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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
WESTERN DIVISION

In re COUNTRYWIDE FINANCIAL CORPORATION SECURITIES LITIGATION

Lead Case No. CV 07-05295 MRP (MANx)

This Document Relates to: All Actions

**FINAL JUDGMENT AND ORDER OF DISMISSAL WITH PREJUDICE**

1 This matter came before the Court for a hearing pursuant to the Order of this  
2 Court entered on January 7, 2011, on the application of the Parties for approval of  
3 the Settlement set forth in the Amended Stipulation and Agreement of Settlement,  
4 executed as of June 29, 2010 and filed with the Court on that date and the First  
5 Amendment thereto, executed as of January 4, 2011 and filed with the Court on that  
6 date (collectively, the "Settlement" or the "Settlement Agreement"). All capitalized  
7 terms used herein have the meanings set forth and defined in the Settlement  
8 Agreement.

9 The Court has received declarations attesting to the mailing of the Notice and  
10 publication of the Summary Notice in accordance with the Order Granting  
11 Preliminary Approval of Settlement and Directing Dissemination of Notice to the  
12 Class dated August 2, 2010 ("Preliminary Approval Order") and the mailing of  
13 Supplemental Notice in accordance with the Order Granting Preliminary Approval  
14 to First Amendment to Settlement Agreement and Directing Dissemination of  
15 Supplemental Notice to the Class dated January 7, 2011 ("Second Preliminary  
16 Approval Order"). Due and adequate notice having been given to the Class as  
17 required by both the Preliminary Approval Order and Second Preliminary Approval  
18 Order and the Court having considered all papers filed and proceedings in this  
19 Action and otherwise being fully informed of the matters herein, and good cause  
20 appearing therefor, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED as  
21 follows:

22 1. This Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this Action,  
23 including the terms and conditions of the Settlement Agreement and all exhibits  
24 thereto and the Plan of Allocation of the Net Settlement Fund, and over all Parties to  
25 the Action and all Class Members.

26 2. This Court finds that the distribution of the Notice and the  
27 Supplemental Notice and the publication of the Summary Notice, and the notice  
28 methodology, all implemented in accordance with the terms of the Settlement

1 Agreement and the Court's Preliminary Approval Order and Second Preliminary  
2 Approval Order:

3 (a) constituted the best practicable notice to Class Members under  
4 the circumstances of the Action;

5 (b) were reasonably calculated, under the circumstances, to apprise  
6 Class Members of: (i) the proposed Settlement of this class action; (ii) their right to  
7 exclude themselves from the Class; (iii) their right to object to any aspect of the  
8 proposed Settlement; (iv) their right to appear at the Fairness Hearing, either on their  
9 own or through counsel hired at their own expense, if they are not excluded from the  
10 Class; and (v) the binding effect of the proceedings, rulings, orders, and judgments  
11 in this Action, whether favorable or unfavorable, on all persons who are not  
12 excluded from the Class;

13 (c) were reasonable and constituted due, adequate, and sufficient  
14 notice to all persons entitled to be provided with notice; and

15 (d) fully satisfied all applicable requirements of the Federal Rules of  
16 Civil Procedure (including Rules 23(c) and (d)), the United States Constitution  
17 (including the Due Process Clause), the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of  
18 1995, the Rules of the Court, and any other applicable law.

19 3. Pursuant to Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, this Court  
20 finds that the terms and provisions of the Settlement Agreement were entered into  
21 by the Parties at arm's-length and in good faith, and are fully and finally approved  
22 as fair, reasonable, and adequate as to, and in the best interests of, each of the Parties  
23 and the Class Members. The Parties and their counsel are hereby directed to  
24 implement and consummate the Settlement in accordance with its terms and  
25 conditions.

26 4. The Action and all Settled Claims are dismissed with prejudice. The  
27 Parties are to bear their own costs, except as otherwise provided in the Settlement  
28 Agreement or this Final Judgment and Order ("Final Judgment").

1           5.     The Court finds that the notice given of the dismissal of defendants  
2 Garcia and Gissinger and claims against Sambol under the Securities Act of 1933  
3 (“Sambol 1933 Act Claims”) was adequate. The dismissal of defendants Garcia and  
4 Gissinger and the Sambol 1933 Act Claims is approved as fair, just and reasonable,  
5 and is hereby finally approved.

