

DIANA MEY, on behalf of herself and a class
of others similarly situated,

Plaintiff,

v.

PRINCIPAL LAW GROUP, LLC, JOHN DOE
DEFENDANTS 1-5, and MCM HUSTLE LLC,

Defendants.

Civil Action No.: 23-cv-00046-JPB

NOTICE OF CLASS CERTIFICATION

A court authorized this Notice. This is not a solicitation from a lawyer. You are not being sued.

A class action lawsuit is pending in the United States District Court for the Northern District of West Virginia (the “Court”) against Principal Law Group, LLC, and MCM Hustle LLC (collectively, “Defendants”). The lawsuit alleges that the Defendants violated the Telephone Consumer Protection Act, 47 U.S.C. § 227 (the “TCPA”) by initiating telemarketing calls to consumers whose phone numbers are listed on the national do-not-call registry.

The Court has certified the following class: all individuals appearing on the Call Detail Records (the “CDR”) which were attached as Exhibit A to the Plaintiff’s Motion for Class Certification.

Your rights and options – and the deadlines to exercise them – are explained in this Notice.

YOUR RIGHTS AND OPTIONS IN THIS LAWSUIT	
Do nothing.	Stay in the lawsuit, await the outcome. Share in possible benefits. Give up certain rights. By doing nothing, you are choosing to stay in the Class. You will be permitted to share in any recovery that may result from this Class Action, but you will give up your rights to sue the Defendants in a separate lawsuit for the claims made in this class action. In addition, you will be bound by past and any future court rulings on, or settlement of, the claims against the Defendants.
Opt out.	Get out of this lawsuit. Get no benefits. Keep your rights. If you opt out of the Class (meaning you state in writing that you do not want to be included in this lawsuit), you will not be entitled to any recovery that may result from this Class Action and you will not be bound by any past or future rulings in this lawsuit. You will be free to pursue your own claims against the Defendants on your own or as part of a different lawsuit.

BASIC INFORMATION ABOUT THE LAWSUIT

1. WHY DID I RECEIVE THIS NOTICE?

Records that counsel obtained indicate that you are a class member. As such, you have legal rights and options that you may exercise. Judge John Preston Bailey in the Northern District of West Virginia is overseeing this class action. The case is known as Mey v. Principal Law Group, LLC, et al., Civil Action No. 23-cv-00046-JPB (the “Class Action”).

2. WHAT IS THIS ACTION ABOUT?

The lawsuit claims that Defendants, or agents acting on their behalf, made telemarketing calls to consumers whose phone numbers are listed on the national do-not-call registry, in violation of 47 U.S.C. § 227(c) and 47 C.F.R. § 64.1200(c)(2).

3. WHAT IS A CLASS ACTION?

In a class action lawsuit, one or more “Class Representatives” (in this case, Diana Mey), sues defendants on behalf

4. WHAT HAS HAPPENED IN THE ACTION? WHAT IS THE CURRENT LAWSUIT STATUS?

This Class Action was filed in 2023 and, since then, the Class Representative and Class Counsel have engaged in “discovery”—that is, developing evidence in support of the Class claims. Now, the Court has certified the Class; however, the parties have not yet reached a settlement agreement. If no settlement is reached, the case will proceed to trial where a jury will decide whether the Defendants violated the TCPA and what compensation the class is entitled to. Alternatively, the Class Representative and Class Counsel may seek a default judgment against the Defendants, as the Court has already entered default against them.

5. WHAT IS THE CLASS REPRESENTATIVE ASKING FOR?

The Class Representative is asking the Court for statutory damages and injunctive relief.

6. WILL THERE BE A TRIAL? MUST I ATTEND?

If the Parties are unable to reach a settlement and default judgment is not awarded against Defendants, the Class claims may be tried before a jury in Wheeling, West Virginia. You do not need to attend the trial. Class Counsel will present the case for the Class Representative and the Defendants will have the opportunity to present their defenses. You are welcome to attend at your own expense.

