

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (date of earliest event reported): April 23, 2025

WELLS FARGO & COMPANY

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

001-02979
(Commission File
Number)

No. 41-0449260
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

420 Montgomery Street, San Francisco, California 94104
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 415-371-2921

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- ☐ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of Each Class	Trading Symbol	Name of Each Exchange on Which Registered
Common Stock, par value \$1-2/3	WFC	New York Stock Exchange (NYSE)
7.5% Non-Cumulative Perpetual Convertible Class A Preferred Stock, Series L	WFC.PRL	NYSE
Depository Shares, each representing a 1/1000th interest in a share of Non-Cumulative Perpetual Class A Preferred Stock, Series Y	WFC.PRY	NYSE
Depository Shares, each representing a 1/1000th interest in a share of Non-Cumulative Perpetual Class A Preferred Stock, Series Z	WFC.PRZ	NYSE
Depository Shares, each representing a 1/1000th interest in a share of Non-Cumulative Perpetual Class A Preferred Stock, Series AA	WFC.PRA	NYSE
Depository Shares, each representing a 1/1000th interest in a share of Non-Cumulative Perpetual Class A Preferred Stock, Series CC	WFC.PRC	NYSE
Depository Shares, each representing a 1/1000th interest in a share of Non-Cumulative Perpetual Class A Preferred Stock, Series DD	WFC.PRD	NYSE
Guarantee of Medium-Term Notes, Series A, due October 30, 2028 of Wells Fargo Finance LLC	WFC/28A	NYSE

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.405) or Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.12b-2).

Emerging growth company ☐

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. ☐

Item 8.01. Other Events.

Pursuant to the Order Granting Motion For Preliminary Approval of Derivative Settlement issued by the Superior Court of California, County of San Francisco, dated April 23, 2025, Wells Fargo & Company (the “Company”) is hereby providing the Notice of Proposed Settlement of Shareholder Derivative Action and Hearing (the “Notice”) as Exhibit 99.1 to this report, and the Stipulation and Agreement of Compromise, Settlement, and Release (the “Stipulation”) as Exhibit 99.2 to this report. The Notice and the Stipulation relate to the proposed settlement of a shareholder derivative action alleging inadequate oversight of the Company’s efforts to comply with various regulatory consent orders.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Location</u>
99.1	Notice of Proposed Settlement of Shareholder Derivative Action and Hearing.	Filed herewith.
99.2	Stipulation and Agreement of Compromise, Settlement, and Release.	Filed herewith.
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File.	Embedded within the Inline XBRL document.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Dated: April 30, 2025

WELLS FARGO & COMPANY

By: /s/ EMMA M. BAILEY
Emma M. Bailey
Executive Vice President,
Deputy General Counsel and
Secretary

Exhibit 99.1

Timothy Himstreet et al. v. Charles W. Scharf et al., Case No. CGC-22-599223 (Cal. Super. Ct.).

TO: ALL RECORD AND BENEFICIAL OWNERS OF WELLS FARGO & COMPANY COMMON STOCK AS OF FEBRUARY 28, 2025 (THE “RECORD DATE”), WHO CONTINUE TO OWN SUCH SHARES (“CURRENT WELLS FARGO SHAREHOLDERS”)

IF YOU HELD COMMON STOCK FOR THE BENEFIT OF ANOTHER, PLEASE PROMPTLY TRANSMIT THIS DOCUMENT TO SUCH BENEFICIAL OWNER.

The purpose of this Amended Notice of Proposed Settlement of Shareholder Derivative Action and Hearing (the “Notice”) is to inform you of: (i) the pendency of the above-captioned action (the “Derivative Action”), which was brought in the Superior Court of California, County of San Francisco (the “Court”) by shareholders of Wells Fargo asserting claims on behalf of and for the benefit of Wells Fargo; (ii) the proposed settlement of the Derivative Action (the “Settlement”) as against all defendants, subject to Court approval and other conditions of the Settlement being satisfied, as provided for in a Stipulation and Agreement of Compromise, Settlement, and Release dated February 28, 2025 (the “Stipulation”),¹ which was filed with the Court and is publicly available for review, and is also available at <https://www.wellsfargo.com/about/investor-relations/> under “Shareholder Information”; and (iii) your right to participate in a hearing to be held on July 24, 2025, at the Superior Court of California, County of San Francisco, 400 McAllister St., San Francisco, California 94102, before The Honorable Jeffery S. Ross (the “Settlement Hearing”). The purpose of the Settlement Hearing to be held by the Court is to determine whether: (i) Plaintiffs have adequately represented Wells Fargo’s interests; (ii) the proposed settlement of the Derivative Action should be approved by the Court as fair, reasonable, adequate, and in the best interests of Wells Fargo; (iii) the Derivative Action should be dismissed with prejudice as against the Defendants and all of the Released Claims against the Released Parties should be fully, finally, and forever released, settled, and discharged; (iv) whether and in what amount the Fee and Expense Amount should be paid to Plaintiffs’ Counsel; (v) whether and in what

¹ Capitalized terms not defined in this Notice have the meaning set forth in the Stipulation, which is publicly available as indicated below.

1 amount the Service Awards should be paid to Plaintiffs; and (vi) Judgment approving the Settlement of
2 the Derivative Action should be entered in accordance with the terms of the Stipulation.

3 **PLEASE READ THIS NOTICE CAREFULLY AND IN ITS ENTIRETY. THIS**
4 **NOTICE RELATES TO A PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF THE LITIGATION**
5 **REFERRED TO IN THE CAPTION AND CONTAINS IMPORTANT**
6 **INFORMATION REGARDING YOUR RIGHTS. IF THE COURT APPROVES**
7 **THE SETTLEMENT, YOU WILL BE FOREVER BARRED FROM**
8 **CONTESTING THE FAIRNESS, REASONABLENESS, OR ADEQUACY OF**
9 **THE SETTLEMENT, AND FROM PURSUING THE RELEASES.**

10 The Stipulation was entered into as of February 28, 2025, by and among: (i) plaintiffs Timothy
11 Himstreet and Montini Family Trust (“Plaintiffs”), derivatively on behalf of Wells Fargo; (ii)
12 defendants Charles W. Scharf, Charles H. Noski, Donald M. James, Suzanne M. Vautrinot, Ronald L.
13 Sargent, Juan A. Pujadas, Celeste A. Clark, Theodore F. Craver, Jr., Maria R. Morris, Wayne M.
14 Hewett, Richard B. Payne, Jr., Timothy J. Sloan, Elizabeth A. Duke, and C. Allen Parker (together, the
15 “Individual Defendants”); and (iii) nominal defendant Wells Fargo (together with Plaintiffs and the
16 Individual Defendants, the “Parties”).

17 This Notice describes the rights you may have in the Derivative Action and pursuant to the
18 Stipulation and what steps you may take, but are not required to take, in relation to the Settlement. If
19 the Court approves the Settlement, the Parties will ask the Court at the Settlement Hearing to enter
20 Judgment dismissing the Derivative Action with prejudice as against the Defendants in accordance with
21 the terms of the Stipulation.

22 **WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THIS NOTICE?**

23 The purpose of this Notice is to explain the Derivative Action, the terms of the proposed
24 Settlement, and how the Settlement affects the legal rights of Current Wells Fargo Shareholders. In a
25 derivative action, one or more persons or entities who are current shareholders of a corporation sue on
26 behalf of and for the benefit of the corporation, seeking to enforce the corporation’s legal rights.

27 As described more fully below, Current Wells Fargo Shareholders have the right to object to the
28 proposed Settlement, the Fee and Expense Amount, and/or Service Awards. Current Wells Fargo
Shareholders have the right to appear and be heard at the Settlement Hearing, which will be held before

1 The Honorable Jeffrey S. Ross on July 24, 2025, at 9:00 am, at the Superior Court of California, County
2 of San Francisco, 400 McAllister St., San Francisco, CA 94102.

3 The Court has reserved the right to adjourn and reconvene the Settlement Hearing, including
4 consideration of the Fee and Expense Amount and Service Awards, without further notice of any kind
5 other than oral announcement at the Settlement Hearing or any adjournment thereof, or notation on the
6 docket in the Derivative Action. The Court has further reserved the right to approve the Settlement,
7 according to the terms and conditions of the Stipulation, with such modifications as may be consented
8 to by the Parties, or as otherwise permitted pursuant to the Stipulation, with or without future notice to
9 Current Wells Fargo Shareholders. The Court may enter Final Judgment and Order of Dismissal, and
10 order the payment of the Fee and Expense Amount and Service Awards, all without future notice to
11 Current Wells Fargo Shareholders.

12 **WHAT IS THIS CASE ABOUT? WHAT HAS HAPPENED SO FAR?**

13 **THE FOLLOWING RECITATION DOES NOT CONSTITUTE FINDINGS OF**
14 **THE COURT AND SHOULD NOT BE UNDERSTOOD AS AN EXPRESSION**
15 **OF ANY OPINION OF THE COURT AS TO THE MERITS OF ANY CLAIMS**
16 **OR DEFENSES BY ANY OF THE PARTIES. IT IS BASED ON STATEMENTS**
17 **OF THE PARTIES AND IS SENT FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF INFORMING**
YOU OF THE EXISTENCE OF THE ACTION AND OF A HEARING ON A
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT SO THAT YOU MAY MAKE APPROPRIATE
DECISIONS AS TO STEPS YOU MAY OR MAY NOT WISH TO TAKE IN
RELATION TO THIS LITIGATION.