6           6.     In accordance with Paragraph 1(rr) of the Settlement Agreement, for  
7 purposes of this Final Judgment the term “Released Parties” shall mean: (a) any and  
8 all of the Defendants and any person, partnership, firm, corporation, limited liability  
9 company, trust or other entity in which any Defendant has a controlling interest or  
10 which is or was related to or affiliated with any of the Defendants; and (b) with  
11 respect to each of the Persons in subsection (a), their respective past or present  
12 directors, officers, employees, insurers, reinsurers, attorneys, agents, partners,  
13 principals, advisors, investment advisors, auditors, accountants, trustees,  
14 underwriters, investment bankers, subsidiaries, parents (including without limitation  
15 Bank of America Corporation and each of its subsidiaries), any other entity in which  
16 any such parent has a controlling interest or which is or was related to or affiliated  
17 with any such parent, successors and predecessors, heirs, Immediate Family, and  
18 anyone acting or purporting to act for or on behalf of any of them or their  
19 successors.

20           7.     In accordance with Paragraph 1(tt) of the Settlement Agreement, for  
21 purposes of this Final Judgment the term “Settled Claims” shall mean: any and all  
22 claims, debts, demands, disputes, rights, causes of action, suits, matters, damages, or  
23 liabilities of any kind, nature, and character whatsoever (including but not limited to  
24 any claims for damages, interest, attorneys’ fees, expert or consulting fees, and any  
25 and all other costs, expenses or liabilities whatsoever), whether based on federal,  
26 state, local, statutory or common law or any other law, rule or regulation, whether  
27 fixed or contingent, accrued or unaccrued, liquidated or unliquidated, at law or in  
28 equity, matured or unmatured, whether class or individual in nature (collectively,

1 “Claims”), including both known Claims and Unknown Claims (as defined herein),  
2 against any of the Released Parties (i) that were asserted or could have been asserted  
3 in the Action, (ii) that would have been barred by *res judicata* had the Action been  
4 fully litigated to a final judgment, or (iii) that could have been, or could in the future  
5 be, asserted in any forum or proceeding or otherwise by any Class Member against  
6 any of the Released Parties (a) that concern, arise out of, refer to, are based upon, or  
7 are related in any way to, any of the subject matter, allegations, transactions, facts,  
8 matters, occurrences, representations, statements, or omissions alleged, involved, set  
9 forth, or referred to in the Complaint; and (b) that relate to the purchase, sale,  
10 acquisition or holding of the Countrywide Securities, and, as to Plaintiffs, that relate  
11 to the purchase, sale, acquisition or holding of any security issued by Countrywide  
12 or any Countrywide-related entity (including but not limited to mortgage-backed  
13 securities issued by CWALT, Inc., CWABS, Inc., CWHEQ, Inc. or CWMBS, Inc.),  
14 whether such Countrywide-related entity is a corporation, partnership, limited  
15 liability company, trust, or other entity, and whether or not such securities are  
16 Countrywide Securities; *provided, however*, that the term “Settled Claims” shall not  
17 include the following:

- 18 (1) claims to enforce the Settlement; and
- 19 (2) shareholder derivative claims asserted as of April 2, 2010 on  
20 behalf of Countrywide Financial Corporation in the following actions for recovery  
21 by Countrywide as to injury allegedly caused to it: *In re Countrywide Financial*  
22 *Corp. Shareholder Derivative Litigation*, Case No. BC 375275 (Cal. Supr. Ct., Los  
23 Angeles County) and *In re Countrywide Financial Corp. Derivative Litigation*, Lead  
24 Case No. 2:07-cv-06923-MRP (MANx) (C.D. Cal.).

25 Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing in this definition of “Settled Claims”  
26 shall prevent Plaintiffs from seeking to participate as unnamed class members in any  
27 settlement or other recovery in any class action, including but not limited to *Maine*  
28 *State Retirement System v. Countrywide Financial Corp.*, Case No. CV 10-00302

1 MRP (MANx) (C.D. Cal.), that relates to the purchase, sale, acquisition or holding  
2 of any security, other than Countrywide Securities, issued by Countrywide or any  
3 Countrywide-related entity (including but not limited to mortgage-backed securities  
4 issued by CWALT, Inc., CWABS, Inc., CWHEQ, Inc. or CWMBBS, Inc.), whether  
5 such Countrywide-related entity is a corporation, partnership, limited liability  
6 company, trust or other entity.

7 8. In accordance with Paragraph 1(uu) of the Settlement Agreement, for  
8 purposes of this Final Judgment the term “Settled Defendants’ Claims” shall mean:  
9 any and all claims, rights, causes of action, damages, or liabilities of any kind,  
10 nature, and character whatsoever in law, equity, or otherwise, including both known  
11 and Unknown Claims (as defined herein), which were, could have been, or could be  
12 asserted in any forum by the Defendants or any of them against Plaintiffs or  
13 Plaintiffs’ Counsel, whether under United States federal, state, local, statutory, or  
14 common law, or any other law, rule, or regulation, based upon, arising out of or  
15 relating to, directly or indirectly, the institution, prosecution, assertion, settlement or  
16 resolution of the Action; *provided, however*, that “Settled Defendants’ Claims” shall  
17 not include claims to enforce the Settlement.

18 9. In accordance with Paragraph 1(ccc) of the Settlement Agreement, for  
19 purposes of this Final Judgment the term “Unknown Claims” shall mean: any and  
20 all Settled Claims that any Lead Plaintiff or Class Member does not know or suspect  
21 to exist in his, her or its favor as of the Effective Date that, if known by him, her or  
22 it, might have affected his, her or its decision(s) with respect to the Settlement, or  
23 might have affected such party’s decision not to object to this settlement. With  
24 respect to any and all Settled Claims, upon the Effective Date, the Lead Plaintiffs  
25 shall expressly waive, and each Class Member shall be deemed to have waived, and  
26 by operation of this Final Judgment shall have expressly waived, the provisions,  
27 rights and benefits of California Civil Code § 1542, and of any U.S. federal or state  
28 law, or principle of common law or otherwise, that is similar, comparable, or

1 equivalent to Section 1542 of the California Civil Code, which provides, in relevant  
2 part:

3 A general release does not extend to claims which the creditor does  
4 not know or suspect to exist in his or her favor at the time of  
5 executing the release, which if known by him or her must have  
6 materially affected his or her settlement with the debtor.

7 The Lead Plaintiffs and other Class Members or certain of them may hereafter  
8 discover facts in addition to or different from those which such party now knows or  
9 believes to be true with respect to the subject matter of the Settled Claims, but the  
10 Lead Plaintiffs and the Class Members, upon the Effective Date, by operation of this  
11 Final Judgment shall have, fully, finally, and forever settled and released, any and  
12 all Settled Claims, known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, contingent or non-  
13 contingent, whether or not concealed or hidden, that now exist or heretofore have  
14 existed, upon any theory of law or equity now existing or coming into existence in  
15 the future, including, but not limited to, claims relating to conduct that is negligent,  
16 reckless, intentional, with or without malice, or a breach of any duty, law or rule,  
17 without regard to the subsequent discovery or existence of such different or  
18 additional facts.

19 Lead Plaintiffs and Defendants acknowledge, and the Class Members shall be  
20 deemed by operation of this Final Judgment to have acknowledged, that the  
21 foregoing waiver was separately bargained for and was a key element of the  
22 Settlement.

23 10. Plaintiffs and every Class Member, on behalf of themselves and any of  
24 their personal representatives, spouses, domestic partners, trustees, heirs, executors,  
25 administrators, successors or assigns, shall be deemed to have, and by operation of  
26 this Final Judgment shall have, fully, finally, and forever released, relinquished, and  
27 discharged all Settled Claims against the Released Parties, and shall be forever  
28 barred and enjoined from instituting, prosecuting, participating, continuing,  
maintaining or asserting any Settled Claim, or assisting any Person in instituting,

1 prosecuting, participating, continuing, maintaining or asserting any Settled Claim,  
2 against any of the Released Parties, whether directly or indirectly, whether in the  
3 United States or elsewhere, whether on their own behalf or on behalf of any class or  
4 any other Person, and regardless of whether or not such Class Member executes and  
5 delivers a Proof of Claim.