7. IS THERE ANY MONEY AVAILABLE NOW?

No. If the Class receives any money, whether from a settlement with Defendants or through the enforcement of a judgment, you will receive additional notice.

DETERMINING IF YOU ARE A MEMBER OF THE CLASS

8. HOW DO I KNOW IF I AM A CLASS MEMBER?

You are a member of the Class if you appear on the Call Detail Records (CDR), which were attached as Exhibit A to the Plaintiff’s Motion for Class Certification.

9. WHAT IF I AM STILL NOT SURE IF I AM INCLUDED?

If you are still not sure whether you are included in the Class, you can get free help by calling or writing to Class Counsel in this case at the phone numbers or address in this Notice.

YOUR OPTIONS AS A CLASS MEMBER

10. WHAT ARE MY OPTIONS AS A CLASS MEMBER AT THIS POINT? WHAT HAPPENS DEPENDING ON WHICH OPTION I CHOOSE?

You must decide whether to stay in the Class or opt out of the Class.

- If you stay in the Class, you will be permitted to share in a recovery, if any, that may occur in this Class Action. But you give up any rights to sue the Defendants separately about the same legal claims in this lawsuit. You also will be legally bound by all of the Orders the Court issues and Judgments the Court makes in this class action, even if there is no recovery. You do not have to do anything at this time to stay in the Class.
- If you opt out of the Class (by stating in writing that you do not want to be included in this Class Action, you will give up the right to participate in any recovery that may occur. But you will keep any rights you may currently have to sue the Defendants regarding the legal claims at issue in this lawsuit. You also will not be bound by the Orders the Court issues and Judgments the Court makes in this class action.

11. HOW DO I OPT OUT OF THE CLASS?

- Your name, address, and telephone number;
- a statement confirming that you want to opt out of the Class;
- the case name and number, "Mey v. Principal Law Group, LLC, et al., Case No. 23-cv-00046-JPB"

Your request must be sent to the following address:

Class Experts Group, LLC
Attn: Mey v. Principal Law Group, Opt Out
PO Box 995
Milwaukee, WI 53092

12. WHAT HAPPENS IF I DO NOTHING?

If you do nothing, you are choosing to stay in the Class. You don't have to do anything now if you want to stay in the Class. If you stay in the Class and the Class Representative obtains money or benefits, you will be notified about how to apply for a share. Regardless of whether the plaintiff wins or loses at trial, you will not be able to sue, or continue to sue the Defendants—as part of any other lawsuit—about the same legal claims that are the subject of this Class Action. You will also be legally bound by all of the Orders the Court issues and Judgments the Court makes in this Class Action.

THE LAWYERS REPRESENTING YOU

13. AS A CLASS MEMBER, DO I HAVE A LAWYER REPRESENTING MY INTERESTS IN THIS CLASS ACTION?

Yes. The Court has appointed lawyers to represent the Class and the Class Members. These lawyers are called Class Counsel. The following lawyers are representing the Class:

Ryan M. Donovan, Esq.
Andrew C. Robey, Esq.
HISSAM FORMAN DONOVAN RITCHIE PLLC
PO Box 3983
Charleston, WV 25339
(681) 265-3802

14. HOW WILL THE LAWYERS BE COMPENSATED, AND WILL THE CLASS REPRESENTATIVES RECEIVE COMPENSATION?

If recovery is obtained for the Class, Class Counsel will request that the Court grant an award of attorneys' fees and expenses to be paid from any recovery for the Class. Class Counsel may also ask the Court to approve a reasonable incentive award for the Class Representative.

15. SHOULD I GET MY OWN LAWYER?

You do not need to hire your own lawyer. However, you are welcome to hire your own lawyer at your own expense. If you hire a lawyer to speak for you or to appear in Court, your lawyer must file a Notice of Appearance.

GETTING MORE INFORMATION

16. WHERE DO I GET MORE INFORMATION?

Complete copies of the Court filings and rulings are available for free at <https://pacer.uscourts.gov>, or by writing to Class Counsel at the address provided in the response to Question 13.

Please do not contact the Court or the Judge.

BY ORDER OF THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF WEST VIRGINIA