

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF  
CALIFORNIA

In re California Bail Bond Antitrust Litigation

Lead Case No. 4:19-CV-00717-JST (N.D. Cal. June 6, 2025) · No. 4:19-CV-00717-JST · Decided June 6, 2025

SUMMARY

This document is a proposed order from the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California granting final approval of class action settlements with Lexon Insurance Company and Danielson National Insurance Company in the California bail bond antitrust litigation. The order certifies the settlement class, appoints class representatives and class counsel, retains continuing jurisdiction, and dismisses the claims against the settling defendants with prejudice. The order is dated June 6, 2025, and was entered by Judge Jon S. Tigar.

CASE DETAILS

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| COURT                 | United States District Court for the Northern District of California                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| WRITING FOR THE COURT | Jon S. Tigar                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| DECIDED               | June 6, 2025                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| DOCKET                | 4:19-CV-00717-JST                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| DISPOSITION           | other                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| PROCEDURAL POSTURE    | Plaintiffs moved for final approval of class action settlements with Lexon Insurance Company and Danielson National Insurance Company. The district court held a final approval hearing, certified the settlement class, approved the settlements, and dismissed the claims against those defendants with prejudice. |
| STANDARD OF REVIEW    | The court applied the standards governing certification of a Rule 23 settlement class and the final-approval requirements of Rule 23(e)(2), assessing whether the settlements were fair, reasonable, adequate, non-collusive, and free of obvious deficiencies.                                                      |
| PRECEDENTIAL VALUE    | unpublished district court order; limited precedential value                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| PARTIES               | Shonetta Crain, Kira Monterrey, Settlement Class v. Lexon Insurance Company, Danielson National Insurance Company                                                                                                                                                                                                    |

TOPICS

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## PRACTICE AREAS

class actions

antitrust

commercial litigation

insurance

## QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the proposed settlements with Lexon and DNIC should receive final approval under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(e)(2).
2. Whether the proposed settlement class satisfied the requirements of Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(a) and 23(b)(3).
3. Whether the claims against Lexon and DNIC should be dismissed with prejudice pursuant to the approved settlements.

## HOLDINGS

1. The proposed settlements with Lexon and DNIC were sufficiently fair, reasonable, adequate, informed, thorough, serious, and non-collusive, and did not present obvious deficiencies or improperly favor class representatives or segments of the class; therefore, final approval was granted.
2. The proposed Settlement Class and its representatives satisfied the relevant requirements of Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 23(a) and 23(b)(3), and the class was certified for settlement purposes.
3. All claims brought in the action against Lexon and DNIC were dismissed with prejudice.

## KEY QUOTATIONS

*“The proposed Settlements appear to be the product of intensive, thorough, serious, informed, and non-collusive negotiations; have no obvious deficiencies; do not improperly grant preferential treatment to the Settlement Class Representatives or segments of the Settlement Class; and appear to be fair, reasonable, and adequate.” (at 1)*

## FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The litigation concerned alleged conduct by bail-bond defendants in the California bail-bonds market. Plaintiffs reached proposed settlements with Lexon Insurance Company and Danielson National Insurance Company concerning claims arising from that conduct. The proposed settlement class covered persons who paid part or all of a commercial bail-bond premium in connection with a California state-court criminal proceeding between February 20, 2004, and April 25, 2024, subject to specified exclusions.

## PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The court had presided over the action since February 8, 2019. Plaintiffs reached separate settlements with Lexon and DNIC, neither defendant opposed final approval, and the court held a final approval hearing on May 22, 2025. The court granted final approval, certified the settlement class under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23, appointed class representatives and class counsel, retained continuing jurisdiction, and dismissed the claims against Lexon and DNIC with prejudice.

## DISPOSITION

other

#### CASES CITED

- In re Hyundai & Kia Fuel Econ. Litig., 926 F.3d 539, 556-67 (9th Cir. 2019)
- In re Cathode Ray Tube (CRT) Antitrust Litig., No. 14-cv-2058-JST, 2017 WL 565003, at \*3 (N.D. Cal. Feb. 13, 2017)
- In re Cathode Ray Tube (CRT) Antitrust Litig., No. 07-cv-05944-JST, 2020 WL 1873554, at \*5 (N.D. Cal. Mar. 11, 2020)
- In re Splunk Inc. Sec. Litig., 20-cv-08600-JST, 2024 WL 923777 (N.D. Cal. Mar. 4, 2024)

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