

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA**

FLOR K. GROSCH,
individually and on behalf all others similarly
situated,

Plaintiff,

Case No.: CACE24017277

v.

MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER &
SMITH, INCORPORATED,

Defendant.

I. CONSENT TO JOIN

I hereby consent to join and opt-in to become a plaintiff for settlement purposes in the above-captioned lawsuit (the “Litigation”) against Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith, Inc. and Bank of America Corp. (together, “Merrill Lynch”), and to be bound by the settlement approved in the Litigation. I further agree that the Plaintiff in the Litigation shall act as my agent and make all decisions on my behalf concerning the settlement approval process. I also agree to be bound by the collective action settlement described in the accompanying Notice. I hereby designate the law firm Shavitz Law Group, P.A. to represent me in the Litigation.

II. RELEASE

In exchange for the consideration described in the Notice of Settlement of Collective Action Lawsuit and approved by the Court in this matter, I, by my signature below, fully and completely release Merrill Lynch, Bank of America Corporation, all of their subsidiaries, related companies, successors, and plans, and all of their current, former and future officers, directors, employees, assigns, agents, plans and plan trustees, independent contractors, shareholders, attorneys and representatives, jointly and individually (collectively the “Released Parties”) from any and all federal, state and local wage and hour claims of any type (including claims arising out of or derivative of such claims) that accrued during my employment with Merrill Lynch or Released Parties as a Financial Solutions Advisor Stage I - Registration Candidate (Job Code BQ058), an ADRP Trainee (Job Code BQ249), an ADRP Financial Solutions Advisors (Job Code BQ250), and/or a Financial Solutions Advisors Stage I (Job Codes BQ223) at any time during from December 11, 2021 through December 11, 2024. These Released Claims include, but are not limited to, all state and federal claims for unpaid overtime wages, minimum wages, and/or other wages, interest, liquidated damages, attorneys’ fees, costs, and expenses. To the extent there are any statutory protections against any type of release, including without limitation under Section 1542 of the California Civil Code,¹ then I shall be deemed to have waived any such protection to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law. I also represent and warrant that I have not assigned or transferred, or purported to assign or transfer, to any person or entity, any claim or any portion thereof or interest therein released herein, including, but not limited to, any interest in the Litigation, or any related action.

¹ California Civil Code Section 1542 provides: “A general release does not extend to claims that the creditor or releasing party does not know or suspect to exist in his or her favor at the time of executing the release and that, if known by him or her, would have materially affected his or her settlement with the debtor or released party.”

Full Legal Name (print)

Signature

Maiden or Other Names Worked Under

Street Address*

E-mail Address*

City, State and Zip Code*

Cell phone*

Home Telephone Number*

*This information will be redacted and will not be filed in the public record. This information will be used solely for Plaintiff's Counsel and the Settlement Claims Administrator to communicate with you.

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