18 On April 19, 2022, Plaintiffs filed a Stockholder Derivative Complaint for Breach of Fiduciary
19 Duty, Waste of Corporate Assets, and Unjust Enrichment in this Court (the “Derivative Action”).
20 Plaintiffs’ complaint alleged breaches of fiduciary duty by the Individual Defendants² stemming from
21 the purported mismanagement of and noncompliance with a series of regulatory consent orders
22 regarding consumer banking practices and the risk management framework of the Company.

23 On July 18, 2022, Wells Fargo filed a demurrer arguing that Plaintiffs had failed to adequately
24 allege demand futility. On August 19, 2022, Plaintiffs opposed the demurrer. On October 5, 2022, the
25 Court overruled Wells Fargo’s demurrer, in part, finding that Plaintiffs had adequately alleged that

26 ² Initially, the individual defendants in this action included all the Individual Defendants plus John R.
27 Shrewsberry. Shrewsberry is no longer a defendant in the action, following the Court’s sustaining of
28 the individual demurrer he filed.

1 demand on Wells Fargo's Board would have been futile as to all allegations except those concerning
2 false and misleading statements (the "Demurrer Order").

3 On November 16, 2022, Wells Fargo filed a Petition for Writ of Mandate in the California Court
4 of Appeal, asking the Court of Appeal to vacate the Demurrer Order and to issue a new order sustaining
5 the Company's demurrer in its entirety (the "Writ Petition"). Plaintiffs opposed the Writ Petition. On
6 December 14, 2022, the Court of Appeal summarily denied the Writ Petition.

7 On January 17, 2023, the Individual Defendants moved to strike certain allegations in Plaintiffs'
8 initial complaint concerning alleged public misstatements, in light of the Demurrer Order. On April 7,
9 2023, the Court entered an order partially granting and partially denying the motion to strike. On May
10 3, 2023, Plaintiffs filed an amended complaint to reflect and comport with the Court's order on the
11 motion to strike (the "Operative Complaint").

12 On June 9, 2023, each individual defendant except for Scharf, Parker, and Shrewsberry filed
13 their respective answers to the Operative Complaint. That same day, defendants Scharf, Parker, and
14 Shrewsberry, each filed a demurrer, arguing that Plaintiffs had not sufficiently plead any claims against
15 them. Plaintiffs filed an omnibus opposition to the three demurrers on August 16, 2023. On January
16 26, 2024, the Court overruled the demurrers filed by defendants Scharf and Parker, and sustained the
17 demurrer filed by (now-former) defendant Shrewsberry.

18 Plaintiffs have engaged in significant discovery efforts. Plaintiffs have, among other things,
19 served formal document requests upon Wells Fargo and the Individual Defendants; served a notice of
20 deposition on Wells Fargo, seeking to depose the person(s) most knowledgeable at the Company
21 concerning a number of relevant subject matters; served a non-party deposition subpoena for the
22 production of business records on McKinsey & Company, Inc., seeking documents relevant to Wells
23 Fargo's actions in response to certain consent orders; served form and special interrogatories upon
24 Wells Fargo and the Individual Defendants; and have communicated with various regulators concerning
25 the production of certain documents that Wells Fargo contends that it is prohibited by federal regulation
26 from disclosing absent authorization because the documents contain confidential supervisory
27 information.

1 Wells Fargo, in response to Plaintiffs' discovery requests, has produced nearly two million
2 pages of discovery. Plaintiffs and Wells Fargo have had numerous meet and confers regarding
3 discovery disputes, which culminated in Plaintiffs filing a motion to compel the production of further
4 documents from Wells Fargo. Following the Court's denial of this motion on procedural grounds,
5 Plaintiffs and Wells Fargo continued to further negotiate the scope of discovery, consistent with the
6 Court's order.

7 On November 15, 2024, the Parties participated in a full-day, in-person mediation session in
8 New York, NY before former U.S. District Judge Layn Phillips. The Parties engaged in substantial
9 briefing before the session. Though the Parties made significant progress at the mediation, a settlement
10 was not reached during the in-person session.

11 In the weeks that followed, with the assistance of Judge Phillips, the Parties continued to further
12 engage in an effort to resolve the action. Finally, on February 28, 2025, the Parties reached the
13 negotiated settlement described herein.

14 **WHAT ARE THE TERMS OF THE SETTLEMENT?**

15 In consideration for the full and final release, settlement, and discharge of any and all Released
16 Claims against the Released Parties, the Monetary Consideration (\$100,000,000.00 U.S.) shall be paid
17 by Wells Fargo's directors' and officers' insurance carriers (who have committed to fund the Monetary
18 Consideration) on behalf of the Individual Defendants to Wells Fargo, within fifteen (15) calendar days
19 of the Effective Date. Also, during the pendency of the action, Wells Fargo has implemented corporate
20 governance reforms as set forth in Exhibit C to the Stipulation (the "Corporate Governance Reforms"),
21 which include improvement to Wells Fargo's risk structure, programs, policies, and procedures,
22 additional training for employees, expanded and enhanced oversight of risk management, and changes
23 to the composition of Wells Fargo's Board of Directors.

24 This action was brought as a derivative action on behalf of and for the benefit of Wells Fargo.
25 Shareholders will not receive a direct payment of the Monetary Consideration but will indirectly benefit
26 from the Monetary Consideration being paid to Wells Fargo and the Corporate Governance Reforms.

1 **WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF THE SETTLEMENT IS APPROVED?**
2 **WHAT CLAIMS WILL THE SETTLEMENT RELEASE?**

3 If the Settlement is approved, the Court will enter the Final Judgment and Order of Dismissal.
4 As of the Final Date, Plaintiffs, Wells Fargo (on behalf of itself and each of its Related Parties), and by
5 operation of law Current Wells Fargo Shareholders shall thereupon be deemed to have completely,
6 fully, finally, and forever released, relinquished, settled, and discharged each and all of the Released
7 Parties from and with respect to any and all of the Released Claims (including the Unknown Claims),
8 and will be forever barred from commencing, instituting, or prosecuting any action or proceeding, in
9 any forum, asserting any of the Released Claims against any of the Released Parties.

10 The Stipulation defines Released Claims as any and all manner of claims, demands, rights,
11 liabilities, losses, obligations, duties, damages, costs, debts, expenses, interest, penalties, sanctions, fees,
12 attorneys' fees, actions, potential actions, causes of action, suits, agreements, judgments, decrees,
13 matters, issues and controversies of any kind, nature or description whatsoever, whether known or
14 unknown, disclosed or undisclosed, accrued or unaccrued, apparent or not apparent, foreseen or
15 unforeseen, matured or not matured, suspected or unsuspected, liquidated or not liquidated, fixed or
16 contingent, including Unknown Claims, whether based on state, local, foreign, federal, statutory,
17 regulatory, common or other law or rule, brought or that could be brought derivatively by or on behalf
18 of Wells Fargo against any of the Released Parties, which now or hereafter are based upon, arise out of,
19 relate in any way to, or involve, directly or indirectly, the subject matter of the Derivative Action,
20 including the 2016 CFPB Consent Order, 2016 OCC Consent Order, 2018 FRB Consent Order, 2018
21 CFPB Consent Order, 2018 OCC Consent Order, 2021 OCC Consent Order, and the 2022 CFPB
22 Consent Order. Released Claims does not include: (1) claims to enforce this Settlement; (2) any direct
23 claims on behalf of present or former Wells Fargo shareholders (i.e., not derivative claims); and (3) any
24 claims in connection with the D&O Policies or reinsurance of D&O coverage that the Individual
25 Defendants or Wells Fargo may have against any of the Insurers, except as set forth in the Insurance
26 Agreement.

27 As of the Final Date, Wells Fargo and the Individual Defendants, individually and collectively,
28 shall thereupon be deemed to have completely, fully, finally, and forever released, relinquished, settled,

1 and discharged each and all of the Plaintiffs and Plaintiffs' Counsel from and with respect to any and all
2 claims arising out of or relating to the initiation, prosecution, and resolution of the Derivative Action,
3 and the Northern District Action, excepting any claim to enforce the Stipulation or Settlement.

4 With respect to any and all Released Claims, the Parties shall be deemed to have waived any and
5 all provisions, rights, and benefits conferred by any law of the United States, any law of any state, or
6 principle of common law which governs or limits a person's release of Unknown Claims to the fullest
7 extent permitted by law, and to have relinquished, to the full extent permitted by law, the provisions,
8 rights, and benefits of Section 1542 of the California Civil Code (or any similar, comparable, or
9 equivalent provision of any law of any state or territory of the United States, federal law, or principle of
10 common law), which provides:

11 **A GENERAL RELEASE DOES NOT EXTEND TO CLAIMS THAT THE**
12 **CREDITOR OR RELEASING PARTY DOES NOT KNOW OR SUSPECT TO**
13 **EXIST IN HIS OR HER FAVOR AT THE TIME OF EXECUTING THE**
14 **RELEASE AND THAT, IF KNOWN BY HIM OR HER, WOULD HAVE**
MATERIALLY AFFECTED HIS OR HER SETTLEMENT WITH THE
DEBTOR OR RELEASED PARTY.