6 11. The named Plaintiffs shall not encourage or solicit any other Person in  
7 regard to, or in connection with, the making of any demand, the assertion of any  
8 liability, or the prosecution or commencement of any lawsuit or other judicial or  
9 administrative proceedings against any of the Released Parties relating to  
10 Countrywide, any of its affiliates or related entities, and/or securities offered, sold or  
11 issued by Countrywide or by any Countrywide-related entity (including but not  
12 limited to mortgage-backed securities issued by CWALT, Inc., CWABS, Inc.,  
13 CWHEQ, Inc. or CWMBS, Inc.).

14 12. Each of the Released Parties shall be deemed to have, and by operation  
15 of this Final Judgment shall have, fully, finally, and forever released, relinquished,  
16 and discharged each and all of the Class Members, Plaintiffs, and Plaintiffs' Counsel  
17 from all Settled Defendants' Claims arising out of, relating to, or in connection with  
18 the institution, prosecution, assertion, settlement, or resolution of the Action or the  
19 Settled Claims.

20 13. All persons and/or entities whose names appear on Exhibit 1 hereto are  
21 hereby excluded from the Class, are not bound by this Final Judgment, and may not  
22 make any claim with respect to or receive any benefit from the Settlement. Such  
23 excluded persons and entities may not pursue any Settled Claims on behalf of those  
24 who are bound by this Final Judgment.

25 14. Neither the Settlement Agreement nor the terms of the Settlement  
26 Agreement shall be offered or received into any action or proceeding for any  
27 purpose, except (i) in an action or proceeding arising under the Settlement  
28 Agreement or arising out of this Final Judgment, (ii) in any action or proceeding

1 where the releases provided pursuant to the Settlement Agreement may serve as a  
2 bar to recovery, (iii) in any action or proceeding to determine the availability, scope,  
3 or extent of insurance coverage (or reinsurance related to such coverage) for the  
4 sums expended for the Settlement and defense of the Action; or (iv) in any action or  
5 proceeding against a Person other than KPMG arising out of or relating to any rights  
6 or obligations of Countrywide or any former officer, employee, or director of  
7 Countrywide concerning indemnification, contribution, or advancement of fees and  
8 expenses.

9       15. This Final Judgment, the Settlement Agreement, and any of their  
10 respective provisions, and any negotiations, proceedings or agreements relating to  
11 the Settlement Agreement and the Settlement, and all matters arising in connection  
12 with such negotiations, proceedings or agreements, and all acts performed or  
13 documents executed pursuant to or in furtherance of the Settlement Agreement:

14           i. shall not be offered or received against any of the Defendants as  
15 evidence of a presumption, concession, or admission of any kind;

16           ii. shall not be offered or received against any of the Defendants as  
17 evidence of an admission by any of those Defendants with respect to the truth of any  
18 fact alleged in the Complaint or the validity of any Settled Claim, or the deficiency  
19 of any defense that has been or could have been asserted, or of any liability,  
20 negligence, fault, or wrongdoing of the Defendants;

21           iii. shall not be offered or received against the Defendants as  
22 evidence of any fault, misrepresentation, omission or other actionable conduct with  
23 respect to any statement or written document approved or made by any of the  
24 Defendants;

25           iv. shall not be offered or received against the Defendants as  
26 evidence of any liability, negligence, fault or wrongdoing, or in any way referred to  
27 for any other reason as against any of the Defendants, in any other civil, criminal or  
28 administrative action or proceeding, other than such proceedings as may be

1 necessary to effectuate the provisions of the Settlement Agreement; *provided*,  
2 *however*, that the Released Parties may refer to the Settlement Agreement to  
3 effectuate the release of Settled Claims and other liability protections granted to  
4 them in the Settlement Agreement;

5 v. shall not be construed against any of the Defendants as an  
6 admission or concession that the consideration to be given hereunder represents the  
7 amount that could be or would have been recovered after trial;

8 vi. shall not be construed as or received in evidence as an admission,  
9 concession or presumption against Plaintiffs or any of the Class Members that any  
10 of their claims are without merit, or that any defenses asserted by the Defendants  
11 have any merit, or that damages recoverable in the Action would not have exceeded  
12 the Settlement Amount; and

13 vii. shall not, in the event of a Complete Termination, be used by any  
14 Party for any purpose in any trial in this Action.

