

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF
NEW YORK

Daniela Flores, on behalf of herself, FLSA Collective Plaintiffs and
the Class v. Mission Ceviche, LLC, Mission Ceviche UES Inc, Mission
Ceviche Canal LLC, Mission Ceviche Nomad LLC, Jose Luis
Chavez, Brice Mastroluca, Miguel Yarrow

No. 24-cv-03626 (KHP) (S.D.N.Y. Dec. 2, 2025) · No. 24-cv-03626 (KHP) · Decided December 2, 2025

SUMMARY

The court granted Defendants’ unopposed motion to decertify a Rule 23 class in an FLSA and NYLL wage-and-hour action. It held that Plaintiff and the FLSA opt-in plaintiffs, having accepted Rule 68 offers of judgment, were no longer adequate representatives of absent class members, and that notice of the individual settlements was not required because absent class members would not be bound. The court directed the parties to revise and refile the proposed judgments to expressly state that they do not bind absent putative class members.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the Southern District of New York
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Katharine H. Parker
JURISDICTION	United States District Court for the Southern District of New York
DECIDED	December 2, 2025
DOCKET	24-cv-03626 (KHP)
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Defendants moved unopposed to decertify a previously certified Rule 23 class after the named plaintiff and FLSA opt-in plaintiffs accepted Rule 68 offers of judgment. The court granted decertification, declined to require notice to absent class members, and directed the parties to revise and refile the proposed judgments so they expressly stated that absent class members would not be bound.
STANDARD OF REVIEW	The court applied Rule 23's continuing certification requirements and reviewed whether the class continued to satisfy Rule 23, including adequacy of representation, in light of the intervening Rule 68 settlements.

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PRACTICE AREAS

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QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the previously certified Rule 23 class should be decertified after the named plaintiff and all FLSA opt-in plaintiffs accepted Rule 68 offers of judgment.
2. Whether Rule 23 requires notice to absent class members when the class has been decertified and the proposed judgments resolve only the individual claims of the named and opt-in plaintiffs.
3. Whether the proposed Rule 68 judgments should be approved subject to revision to state expressly that they do not bind absent class members.

HOLDINGS

1. The Rule 23 class must be decertified because, after accepting Rule 68 offers of judgment, neither the named plaintiff nor the FLSA opt-in plaintiffs remained adequate representatives capable of vigorously pursuing or protecting the interests of absent class members.
2. Notice to absent class members was not required under Rule 23 because the class had been decertified and the proposed judgments resolved only individual claims without binding absent class members.
3. The individual Rule 68 settlements could be approved, but the proposed judgments had to be revised and refiled to expressly provide that they would not bind absent putative class members.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“Accordingly, the Rule 23 class referenced in the September 12 Order is hereby decertified because there is no longer an adequate class representative to pursue the interests of absent class members.” (Section 1)

“Accordingly, notice of the settlement of the individual claims is not required under Rule 23.” (Section 2)

“Rather, they must be revised and re-filed to include an express provision that the judgment will not bind absent putative class members.” (Section 3)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The action sought unpaid straight-time and overtime wages under the FLSA and NYLL. The court conditionally certified an FLSA collective, five employees opted in, and the court certified a Rule 23 class of front-of-house employees of Mission Ceviche UES concerning alleged defects in tip-credit notices, failure to maintain daily tip logs, and miscalculation of the tip-credit overtime rate. Before class notice was mailed, the named plaintiff and all FLSA opt-in plaintiffs accepted Rule 68 offers of judgment resolving their individual claims.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Plaintiff filed an FLSA and NYLL wage-and-hour class and collective action. The court conditionally certified an FLSA collective, five individuals opted in, and the court later certified a Rule 23 class for specified NYLL claims. Before class notice was sent, Plaintiff and the opt-in plaintiffs accepted Rule 68 offers of judgment. Defendants then moved to decertify the Rule 23 class, which Plaintiff did not oppose.

DISPOSITION

other

CASES CITED

- Flores v. Mission Ceviche, LLC, No. 24-cv-3626 (KHP), 2025 WL 2636303, at *11 (S.D.N.Y. Sept. 12, 2025)
- McDowall v. Cogan, 216 F.R.D. 46, 49 (E.D.N.Y. 2003)
- Boucher v. Syracuse Univ., 164 F.3d 113, 118 (2d Cir. 1999)
- Mazzei v. Money Store, 829 F.3d 260, 266, 270, 273 (2d Cir. 2016)
- Jin v. Shanghai Original, Inc., 990 F.3d 251, 262 (2d Cir. 2021)
- In re J.P. Morgan Chase Cash Balance Litig., 255 F.R.D. 130, 133 (S.D.N.Y. 2009)
- In re Namenda Indirect Purchaser Antitrust Litig., No. 15-cv-6549 (CM) (RWL), 2022 WL 4298767, at *6 (S.D.N.Y. Sept. 19, 2022)
- Sirota v. Solitron Devices, Inc., 673 F.2d 566, 572 (2d Cir. 1982)
- B&R Supermarket, Inc. v. Visa Inc., No. 17-cv-2738 (MKB), 2024 WL 3823096, at *8 (E.D.N.Y. Aug. 14, 2024)
- Price v. L'Oreal USA, Inc., 17-cv-614 (LGS), 2021 WL 4459115, at *3 (S.D.N.Y. Sept. 29, 2021)
- Martinez v. JLM Decorating Inc., No. 20-cv-2969 (SN), 2025 WL 2123653, at *1-*2 (S.D.N.Y. July 29, 2025)
- Amchem Prods., Inc. v. Windsor, 521 U.S. 591, 625-26 (1997)
- Rivera v. Harvest Bakery, Inc., 312 F.R.D. 254, 274 (E.D.N.Y. 2016)
- Benavides v. Serenity Spa NY Inc., No. 15-cv-9189 (JLC), 2018 WL 2383144, at *3 (S.D.N.Y. May 25, 2018)
- Wu v. Pearson Educ. Inc., No. 09-cv-6557 (KBF), 2012 WL 6681701, at *5 (S.D.N.Y. Dec. 21, 2012)
- Gen. Tel. Co. of the Sw. v. Falcon, 457 U.S. 147, 160 (1982)
- American Pipe & Constr. Co. v. Utah, 414 U.S. 538 (1974)
- Scott v. Chipotle Mexican Grill, Inc., No. 12-cv-8333 (ALC) (SN), 2017 WL 1434498, at *1 (S.D.N.Y. July 17, 2012)
- Morano v. Intercontinental Capital Grp., Inc., No. 10-cv-2192 (KBF), 2012 WL 2952893, at *9 (S.D.N.Y. July 17, 2012)
- In re WorldCom Secs. Litig., 496 F.3d 245, 256 (2d Cir. 2007)
- Desrosiers v. Perry Ellis Menswear, LLC, 139 A.D.3d 473 (N.Y. App. Div. 1st Dep't 2016)

- Desrosiers v. Perry Ellis Menswear, LLC, 30 N.Y.3d 488, 494 (N.Y. 2017)
- Pop Bar, LLC v. Fellows, No. 12-cv-6647 (TPG), 2013 WL 4446227, at *6 (S.D.N.Y. Aug. 19, 2013)
- Francisco v. NY Tex Care, Inc., No. 19-cv-1649 (PKC) (ST), 2022 WL 1605662, at *2-*3 (E.D.N.Y. May 12, 2022)
- Mei Xing Yu v. Hasaki Rest., Inc., 944 F.3d 395, 414 (2d Cir. 2019)

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