15 Plaintiffs, Individual Defendants, Wells Fargo, and each of the Current Wells Fargo Shareholders shall
16 be deemed to have, and by operation of the Final Judgment and Order of Dismissal shall have, waived
17 any and all provisions, rights, and benefits conferred by any law of any jurisdiction, state or territory of
18 the United States, or principle of common law, which is similar, comparable, or equivalent to California
19 Civil Code §1542. Even if any of Plaintiffs, Individual Defendants, Wells Fargo, or the Current Wells
20 Fargo Shareholders hereafter discovers facts in addition to or different from those which he, she, or it
21 now knows or believes to be true with respect to the claims covered by the Releases, upon the Court's
22 entry of the Final Judgment and Order of Dismissal, Plaintiffs, Individual Defendants, Wells Fargo, and
23 each of the Current Wells Fargo Shareholders shall be deemed to have, and by operation of the Final
24 Judgment and Order of Dismissal shall have, fully, finally, and forever settled and released any and all
25 claims covered by the Releases, whether those claims are known or unknown, suspected or
26 unsuspected, contingent or non-contingent, accrued or unaccrued, concealed or hidden, which now
27 exist, or heretofore have existed upon any theory of law or equity now existing or coming into existence

1 in the future, including, but not limited to, conduct which is negligent, intentional, with or without
2 malice, or a breach of any duty, law or rule, without regard to the subsequent discovery or existence of
3 such different or additional facts. The Parties shall be deemed by operation of the Final Judgment and
4 Order of Dismissal to have acknowledged that the foregoing waivers were separately bargained for and
5 are key elements of the Settlement of which this release is a part.

6 **WHAT ARE THE PARTIES' REASONS FOR THE SETTLEMENT?**

7 The Settlement set forth in the Stipulation reflects the results of the Parties' negotiations and the
8 final terms of their agreement, which was reached only after arm's-length negotiations among the
9 Parties, who were all represented by counsel with extensive experience and expertise in stockholder
10 derivative litigation.

11 This Settlement is not evidence of the validity or invalidity of any claims or defenses in the
12 Derivative Action or any other actions or proceedings, or of any wrongdoing by any of the Defendants
13 or of any damages or injury to Wells Fargo, or Plaintiffs.

14 Plaintiffs have thoroughly reviewed and analyzed the facts and circumstances relating to the
15 claims asserted in the Derivative Action, including conducting arm's-length discussions with counsel to
16 the Individual Defendants and Wells Fargo, reviewing publicly available information, analyzing the
17 extensive discovery record, and reviewing applicable case law and other authorities. Plaintiffs brought
18 their claims in good faith and continue to believe that their claims have legal merit. However, Plaintiffs
19 recognize that there are legal and factual defenses to the claims asserted in the Derivative Action, which
20 present substantial risks to the successful resolution of any litigation, especially in complex shareholder
21 derivative litigation such as the Derivative Action. Accordingly, in light of these risks and based on
22 their evaluation of the claims and their substantial experience, Plaintiffs and Plaintiffs' Counsel have
23 determined that the Settlement, which confers substantial benefits upon Wells Fargo and its
24 shareholders, is fair, reasonable and adequate, and in the best interests of the Company and its
25 shareholders.

26 The Defendants deny Plaintiffs' allegations and claims in the Derivative Action and any
27 wrongdoing or liability whatsoever. The Defendants are entering into the Stipulation for settlement
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1 purposes only and solely to avoid the cost, disruption, and uncertainty of further litigation. The
2 Defendants agree that the Derivative Action was filed in good faith and with an adequate basis in fact,
3 was not frivolous, and is being settled voluntarily. The Defendants have determined that it is desirable
4 and beneficial that the Derivative Action and all of the Parties' disputes related thereto, be fully and
5 finally settled in the manner and upon the terms and conditions set forth in the Stipulation. Pursuant to
6 the terms set forth therein, the Stipulation (including all of the Exhibits thereto) shall in no event be
7 construed as or deemed to be evidence of an admission or concession by the Defendants with respect to
8 any claim of fault, liability, wrongdoing, or damage whatsoever.

9 **HOW WILL THE ATTORNEYS BE PAID?**

10 Wells Fargo has agreed to pay an award of attorneys' fees and expenses to Plaintiffs' Counsel in
11 the total amount of \$33,333,333 (thirty-three million, three-hundred-thirty-three thousand, three-
12 hundred-thirty-three dollars), in the form of Wells Fargo common stock valued based on the volume
13 weighted average price per share of Wells Fargo common stock over the ten (10) trading days preceding
14 the date of the Final Judgment and Order of Dismissal, as adjusted for subsequent fluctuations in the
15 value of Wells Fargo common stock before payment. The Fee and Expense Amount is subject to Court
16 approval. The independent directors of Wells Fargo's Board, in the good faith exercise of their business
17 judgment, have approved the agreed-to Fee and Expense Amount in light of the substantial benefits
18 conferred upon Wells Fargo as a result of the Settlement and Plaintiffs' Counsel's efforts in this
19 litigation.

20 **WHEN AND WHERE WILL THE SETTLEMENT HEARING BE HELD? DO I HAVE**
21 **THE RIGHT TO APPEAR AT THE SETTLEMENT HEARING?**

22 The Court will consider the Settlement and all matters related to the Settlement, including the
23 Fee and Expense Amount and Service Awards, at the Settlement Hearing. The Settlement Hearing will
24 be held before The Honorable Jeffrey S. Ross on July 24, 2025, at 9:00am at the Superior Court of
25 California, County of San Francisco, 400 McAllister St., San Francisco, CA 94102.

26 At the Settlement Hearing, any Current Wells Fargo Shareholder who desires to do so may
27 appear personally or by counsel, and show cause, if any, why the Settlement in accordance with and as
28 set forth in the Stipulation should not be approved as fair, reasonable, and adequate and in the best

1 interests of Wells Fargo; why the Judgment should not be entered in accordance with and as set forth in
2 the Stipulation; or why the Court should not grant Plaintiffs' Counsel's Fee and Expense Amount and
3 Plaintiffs' Service Awards; provided, however, that unless the Court in its discretion otherwise directs,
4 no Current Wells Fargo Shareholder, or any other Person, shall be entitled to appear at the Settlement
5 Hearing and contest the approval of the terms and conditions of the Settlement or (if approved) the
6 Final Judgment and Order of Dismissal to be entered thereon, the Fee and Expense Amount, or the
7 Service Awards, except by order of the Court for good cause shown, unless, no later than July 17, 2025
8 (five (5) court days prior to the Settlement Hearing), such person files with the Superior Court of
9 California, County of San Francisco, 400 McAllister St., San Francisco, CA 94102, and serves upon the
10 attorneys listed below a written notice of intention to appear that includes: (a) the name, address,
11 signature, and telephone number of the objector and, if represented by counsel, the name and address of
12 the objector's counsel; (b) whether the shareholder intends to appear in person or via Zoom; and
13 (c) proof of current Wells Fargo stockholding. Further, no papers, briefs, pleadings, or other documents
14 submitted by any Current Wells Fargo Shareholder or any other person (excluding a party to the
15 Stipulation) shall be received or considered, except by order of the Court for good cause shown, unless,
16 no later than June 25, 2025 (twenty (20) court days prior to the Settlement Hearing) such person files
17 these documents with the Superior Court of California, County of San Francisco, 400 McAllister St.,
18 San Francisco, CA 94102, and serves them upon the attorneys listed below. Any notice of intention to
19 appear and any supporting documents can be served by File & ServeXpress, by hand, by first-class
20 mail, or by express service and must be served upon the following attorneys:

21 George C. Aguilar
22 Michael J. Nicoud
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25 Oliver W. Engebretson-Schooley
26 Sullivan & Cromwell LLP
1700 New York Avenue N.W., Suite 700
Washington, D.C. 20006

1 Unless the Court otherwise directs, any Person who fails to object in the manner described
2 above shall be deemed to have waived and forfeited any and all rights such person may otherwise have
3 to object to the Settlement, any Fee and Expense Amount to Plaintiffs' Counsel (including any right of
4 appeal), and/or any Service Awards to Plaintiffs and shall be forever barred from raising such objection
5 in the Derivative Action or any other action or proceeding. Current Wells Fargo Shareholders who do
6 not object need not appear at the Settlement Hearing or take any other action to indicate their approval.

7 **CAN I SEE THE COURT FILE?**
8 **WHOM SHOULD I CONTACT IF I HAVE QUESTIONS?**

9 This Notice does not purport to be a comprehensive description of the Derivative Action, the
10 allegations related thereto, the terms of the Settlement, or the Settlement Hearing. For a more detailed
11 statement of the matters involved in the Derivative Action, you may inspect the pleadings, the
12 Stipulation, the Orders entered by the Court, and other papers filed in the Derivative Action at the
13 Superior Court of California, County of San Francisco, 400 McAllister St., San Francisco, CA 94102,
14 during regular business hours of each business day. If you have questions regarding the Settlement, you
15 may write or call Plaintiffs' Counsel: Investor Relations, Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd LLP, 655
16 W. Broadway, Suite 1900, San Diego, CA 92101, 619-231-1058 *or* Investor Relations, Robbins LLP,
17 5060 Shoreham Place, Suite 300, San Diego, CA 92122, 1-800-350-6003.

18 **DO NOT CALL OR WRITE THE COURT REGARDING THIS NOTICE**

Exhibit 99.2

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11 SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

12 COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

13 TIMOTHY HIMSTREET and MONTINI)
FAMILY TRUST, Derivatively on Behalf of)
14 WELLS FARGO & COMPANY,)

15 Plaintiffs,)

16 vs.)

