

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI  
EASTERN DIVISION**

IN RE ASHLEY MADISON CUSTOMER )  
DATA SECURITY BREACH LITIGATION ) MDL No. 2669  
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**FINAL ORDER**

On November 20, 2017, this Court issued its Order Granting Final Approval of Settlement, Cy Pres Distribution and Award of Attorneys Fees and Service Awards to the Class Representatives. Pursuant to the terms of the Settlement Agreement, the Court retained jurisdiction pending a final accounting. A final accounting of all funds was filed on July 16, 2018 and the case was closed on July 17, 2018.

On February 15, 2019, at the request of the parties, the Court modified its July 17, 2018 Order closing the MDL for the limited purpose of retaining jurisdiction over two of the consolidated cases, Plaisance v. Avid Life Media, Inc., et al., Case No. 4:16CV01940 (E.D. Mo.) and John Does 1-21 v. Avid Life Media, Inc, et al., No. 4:15CV01920 (E.D. Mo.), to address sixteen class members from these two cases who had opted out of the class action settlement.

In Plaisance, by agreement of the parties, the Court ordered the parties to arbitration in Louisiana (the state from which the case was initially transferred). The named plaintiff voluntarily dismissed his case with prejudice on November 13, 2018.

In John Does 1-21, the Court granted a joint motion to stay this action to allow the parties an opportunity to attempt to reach a settlement. When the parties were unable to resolve the case, the Court lifted the stay and directed the parties to submit proposals on how the case should proceed. Avid asked that the Court retain jurisdiction to decide its contemplated Motion to Dismiss and/or Stay and Compel Arbitration; Plaintiffs maintained that remanding the case back

to the District Court of Mississippi would be in the best interests of judicial economy because the arbitration motion would necessarily involve issues of Mississippi law and because the parties and their witnesses are in Mississippi.


On February 15, 2019, the Court issued an order and suggestion of remand, suggesting to the JPML that John Does 1-21 be remanded to its transferor court, the United States District Court for the Southern District of Mississippi. On June 5, 2019, the JPML remanded this case to the Southern District of Mississippi.

All issues having now been finally resolved,

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED** that this MDL action is finally closed.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the Clerk of the Court is directed to notify the Panel that this action is closed and that no further proceedings are required.

Dated this 26th day of July, 2019.

  
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**JOHN A. ROSS**  
**UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE**