CLAIMS PROCESSING TAKES A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF TIME.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE.**

Reminder Checklist:

1. Please sign the above release and acknowledgment.
2. If this claim is being made on behalf of Joint Claimants, then both must sign.
3. Remember to attach copies of supporting documentation, if available.
4. **Do not send** originals of certificates.
5. Keep a copy of your Proof of Claim and all supporting documentation for your records.
6. If you desire an acknowledgment of receipt of your Proof of Claim, please send it Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested.
7. If you move, please send your new address to the address below.
8. **Do not use red pen or highlighter** on the Proof of Claim or supporting documentation.

THIS PROOF OF CLAIM MUST BE POSTMARKED (IF MAILED) OR RECEIVED (IF SUBMITTED ONLINE) NO LATER THAN JANUARY 17, 2018, ADDRESSED AS FOLLOWS:

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