17 CHARLES W. SCHARF, et al.,)

18 Defendants,)

19 – and –)

20 WELLS FARGO & COMPANY, a Delaware)
Corporation,)

21 Nominal Defendant.)
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Case No. CGC-22-599223

) STIPULATION AND AGREEMENT OF
) COMPROMISE, SETTLEMENT, AND
) RELEASE

) Judge: Honorable Jeffrey S. Ross

) Dept.: 606

) Date Action Filed: April 19, 2022

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STIPULATION AND AGREEMENT OF COMPROMISE, SETTLEMENT, AND RELEASE

1 **I. INTRODUCTION**

2 This Stipulation and Agreement of Compromise, Settlement, and Release (the “Stipulation”
3 or the “Settlement”) is made and entered into by and among the following Parties (as defined, *infra*),
4 and by and through their respective counsel: (i) Timothy Himstreet and Montini Family Trust
5 (“Plaintiffs”) (on behalf of themselves and derivatively on behalf of Wells Fargo & Company (“Wells
6 Fargo” or the “Company” or the “Bank”)); (ii) Charles W. Scharf, Charles H. Noski, Donald M.
7 James, Suzanne M. Vautrinot, Ronald L. Sargent, Juan A. Pujadas, Celeste A. Clark, Theodore F.
8 Craver, Jr., Maria R. Morris, Wayne M. Hewett, Richard B. Payne, Jr., Timothy J. Sloan, Elizabeth
9 A. Duke, and C. Allen Parker (the “Individual Defendants”); and (iii) Nominal Defendant Wells Fargo
10 (together with the Individual Defendants, the “Defendants,” and together with Plaintiffs, the
11 “Parties”). This Stipulation is intended by the Parties to fully, finally and forever resolve, discharge,
12 settle, and dismiss with prejudice the Derivative Action and all Released Claims against the Released
13 Parties (all as defined, *infra*) upon Court approval and subject to the terms and conditions hereof.

14 **II. HISTORY OF THE ACTION**

15 **A. Initiation of Litigation in the Northern District of California**

16 Plaintiffs Himstreet and Montini Family Trust each filed stockholder derivative actions on
17 behalf of and for the benefit of Wells Fargo, on December 10, 2020,¹ in the United States District
18 Court for the Northern District of California. On February 16, 2021, Plaintiffs’ actions were
19 consolidated with a third derivative action, and counsel for Plaintiffs were appointed as lead counsel
20 for the consolidated action (the “Northern District Action”).² Plaintiffs in the Northern District
21 Action filed a consolidated complaint on April 23, 2021. The consolidated complaint alleged
22 violations of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, breaches of fiduciary duty, waste of corporate
23 assets, and unjust enrichment in connection with purported mismanagement of and noncompliance
24 with a series of regulatory consent orders regarding consumer banking practices and the risk
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26 ¹ These actions are: *Himstreet v. Scharf, et al.*, Case No. 3:20-cv-08750 and *Montini Family Trust*
27 *v. Scharf, et al.*, Case No. 3:20-cv-08752.

28 ² The third action is *Cotton v. Scharf, et al.*, Case No. 3:20-cv-09169, filed on December 17, 2020.

1 management framework of the Company on the part of certain executive officers and directors of the
2 Company. On June 22, 2021, Wells Fargo filed a motion to dismiss the Northern District Action.
3 The court in the Northern District Action granted Wells Fargo's motion to dismiss on February 4,
4 2022, dismissing Plaintiffs' federal claims with prejudice, and dismissing Plaintiffs' state law claims
5 without prejudice to refiling in state court.

6 **B. Filing and Demurrers in this Court**

7 On April 19, 2022, Plaintiffs filed a Stockholder Derivative Complaint for Breach of Fiduciary
8 Duty, Waste of Corporate Assets, and Unjust Enrichment in this Court (the "Derivative Action").
9 Plaintiffs' complaint alleged breaches of fiduciary duty by the Individual Defendants³ stemming from
10 the purported mismanagement of and noncompliance with a series of regulatory consent orders
11 regarding consumer banking practices and the risk management framework of the Company.

12 On July 18, 2022, Wells Fargo filed a demurrer arguing that Plaintiffs had failed to adequately
13 allege demand futility. On August 19, 2022, Plaintiffs opposed the demurrer. On October 5, 2022,
14 the Court overruled Wells Fargo's demurrer, in part, finding that Plaintiffs had adequately alleged
15 that demand on Wells Fargo's Board would have been futile as to all allegations except those
16 concerning false and misleading statements (the "Demurrer Order").

17 On November 16, 2022, Wells Fargo filed a Petition for Writ of Mandate in the California
18 Court of Appeal, asking the Court of Appeal to vacate the Demurrer Order and to issue a new order
19 sustaining the Company's demurrer in its entirety (the "Writ Petition"). Plaintiffs opposed the Writ
20 Petition. On December 14, 2022, the Court of Appeal summarily denied the Writ Petition.

21 On January 17, 2023, the Individual Defendants moved to strike certain allegations in
22 Plaintiffs' initial complaint concerning alleged public misstatements, in light of the Demurrer Order.
23 On April 7, 2023, the Court entered an order partially granting and partially denying the motion to
24 strike. On May 3, 2023, Plaintiffs filed an amended complaint to reflect and comport with the Court's
25 order on the motion to strike (the "Operative Complaint").

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27 ³ Initially, the individual defendants in this action included all the Individual Defendants plus John
28 R. Shrewsberry. Shrewsberry is no longer a defendant in the action, following the Court's sustaining
of the individual demurrer he filed.

1 On June 9, 2023, each individual defendant except for Scharf, Parker, and Shrewsberry filed
2 their respective answers to the Operative Complaint. That same day, defendants Scharf, Parker, and
3 Shrewsberry, each filed a demurrer, arguing that Plaintiffs had not sufficiently plead any claims
4 against them. Plaintiffs filed an omnibus opposition to the three demurrers on August 16, 2023. On
5 January 26, 2024, the Court overruled the demurrers filed by defendants Scharf and Parker, and
6 sustained the demurrer filed by (now-former) defendant Shrewsberry.

7 **C. Intervention in and Stay of Related Federal Court Action**

8 Three related derivative actions were filed in the Northern District of California following the
9 Demurrer Order. The first was filed on May 19, 2023 by City of Hollywood Firefighters' Pension
10 System ("City of Hollywood"), *City of Hollywood Firefighters' Pension System v. Black, et al.*, No.
11 4:23-cv-02445-JST. The second was filed on July 18, 2023 by Sheet Metal Workers Local No. 33
12 (Cleveland District) Pension Fund ("Local 33"), *Martin, et al. v. Black, et al.*, No. 4:23-cv-03564-
13 JST. The third was filed on October 5, 2023 by Fire and Police Pension Association of Colorado
14 ("FPPA"), *Fire and Police Pension Association of Colorado v. Baker, II, et al.*, No. 4:23-cv-05112-
15 DMR. On January 2, 2024, these actions were consolidated in the Northern District of California,
16 and City of Hollywood was appointed as lead plaintiff (after consolidation, the "Federal Action").
17 City of Hollywood filed a consolidated complaint on February 16, 2024, again containing similar
18 claims to those alleged in the Derivative Action.

19 On March 29, 2024, Plaintiffs filed a motion to intervene and to stay or dismiss the Federal
20 Action, on the basis that it is substantially similar and seeks virtually identical relief, and is thus
21 duplicative of the Derivative Action. On June 5, 2024, the Northern District of California granted
22 Plaintiffs' motion to stay, staying the Federal Action until the resolution of the Derivative Action.
23 The Northern District of California in staying the action, held that the Derivative Action and the
24 Federal Action "arise from the same operative facts, name similar pertinent parties, and attempt to
25 accomplish the same goal – namely, holding Wells Fargo's officers and directors accountable for
26 alleged compliance deficiencies and failure to fulfill fiduciary duties." The Northern District of
27 California further held that both cases "resolve nearly identical issues, granting a stay would almost
28 certainly prevent duplicative efforts, mitigate the risk of conflicting results, and conserve judicial

resources.” Order Granting Motion to Intervene and Stay at 10, *City of Hollywood Firefighters’ Pension System v. Black, et al.*, No. 4:23-cv-02445-JST (N.D. Cal. June 6, 2024), ECF 141.

D. The Parties’ Discovery Efforts

Plaintiffs have engaged in significant discovery efforts. Plaintiffs have, among other things, served formal document requests upon Wells Fargo and the Individual Defendants; served a notice of deposition on Wells Fargo, seeking to depose the person(s) most knowledgeable at the Company concerning a number of relevant subject matters; served a non-party deposition subpoena for the production of business records on McKinsey & Company, Inc., seeking documents relevant to Wells Fargo’s actions in response to certain consent orders; served form and special interrogatories upon Wells Fargo and the Individual Defendants; and communicated with various regulators concerning the production of certain documents that Wells Fargo contends that it is prohibited by federal regulation from disclosing absent authorization because the documents contain confidential supervisory information.

Wells Fargo, in response to Plaintiffs’ discovery requests, has produced nearly two million pages of discovery. Plaintiffs and Wells Fargo have had numerous meet and confers regarding discovery disputes, which culminated in Plaintiffs filing a motion to compel the production of further documents from Wells Fargo. Following the Court’s denial of this motion on procedural grounds, Plaintiffs and Wells Fargo continued to further negotiate the scope of discovery, consistent with the Court’s order.

E. Mediation and Subsequent Settlement Efforts

On November 15, 2024, the Parties and the Insurers (defined below) participated in a full-day, in-person mediation session in New York, NY before former U.S. District Judge Layn Phillips. The Parties engaged in substantial briefing before the session. Though the Parties made significant progress at the mediation, a settlement was not reached during the in-person session.

In the weeks that followed, with the assistance of Judge Phillips, the Parties continued to further engage in an effort to resolve the action. Finally, on February 28, 2025, the Parties reached the negotiated settlement described herein.

1 **III. CLAIMS OF PLAINTIFFS AND BENEFITS OF SETTLEMENT**

2 Plaintiffs have thoroughly reviewed and analyzed the facts and circumstances relating to the
3 claims asserted in the Derivative Action, including conducting arm's-length discussions with counsel
4 to the Individual Defendants and Wells Fargo, reviewing publicly available information, analyzing
5 the extensive discovery record, and reviewing applicable case law and other authorities. Plaintiffs
6 brought their claims in good faith and continue to believe that their claims have legal merit. However,
7 Plaintiffs recognize that there are legal and factual defenses to the claims asserted in the Derivative
8 Action, which present substantial risks to the successful resolution of any litigation, especially in
9 complex shareholder derivative litigation such as the Derivative Action. Accordingly, in light of
10 these risks and based on their evaluation of the claims and their substantial experience, Plaintiffs and
11 Plaintiffs' Counsel have determined that the Settlement, which confers substantial benefits upon
12 Wells Fargo and its shareholders, is fair, reasonable and adequate, and in the best interests of the Bank
13 and its shareholders.

14 **IV. DEFENDANTS' DENIALS OF WRONGDOING AND LIABILITY**

15 The Defendants deny Plaintiffs' allegations and claims in the Derivative Action and any
16 wrongdoing or liability whatsoever. The Defendants are entering into this Stipulation for settlement
17 purposes only and solely to avoid the cost, disruption, and uncertainty of further litigation. The
18 Defendants agree that the Derivative Action was filed in good faith and with an adequate basis in fact,
19 was not frivolous, and is being settled voluntarily. The Defendants have determined that it is desirable
20 and beneficial that the Derivative Action and all of the Parties' disputes related thereto, be fully and
21 finally settled in the manner and upon the terms and conditions set forth in this Stipulation. Pursuant
22 to the terms set forth below, this Stipulation (including all of the Exhibits hereto) shall in no event be
23 construed as or deemed to be evidence of an admission or concession by the Defendants with respect
24 to any claim of fault, liability, wrongdoing, or damage whatsoever.

25 **V. TERMS OF STIPULATION AND AGREEMENT OF SETTLEMENT**

26 NOW THEREFORE, IT IS STIPULATED AND AGREED, subject to approval by the Court,
27 by and among Plaintiffs (for themselves and derivatively on behalf of Wells Fargo), by and through
28 their attorneys of record, the Individual Defendants, by and through their respective attorneys of

1 record, and Wells Fargo, by and through its attorneys of record, that in exchange for the consideration
2 set forth below, the Released Claims (as defined below) shall be and hereby are fully, finally and
3 forever compromised, settled, released and discontinued, and that the Derivative Action shall be
4 dismissed with prejudice as to the Defendants, upon and subject to the terms and conditions of this
5 Stipulation, as follows.

6 **A. Definitions**

7 In addition to the terms defined herein, as used in this Stipulation and any Exhibits attached
8 hereto and made a part hereof, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

9 1. "2016 CFPB Consent Order" means the September 8, 2016 consent order that Wells
10 Fargo Bank, N.A. entered into with the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

11 2. "2016 OCC Consent Order" means the September 6, 2016 consent order that Wells
12 Fargo Bank, N.A. entered into with the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency.

13 3. "2018 CFPB Consent Order" means the April 20, 2018 consent order that Wells Fargo
14 Bank, N.A. entered into with the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

15 4. "2018 FRB Consent Order" means the February 2, 2018 consent order that Wells
16 Fargo, N.A. entered into with the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

17 5. "2018 OCC Consent Order" means the April 20, 2018 consent order that Wells Fargo
18 Bank, N.A. entered into with the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency.

19 6. "2021 OCC Consent Order" means the September 9, 2021 consent order that Wells
20 Fargo Bank, N.A. entered into with the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency.

21 7. "2022 CFPB Consent Order" means the December 20, 2022 consent order that Wells
22 Fargo Bank, N.A. entered into with the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

23 8. "Court" means the Superior Court of the State of California, County of San Francisco.

24 9. "Corporate Governance Reforms" means the corporate actions undertaken by Wells
25 Fargo, as described in Exhibit C.

26 10. "Current Wells Fargo Shareholders" means any Person who holds of record or
27 beneficially owns Wells Fargo common stock as of the date of the execution of this Stipulation and
28 continues to hold their Wells Fargo common stock as of the date of Settlement Hearing, excluding

1 the Individual Defendants, the officers and directors of Wells Fargo, members of their immediate
2 families, and their legal representatives, heirs, successors, or assigns, and any entity in which any of
3 the Individual Defendants has or had a controlling interest.

4 11. "D&O" and "D&O Policies" means Wells Fargo's director and officers liability
5 insurance policies.

6 12. "Defendants" means the Individual Defendants and Wells Fargo.

7 13. "Derivative Action" means the derivative action captioned *Timothy Himstreet, et al.*
8 *v. Charles W. Scharf, et al.*, Case No. CGC-22-599223 (Cal. Super. Ct.).

9 14. "Effective Date" means the first date by which all of the events and conditions
10 specified in paragraph 47 of this Stipulation have been met and have occurred.

11 15. "Final Date" means the date, following the Court's Final Judgment and Order of
12 Dismissal, on which the Final Judgment and Order of Dismissal is final and no longer subject to
13 appeal or further review, whether as a result of affirmance on or exhaustion of any possible appeal or
14 review, lapse of time or otherwise; provided, however, and notwithstanding any provision to the
15 contrary in this Settlement, the Final Date shall not include, and the Settlement is expressly not
16 conditioned upon, the approval of attorneys' fees and expenses to Plaintiffs' Counsel and/or for
17 Service Awards as contemplated in paragraphs 50 through 54 below or any appeal or further review
18 related thereto.

19 16. "Final Judgment and Order of Dismissal" means an order entered by the Court,
20 substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit B, finally approving the Settlement, Fee and
21 Expense Amount, and Service Awards and dismissing the Derivative Action with prejudice on the
22 merits and without costs to any party (except as provided in paragraph 41 below).

23 17. "Insurance Agreement" means the agreement, by and among: (i) Wells Fargo; (ii) the
24 Individual Defendants; and (iii) the Insurers, confirming the Insurers' agreement to pay the Monetary
25 Consideration and those officers' and directors' releases of certain insurance claims.

26 18. "Insurers" means certain insurance companies, who are the remaining excess insurers
27 under Wells Fargo's directors and officers liability (Side A) insurance coverage maintained for the
28 2014-2015 policy year.

1 19. “Monetary Consideration” means the payment of \$100 million to be paid by the
2 Insurers to Wells Fargo as settlement consideration in connection with the Settlement set out in this
3 Stipulation.

4 20. “Notice” means the Notice of Proposed Settlement of Shareholder Derivative Action
5 and Hearing, substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A-2.

6 21. “Notice Costs” means the costs and expenses incurred in providing notice of the
7 Settlement to Current Wells Fargo Shareholders.

8 22. “Person” means any individual, corporation, professional corporation, limited-liability
9 company, partnership, limited partnership, limited-liability partnership, association, joint stock
10 company, estate, legal representative, trust, unincorporated association, government or any political
11 subdivision or agency thereof, and any business or legal entity and their spouses, heirs, predecessors,
12 successors, representatives or assignees.

13 23. “Plaintiffs” means Timothy Himstreet and Montini Family Trust.

14 24. “Plaintiffs’ Counsel” means Robbins LLP and Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd LLP.

15 25. “Preliminary Approval Order” means an order entered by the Court, substantially in
16 the form attached hereto as Exhibit A, setting forth the date for a Settlement Hearing on the proposed
17 Settlement, approving and directing publication of the Settlement Notice, substantially in the forms
18 attached hereto as Exhibits A-1 (“Summary Notice”) and A-2 (“Notice”), preliminarily approving the
19 Settlement, and preliminarily determining, for purposes of the Settlement only, that the Derivative
20 Action is properly maintained as a shareholder derivative action on behalf of Wells Fargo.

21 26. “Related Parties” means: (i) as to Wells Fargo, Wells Fargo’s past or present directors
22 and officers, employees, agents, attorneys, personal or legal representatives, consultants, experts,
23 predecessors, successors, parents, subsidiaries, affiliates, divisions, joint ventures, assigns, general or
24 limited partners or partnerships, limited liability companies, any entity in which Wells Fargo has a
25 controlling interest, and all past or present officers, directors and employees of Wells Fargo’s current
26 and former subsidiaries and affiliates, the foregoing to include any Person insured under the D&O
27 Policies; and (ii) as to the Individual Defendants (1) each spouse, immediate family member, heir,
28 executor, estate, administrator, agent, attorney, accountant, auditor, bank, insurer (including the

1 Insurers), co-insurer, re-insurer, advisor, consultant, expert, or affiliate of any of them, (2) any trust
2 in respect of which any Individual Defendant, or any spouse or family member thereof serves as a
3 settlor, beneficiary or trustee, and (3) any entity in which an Individual Defendant, or any spouse or
4 immediate family member thereof, holds a controlling interest or for which an Individual Defendant
5 has served as an employee, director, officer, managing director, advisor, general partner, limited
6 partner, or member and any collective investment vehicle which is advised or managed by any of
7 them; provided, however, that the releases set forth in this Stipulation shall in no event release any
8 claims in connection with the D&O Policies or reinsurance of D&O coverage that the Individual
9 Defendants or Wells Fargo may have against any of the Insurers, except as set forth in the Insurance
10 Agreement.

11 27. “Released Claims” means any and all manner of claims, demands, rights, liabilities,
12 losses, obligations, duties, damages, costs, debts, expenses, interest, penalties, sanctions, fees,
13 attorneys’ fees, actions, potential actions, causes of action, suits, agreements, judgments, decrees,
14 matters, issues and controversies of any kind, nature or description whatsoever, whether known or
15 unknown, disclosed or undisclosed, accrued or unaccrued, apparent or not apparent, foreseen or
16 unforeseen, matured or not matured, suspected or unsuspected, liquidated or not liquidated, fixed or
17 contingent, including Unknown Claims, whether based on state, local, foreign, federal, statutory,
18 regulatory, common or other law or rule, brought or that could be brought derivatively by or on behalf
19 of Wells Fargo against any of the Released Parties, which now or hereafter are based upon, arise out
20 of, relate in any way to, or involve, directly or indirectly, the subject matter of the Derivative Action,
21 including the 2016 CFPB Consent Order, 2016 OCC Consent Order, 2018 FRB Consent Order, 2018
22 CFPB Consent Order, 2018 OCC Consent Order, 2021 OCC Consent Order, and the 2022 CFPB
23 Consent Order. “Released Claims” does not include: (1) claims to enforce this Settlement; (2) any
24 direct claims on behalf of present or former Wells Fargo shareholders (*i.e.*, not derivative claims);
25 and (3) any claims in connection with the D&O Policies or reinsurance of D&O coverage that the
26 Individual Defendants or Wells Fargo may have against any of the Insurers, except as set forth in the
27 Insurance Agreement.

1 28. “Released Parties” means: (i) the Individual Defendants; (ii) Wells Fargo, as the
2 Nominal Defendant; and (iii) the Related Parties.

3 29. “Releases” means the releases set forth in paragraphs 44 through 46 below; provided,
4 however, that the releases set forth in this Stipulation shall in no event release any claims in
5 connection with the D&O Policies or reinsurance of D&O coverage that the Individual Defendants
6 or Wells Fargo may have against any of the Insurers, except as set forth in the Insurance Agreement.

7 30. “Service Awards” means the requested awards to Plaintiffs not to exceed \$10,000 for
8 each Plaintiff.

9 31. “Settlement Hearing” means the hearing at which the Court will review the adequacy,
10 fairness and reasonableness of the Settlement, the agreed to Fee and Expense Amount, and the Service
11 Awards for Plaintiffs, and determine whether to enter the Final Judgment and Order of Dismissal.

12 32. “Stipulation” means this Stipulation and Agreement of Compromise, Settlement, and
13 Release dated February 28, 2025.

14 33. “Summary Notice” means the Summary Notice of Proposed Settlement of Shareholder
15 Derivative Action and Hearing, substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A-1.

16 34. “Unknown Claims” means any claims covered by the Releases which Plaintiffs,
17 Individual Defendants, Wells Fargo, or any of the Current Wells Fargo Shareholders do not know or
18 suspect to exist in his, her, or its favor at the time of the Releases, including, without limitation, those
19 which, if known, might have affected the decision to enter into or object to the Settlement. With
20 respect to any and all Releases, and although the Settlement provides for a specific release of the
21 Released Parties, the Parties stipulate and agree that, upon the Effective Date, Plaintiffs, Individual
22 Defendants, Wells Fargo, and each of the Current Wells Fargo Shareholders shall be deemed to have,
23 and by operation of the Final Judgment and Order of Dismissal shall have, waived the provisions,
24 rights, and benefits of California Civil Code §1542, which provides:

25 **A GENERAL RELEASE DOES NOT EXTEND TO CLAIMS THAT THE**
26 **CREDITOR OR RELEASING PARTY DOES NOT KNOW OR SUSPECT TO**
27 **EXIST IN HIS OR HER FAVOR AT THE TIME OF EXECUTING THE**
28 **RELEASE AND THAT, IF KNOWN BY HIM OR HER, WOULD HAVE**
 MATERIALLY AFFECTED HIS OR HER SETTLEMENT WITH THE
 DEBTOR OR RELEASED PARTY.

1 Plaintiffs, Individual Defendants, Wells Fargo, and each of the Current Wells Fargo Shareholders
2 shall be deemed to have, and by operation of the Final Judgment and Order of Dismissal shall have,
3 waived any and all provisions, rights, and benefits conferred by any law of any jurisdiction, state or
4 territory of the United States, or principle of common law, which is similar, comparable, or equivalent
5 to California Civil Code §1542. Even if any of Plaintiffs, Individual Defendants, Wells Fargo, or the
6 Current Wells Fargo Shareholders hereafter discovers facts in addition to or different from those
7 which he, she, or it now knows or believes to be true with respect to the claims covered by the
8 Releases, upon the Court's entry of the Final Judgment and Order of Dismissal, Plaintiffs, Individual
9 Defendants, Wells Fargo, and each of the Current Wells Fargo Shareholders shall be deemed to have,
10 and by operation of the Final Judgment and Order of Dismissal shall have, fully, finally, and forever
11 settled and released any and all claims covered by the Releases, whether those claims are known or
12 unknown, suspected or unsuspected, contingent or non-contingent, accrued or unaccrued, concealed
13 or hidden, which now exist, or heretofore have existed upon any theory of law or equity now existing
14 or coming into existence in the future, including, but not limited to, conduct which is negligent,
15 intentional, with or without malice, or a breach of any duty, law or rule, without regard to the
16 subsequent discovery or existence of such different or additional facts. The Parties shall be deemed
17 by operation of the Final Judgment and Order of Dismissal to have acknowledged that the foregoing
18 waivers were separately bargained for and are key elements of the Settlement of which this release is
19 a part.

20 **B. Settlement Monetary Consideration**

21 35. In consideration of the full settlement, satisfaction, compromise, and release of the
22 Released Claims, the Monetary Consideration of \$100 million shall be paid by the Insurers on behalf
23 of the Individual Defendants to Wells Fargo. The Insurers shall cause the Monetary Consideration to
24 be paid to Wells Fargo within fifteen (15) calendar days of the Effective Date.

25 36. In addition, Plaintiffs and Wells Fargo have agreed and acknowledge that the filing
26 and prosecution of the Derivative Action, including the filing and litigation of Plaintiffs' claims in
27 the Northern District Action, were significant factors taken into account by Wells Fargo in
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1 implementing the Corporate Governance Reforms described in Exhibit C. Plaintiffs and Wells Fargo
2 agree that the Corporate Governance Reforms have conferred significant benefits to Wells Fargo.

3 **C. Preliminary Approval and Notice Procedure**

4 37. Promptly after execution of this Stipulation, Plaintiffs will submit this Stipulation,
5 together with its exhibits, to the Court and request entry of the Preliminary Approval Order, seeking,
6 *inter alia*, (a) preliminary approval of the Settlement set forth herein; (b) approval of the form and
7 manner of providing notice of the Settlement to Current Wells Fargo Shareholders, as set forth in the
8 Notice and Summary Notice; and (c) a date for the Settlement Hearing.

9 38. Notice to Current Wells Fargo Shareholders shall consist of the Notice, which includes
10 the general terms of the Settlement set forth in this Stipulation and the date of the Settlement Hearing
11 substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A-2, as well as Summary Notice, substantially in
12 the form attached hereto as Exhibit A-1.

13 39. Within five (5) business days after the entry of the Preliminary Approval Order, notice
14 shall be provided to Current Wells Fargo Shareholders in the following manner (or in such other
15 manner directed by the Court): (i) Wells Fargo shall publish the Summary Notice, substantially in the
16 form of Exhibit A-1 hereto, in *The Wall Street Journal*; (ii) Wells Fargo shall cause the Stipulation
17 of Settlement and Notice to be published in a Current Report on Form 8-K with the Securities and
18 Exchange Commission; and (iii) Wells Fargo shall cause the Stipulation and the Notice, substantially
19 in the form of Exhibit A-2 hereto, to be made electronically available on the "Investor Relations"
20 page of the Company's website, <https://www.wellsfargo.com/about/investor-relations>, the address of
21 which shall be contained in the Notice and Summary Notice. The Parties believe the content and
22 manner of the notice, as set forth in this paragraph, constitutes adequate and reasonable notice to
23 Current Wells Fargo Shareholders pursuant to applicable law and due process.

24 40. At least five (5) business days prior to the Settlement Hearing, counsel for Wells Fargo
25 shall file with the Court an appropriate affidavit or declaration with respect to filing and posting the
26 Notice and Summary Notice.
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1 41. Wells Fargo shall undertake the administrative responsibility for giving notice to
2 Current Wells Fargo Shareholders as ordered by the Court and shall be solely responsible for paying
3 all Notice Costs.

4 42. Plaintiffs will also request that at least 45 calendar days after the Settlement Notice is
5 disseminated, the Court hold a Settlement Hearing to consider and determine whether the Final
6 Judgment and Order of Dismissal should be entered: (a) approving the terms of the Settlement as fair,
7 reasonable, and adequate; and (b) dismissing the Action with prejudice.

8 43. Until the Effective Date, all proceedings and discovery in the Action shall be stayed
9 except as otherwise provided herein, and the Parties shall not file or prosecute any other action or
10 proceeding relating to the Settlement.

