IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF MARYLAND

MARY EDMONDSON, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

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Civil Case No.: SAG-16-3938

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EAGLE NATIONAL BANK, et al.,

Defendants.

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Defendants.

ORDER

For the reasons stated in the accompanying Memorandum Opinion, it is this 21st day of May, 2020, ORDERED that Plaintiffs' Motion to Certify a class action, ECF 57, is GRANTED. Defendants' Motion for leave to file a sur-reply, ECF 73, is GRANTED. This Court hereby concludes that the Eagle Plaintiffs and the proposed Eagle Class have satisfied the requirements of Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(a) and 23(b)(3) as follows:

- 1. The proposed class is so numerous that joinder of all members is impracticable. Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(a)(1);
- 2. There are questions of fact and law common to the Class. Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(a)(2);
- 3. The claims of the named Plaintiff is typical of the Class's claims. Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(a)(3);
- 4. The named Plaintiff has the same interests as the Class and is an adequate representative. Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(a)(4);
- 5. Michael Smith and Melissa English, of Smith Gildea & Schmidt LLC, and Timothy Maloney and Veronica Nannis, of Joseph, Greenwald & Laake, P.A., are qualified and adequate Class Counsel. Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(a)(4);
- 6. Questions of law or fact common to the Class members predominate over questions affecting only individual members. Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(b)(3); and
- 7. A class action is a superior method of adjudication. Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(b)(3).

A class is hereby certified under Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure as follows:

All individuals in the United States who were borrowers on a federally related mortgage loan (as defined under the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act, 12 U.S.C. § 2602) from, brokered or originated by, Eagle National Bank or Eagle Nationwide Mortgage Company for which Genuine Title provided a settlement service, as identified in Section 1100 on the HUD-1, between January 1, 2007, and January 31, 2011. Exempted from this class is any person who, during the period of January 1, 2007 through January 31, 2011, was an employee, officer, member and/or agent of Defendants Eagle National Bank, Eagle Nationwide Mortgage Company, ESSA Bank & Trust, Genuine Title LLC, Brandon Glickstein, Inc., and/or Competitive Advantage Media Group LLC.

- Plaintiff Mary Edmondson is appointed as representative for the Eagle Class.
- Michael Smith and Melissa English, of Smith Gildea & Schmidt LLC, and Timothy Maloney and Veronica Nannis, of Joseph, Greenwald & Laake, P.A., are appointed Class Counsel.
- The parties shall confer and submit to the Court a proposed form of Notice to the Class no later than 30 days from the entry of this Order.

<u>Date:</u> May 21, 2020	/s/
	Stephanie A. Gallagher
	United States District Judge