11 **D. Releases**

12 44. As of the Final Date, Plaintiffs, Wells Fargo (on behalf of itself and each of its Related
13 Parties), and by operation of law Wells Fargo's shareholders shall and hereby do completely, fully,
14 finally and forever release, relinquish, settle, and discharge each and all of the Released Parties from
15 and with respect to any and all of the Released Claims (including the Unknown Claims), and will be
16 forever barred from commencing, instituting or prosecuting any action or proceeding, in any forum,
17 asserting any of the Released Claims against any of the Released Parties.

18 45. As of the Final Date, Wells Fargo and the Individual Defendants, individually and
19 collectively, shall and hereby do completely, fully, finally and forever release, relinquish, settle, and
20 discharge each and all of the Plaintiffs and Plaintiffs' Counsel from and with respect to any and all
21 claims arising out of or relating to the initiation, prosecution, and resolution of the Derivative Action,
22 and the Northern District Action, excepting any claim to enforce the Stipulation or Settlement.

23 46. Nothing herein shall in any way impair or restrict the rights of any Party to enforce the
24 terms of this Stipulation.

25 **E. Conditions of Settlement**

26 47. The Effective Date shall be conditioned on the occurrence of all of the following
27 events:
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1 (a) The Wells Fargo Board of Directors has approved the Settlement and each of
2 its terms, including the separately negotiated Fee and Expense Amount;

3 (b) The Court has entered the Final Judgment and Order of Dismissal, substantially
4 in the form of Exhibit B attached hereto; and

5 (c) The occurrence of the Final Date.

6 48. If any of the conditions specified above in paragraph 47 are not met, then the
7 Settlement (including the Releases) shall be null and void and of no force and effect, unless otherwise
8 agreed to by the Parties in accordance with paragraph 73 herein.

9 49. If for any reason the Effective Date of this Stipulation does not occur, or if this
10 Stipulation is in any way canceled, terminated, or otherwise fails to become effective for any reason:

11 (a) the Parties shall be deemed to be in the respective positions they were in prior to the execution of
12 this Stipulation; (b) all releases delivered in connection with this Stipulation shall be null and void;

13 (c) Wells Fargo shall return to the Insurers any payment made to Wells Fargo pursuant to paragraph
14 35 herein; (d) the Fee and Expense Amount paid to Plaintiffs' Counsel shall be refunded and returned

15 in accordance with paragraph 56; and (e) all negotiations, proceedings, documents prepared, and
16 statements made in connection with this Stipulation shall be without prejudice to the Parties, shall not

17 be deemed or construed to be an admission by a Party of any act, matter, or proposition and shall not
18 be used in any manner for any purpose (other than to enforce the terms remaining in effect) in any

19 subsequent proceeding in the Derivative Action or in any other action or proceeding. If the Effective
20 Dates does not occur, the terms and provisions of this Stipulation shall have no further force and

21 effect with respect to the Parties and shall not be used in any other proceeding for any purpose, and
22 any judgment or orders entered by the Court in accordance with the terms of this Stipulation shall be

23 treated as vacated, *nunc pro tunc*.

24 **F. Plaintiffs' Counsel's Separately Negotiated Attorneys' Fees and**
25 **Plaintiffs' Service Awards**

26 50. After negotiating the principal terms of the Settlement, Plaintiffs' Counsel and counsel
27 for Wells Fargo, with the assistance of Judge Phillips, separately negotiated the attorneys' fees and
28 expenses the Company would pay to Plaintiffs' Counsel. In light of the substantial benefits conferred

1 by Plaintiffs' Counsel's efforts, Wells Fargo has agreed to pay an award of attorneys' fees and
2 expenses to Plaintiffs' Counsel in the total amount of \$33,333,333 (thirty-three million, three-
3 hundred-thirty-three thousand, three-hundred-thirty-three dollars), in the form of the equivalent value
4 of Wells Fargo common stock, such value measured as set forth in paragraphs 51-52 below, subject
5 to Court approval (the "Fee and Expense Amount"). All such shares shall be duly and validly issued,
6 fully paid, non-assessable, free from all liens and encumbrances (except as set forth herein), and freely
7 tradeable as provided herein. The independent directors of Wells Fargo's Board, in the good faith
8 exercise of their business judgment, have approved the agreed-to Fee and Expense Amount in light
9 of the substantial benefits conferred upon Wells Fargo as a result of the Settlement and Plaintiffs'
10 Counsel's efforts in this litigation.

11 51. The Fee and Expense Amount or such other amount as may be awarded by the Court
12 shall constitute final and complete payment for Plaintiffs' attorneys' fees and expenses that have been
13 incurred or will be incurred in connection with the Derivative Action. The Parties acknowledge and
14 agree that any fees and expenses awarded by the Court in the Derivative Action shall be paid by Wells
15 Fargo, in the form of a whole number of shares of Wells Fargo common stock equal to the Fee and
16 Expense Amount divided by the volume weighted average price per share of Wells Fargo common
17 stock on NYSE (as reported by Bloomberg L.P. or, if not reported therein, in another authoritative
18 source mutually selected by Wells Fargo and Plaintiffs' Counsel) over the ten (10) trading days
19 preceding the date of the Final Judgment and Order of Dismissal (with the resulting number of shares
20 being rounded, if necessary, to the nearest whole number (0.5 being rounded upwards)), within thirty
21 (30) calendar days of the Final Judgment and Order of Dismissal (and subject to provision by
22 Plaintiffs' Counsel of all required funding information and tax identification numbers), and
23 notwithstanding the existence of any timely filed objections thereto, or potential for appeal therefrom,
24 or collateral attack on the Settlement or any part thereof.

25 52. Wells Fargo agrees that if the total equivalent value of Wells Fargo common stock
26 payable under the Fee and Expense Amount, based on the per share trading price of Wells Fargo
27 common stock on NYSE (as reported by Bloomberg L.P. or, if not reported therein, in another
28 authoritative source mutually selected by Wells Fargo and Plaintiffs' Counsel) at the end of the

1 trading day preceding the day the fee award is paid, declines below \$33 million (thirty-three million
2 dollars), Wells Fargo shall contribute to the Fee and Expense Amount an amount representing the
3 difference between \$33 million and that lower amount. This contribution shall be made on the same
4 date for payment in the directly preceding paragraph and can be made in cash or Wells Fargo common
5 stock. If the contribution is made using Wells Fargo common stock, the number of shares shall be
6 calculated based on the per share trading price of Wells Fargo common stock on NYSE (as reported
7 by Bloomberg L.P. or, if not reported therein, in another authoritative source mutually selected by
8 Wells Fargo and Plaintiffs' Counsel) at the end of the trading day preceding the day of the fee award.

9 53. The Parties further stipulate that Plaintiffs' Counsel may seek Service Awards not to
10 exceed \$10,000 for each Plaintiff, only to be paid upon Court approval, and to be paid from Plaintiffs'
11 Counsel's Fee and Expense Amount in recognition of the benefit Plaintiffs helped create for Wells
12 Fargo. The failure of the Court to approve any requested service award, in whole or in part, shall
13 have no effect on the Settlement. Neither Wells Fargo nor any of the Individual Defendants shall be
14 liable for any portion of any service award.

15 54. Wells Fargo and the Parties' counsel shall obtain Court approval of the payment of the
16 Fee and Expense Amount in shares of Wells Fargo common stock and shall take any and all necessary
17 actions required to exempt such shares from the registration requirements of the Securities Act of
18 1933 under Section 3(a)(10) thereof ("Section 3(a)(10)"), including, but not limited to: (i) advising
19 the Court that the shares of Wells Fargo common stock constituting the Fee and Expense Amount
20 will be issued in reliance upon the Section 3(a)(10) exemption based on the Court's approval of the
21 transaction; (ii) causing the Court to hold a hearing on the fairness of the terms and conditions of the
22 payment of the Fee and Expense Amount; (iii) providing the Persons to whom the shares of Wells
23 Fargo common stock in the Fee and Expense Amount are to be issued with adequate notice of such
24 hearing; and (iv) ensuring that there are no improper impediments to the appearance by the Persons
25 identified in (iii) above to appear at such hearing. The issuance of the Wells Fargo stock in the Fee
26 and Expense Amount under Section 3(a)(10) is expressly conditioned upon and subject to the Court
27 finding at such hearing that the payment of the Fee and Expense Amount as attorneys' fees in shares
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1 of Wells Fargo common stock is fair, both substantively and procedurally, to the Persons to whom
2 the shares of Wells Fargo common stock in the Fee and Expense Amount are to be issued.

3 55. Neither the resolution of, nor any ruling regarding, Fee and Expense Amount or the
4 Service Awards, shall be a precondition to the Settlement or the Final Judgment and Order of
5 Dismissal in accordance with the terms of this Stipulation. The Court may consider and rule upon
6 the fairness, reasonableness, and adequacy of the Settlement independently of the Service Awards,
7 the Fee and Expense Amount, or any fee award, and any failure of the Court to approve the Fee and
8 Expense Amount or the Service Awards in whole or in part shall have no impact on the effectiveness
9 of the Settlement. Notwithstanding anything in this Stipulation to the contrary, the Settlement,
10 including the Releases and the other obligations of the Parties under the Settlement (except with
11 respect to the payment of attorneys' fees and expenses), shall not be conditioned upon or subject to
12 the resolution of any appeal from any order, if such appeal relates solely to the issue of any Service
13 Award or award of attorneys' fees or expenses.

14 56. Defendants and their counsel shall have no responsibility for, and no liability
15 whatsoever with respect to, the allocation of the fees or expenses awarded by the Court among
16 Plaintiffs' Counsel and/or to any other person who may assert some claim thereto. Any dispute
17 regarding any allocation of fees or expenses among Plaintiffs' Counsel shall have no effect on the
18 Settlement. The payment of any fees and expenses by Wells Fargo shall be subject to Plaintiffs'
19 Counsel's several obligation to make appropriate refunds or repayments of the fees received, if, as a
20 result of any further proceedings or collateral attack, the amount of the fee awarded is reduced, the
21 conditions of settlement set forth in paragraph 47 are not satisfied, the judgment of dismissal as
22 contemplated in the Settlement is not accorded full effect, or the Defendants withdraw from the
23 Settlement in accordance with the terms of this Stipulation. The Parties agree that the Court shall
24 have and retain exclusive and continuing jurisdiction in the event of any claim by or on behalf of any
25 non-party shareholders or their counsel for attorneys' fees or costs in connection with the prosecution
26 of any cause of action related to the Released Claims.

1 **G. Cooperation**

2 57. The Parties and their respective counsel agree to cooperate fully with one another in
3 seeking the Court's approval of the Settlement and to use their best efforts to effect the consummation
4 of this Stipulation and the Settlement (including, but not limited to, resolving any objections raised
5 with respect to the Settlement).

6 58. Without further order of the Court, the Parties may agree to reasonable extensions of
7 time to carry out any of the provisions of this Stipulation.

8 **H. Stipulation Not an Admission**

9 59. The existence of this Stipulation, its contents and any negotiations, statements or
10 proceedings in connection therewith will not be argued to be, and will not be construed or deemed to
11 be, a presumption, concession or admission by any of the Released Parties or any other Person of any
12 fault, liability or wrongdoing as to any facts or claims alleged or asserted in the Derivative Action; or
13 that Wells Fargo, Plaintiffs or Plaintiffs' Counsel, any present or former shareholders of Wells Fargo
14 or any other Person, have suffered any damage attributable in any manner to any of the Released
15 Parties. Nor shall the existence of this Stipulation and its contents or any negotiations, statements or
16 proceedings in connection therewith be construed as a presumption, concession or admission by
17 Plaintiffs or Plaintiffs' Counsel of any lack of merit of the Released Claims, or that Wells Fargo has
18 not suffered cognizable damages caused by Defendants. The existence of the Stipulation, its contents
19 or any negotiations, statements or proceedings in connection therewith, shall not be offered into
20 evidence or referred to, interpreted, construed, invoked or otherwise used by any Person for any
21 purpose in the Derivative Action or otherwise, except as may be necessary to effectuate the
22 Settlement. This provision shall remain in force in the event that the Settlement is terminated for any
23 reason whatsoever. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any of the Released Parties may file this
24 Stipulation or any judgment or order of the Court related hereto in any other action that has been or
25 may in the future be brought against them, in order to support any and all defenses or counterclaims
26 based on *res judicata*, collateral estoppel, release, good-faith settlement, judgment bar or reduction
27 or any other theory of claim preclusion or issue preclusion or similar defense or counterclaim, or as
28 necessary for any of the Released Parties to pursue their rights under any insurance policy.

1 **I. Confidentiality**

2 60. All agreements made and orders entered during the course of the Derivative Action
3 relating to the confidentiality of information shall survive this Stipulation.

4 **J. No Waiver**

5 61. Any failure by any Party to insist upon the strict performance by any other Party of
6 any of the provisions of this Stipulation shall not be deemed a waiver of any of the provisions hereof,
7 and such Party, notwithstanding such failure, shall have the right thereafter to insist upon the strict
8 performance of any and all of the provisions of this Stipulation by such other Party.

9 62. No waiver, express or implied, by any Party of any breach or default in the
10 performance by another Party of its obligations under this Stipulation shall be deemed or construed
11 to be a waiver of any other breach, whether prior, subsequent, or contemporaneous, under this
12 Stipulation.

13 **K. Authority**

14 63. This Stipulation will be executed by the Parties' counsel, each of whom represents and
15 warrants that they have been duly authorized and empowered to execute this Stipulation on behalf of
16 such Party, and that it shall be binding on such Party in accordance with its terms.

17 **L. Successors and Assigns**

18 64. This Stipulation is, and shall be, binding upon, and inure to the benefit of, the Parties
19 and their respective agents, executors, administrators, heirs, successors and assigns; provided,
20 however, that no Party shall assign or delegate its rights or responsibilities under this Stipulation
21 without the prior written consent of the other Parties.

22 **M. Governing Law and Forum**

23 65. This Stipulation, and any dispute arising out of or relating in any way to this
24 Stipulation, whether in contract, tort or otherwise, shall be governed by and construed in accordance
25 with the laws of the State of California, without regard to conflict-of-laws principles. Each of the
26 Parties: (i) irrevocably submits to the personal jurisdiction of the Superior Court of the State of
27 California, County of San Francisco, as well as to the jurisdiction of all courts to which an appeal
28 may be taken from such court, in any suit, action or proceeding arising out of or relating to this

1 Stipulation and/or the Settlement; (ii) agrees that all claims in respect of such suit, action, or
2 proceeding shall be brought, heard, and determined exclusively in the Court; (iii) agrees that it shall
3 not attempt to deny or defeat such personal jurisdiction by motion or other request for leave from
4 such court; and (iv) agrees not to bring any action or proceeding arising out of or relating to this
5 Stipulation in any other court, other than a motion to dismiss the related actions pending in the
6 Northern District of California and the Delaware Court of Chancery (and in the event such motions
7 are denied whatever additional motions or litigation are necessary to resolve such actions). Each of
8 the Parties waives any defense of inconvenient forum to the maintenance of any action or proceeding
9 brought in accordance with this Paragraph. Each of the Parties further agrees to waive any bond,
10 surety, or other security that might be required of any other Party with respect to any such action, or
11 proceeding, including an appeal thereof; such waiver is not applicable to any bond, surety, or other
12 security that might be required of a nonparty objector to the Final Judgment and Order of Dismissal.
13 Each of the Parties further consents and agrees that process in any such suit, action, or proceeding
14 may be served on such Party by certified mail, return receipt requested, addressed to such Party or
15 such Party's registered agent in the state of its incorporation or organization, or in any other manner
16 provided by law, and in the case of Plaintiffs by giving such written notice to Plaintiffs' Counsel at
17 their addresses set forth in the signature blocks below.

18 **N. Warranty**

19 66. Plaintiffs' Counsel each represents, on behalf of their respective clients, that (i) their
20 clients have been continuous shareholders of Wells Fargo at all times relevant to the allegations in
21 the Operative Complaint and through the date of this Stipulation; and (ii) none of the Released Claims
22 has been assigned, encumbered, or in any manner transferred in whole or in part, and that they and
23 their respective clients will not attempt to assign, encumber, or in any manner transfer in whole or in
24 part any of the Released Claims.

25 67. Each Party represents and warrants that the Party has made such investigation of the
26 facts pertaining to the Settlement provided for in this Stipulation, and all of the matters pertaining
27 thereto, as the Party deems necessary and advisable.
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1 **O. Entire Agreement**

2 68. This Stipulation and the attached Exhibits constitute the entire agreement among the
3 Parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersede all prior or contemporaneous oral or
4 written agreements, understandings or representations among the Parties with respect to the subject
5 matter hereof. All of the Exhibits hereto are incorporated by reference as if set forth herein verbatim,
6 and the terms of all Exhibits are expressly made part of this Stipulation.

7 **P. Interpretation**

8 69. Each term of this Stipulation is contractual and not merely a recital.

9 70. This Stipulation will be deemed to have been mutually prepared by the Parties and will
10 not be construed against any of them by reason of authorship.

11 71. This Stipulation and Exhibits hereto shall be considered to have been negotiated,
12 executed and delivered, and to be wholly performed, in the State of California.

13 72. The terms and provisions of this Stipulation are intended solely for the benefit of the
14 Parties, and their respective successors and permitted assigns, and it is not the intention of the Parties
15 to confer third-party beneficiary rights or remedies upon any other Person, except with respect to (a)
16 any attorneys' fees and expenses to be paid to Plaintiffs' Counsel pursuant to the terms of this
17 Stipulation; and (b) the Released Parties who are not signatories hereto, and who shall be third-party
18 beneficiaries under this Stipulation entitled to enforce it in accordance with its terms.

19 **Q. Amendments**

20 73. This Stipulation may not be amended, changed, waived, discharged, or terminated
21 (except as explicitly provided herein), in whole or in part, except by an instrument in writing signed
22 by the Parties to this Stipulation. Any such written instrument signed by the Parties shall be effective
23 upon approval of the Court, without further notice to Wells Fargo shareholders, unless the Court
24 requires such notice.

25 **R. Counterparts**

26 74. This Stipulation may be executed in any number of actual, telecopied or electronically
27 mailed counterparts and by each of the different Parties on several counterparts, each of which when
28 so executed and delivered will be an original. This Stipulation will become effective when the actual

1 or telecopied counterparts have been signed by each of the Parties to this Stipulation and delivered to
2 the other Parties. The executed signature page(s) from each actual, telecopied or electronically mailed
3 counterpart may be joined together and attached and will constitute one and the same instrument.

4 **S. Compliance with State and Federal Laws**

5 75. In entering into this Stipulation, the Parties agree that throughout the course of the
6 litigation, all parties and their counsel complied with the provisions of California Code of Civil
7 Procedure §128.7 and similar federal law provisions, including Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 11.

8 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have caused this Stipulation, dated as of February 28,
9 2025, to be executed by their duly authorized attorneys.

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