15 16. Without affecting the finality of this Final Judgment in any way, this  
16 Court hereby retains continuing jurisdiction over: (a) implementation of the  
17 Settlement and any award or distribution from the Gross Settlement Fund, including  
18 interest earned thereon; (b) disposition of the Net Settlement Fund; (c) disposition of  
19 the Set Aside; (d) hearing and determining applications for attorneys' fees, costs,  
20 interest and reimbursement of expenses in the Action; and (e) all Parties hereto for  
21 the purpose of construing, enforcing and administering the Settlement.

22 17. Any Plan of Allocation of the Net Settlement Fund submitted by  
23 Plaintiffs' Lead Counsel or any order regarding the Fee and Expense Award, or any  
24 appeal, modification or change thereof, shall in no way disturb or affect this Final  
25 Judgment and shall be considered separate from this Final Judgment.

26 18. This Court finds that Lead Plaintiffs, Plaintiff Brahn, and Plaintiffs'  
27 Lead Counsel adequately represented the Class under Rules 23(a)(4) and (g) of the  
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1 Federal Rules of Civil Procedure for purpose of negotiating, entering into, and  
2 implementing the Settlement and at all times during the pendency of this Action.

3 19. This Court finds that during the course of the litigation, the Lead  
4 Plaintiffs, Plaintiffs Brahn and Katzeff, Plaintiffs' Lead Counsel, and all Plaintiffs'  
5 Counsel, and the Defendants and their respective counsel at all times complied with  
6 the requirements of Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

7 20. The Court hereby bars all future claims for contribution arising out of  
8 the Action (i) by any person (as that term is defined in 15 U.S.C. § 78c(a)(9))  
9 against the settling covered person (as such term is defined in 15 U.S.C. § 78u-  
10 4(f)(10)(C)); and (ii) by the settling covered person against any person, other than a  
11 person whose liability has been extinguished by the settlement of the settling  
12 covered person, *provided that* nothing in this bar order shall affect any rights or  
13 obligations (a) between Countrywide and the Underwriter Defendants set forth in  
14 any underwriting agreement relating to Countrywide Securities, or (b) among the  
15 Underwriter Defendants set forth in any agreement among underwriters relating to  
16 Countrywide Securities.

17 21. Nothing in this Final Judgment constitutes or reflects a waiver, release  
18 or discharge of any rights or claims of Defendants against their insurers, or their  
19 insurers' subsidiaries, predecessors, successors, assigns, affiliates, or  
20 representatives. In addition, nothing in this Final Judgment constitutes or reflects a  
21 waiver, release or discharge of any rights or claims of Defendants or Garcia or  
22 Gissinger relating to indemnification, advancement or any undertakings by an  
23 indemnified party to repay amounts advanced or paid by way of indemnification or  
24 otherwise.

25 22. This Final Judgment shall not be considered or used as a presumption,  
26 concession or admission by or against Defendants of any fault, wrongdoing, breach  
27 or liability.

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1           23. The Parties are hereby authorized, without further approval of the  
2 Court, to unanimously agree to and adopt in writing such amendments,  
3 modifications, and expansions of the Settlement Agreement and all exhibits attached  
4 thereto, provided that such amendments, modifications, and expansions of the  
5 Settlement Agreement are done in accordance with the terms of Paragraphs 35, 55  
6 and 61 of the Settlement Agreement, are not materially inconsistent with this Final  
7 Judgment and do not materially limit the rights of Class Members under the  
8 Settlement Agreement.

9           24. In the event that the Settlement does not become effective in  
10 accordance with the terms of the Settlement Agreement or in the event that the  
11 Gross Settlement Fund, or any portion thereof, is returned to the Defendants or their  
12 insurers, then this Final Judgment shall be rendered null and void to the extent  
13 provided by and in accordance with the Settlement Agreement and shall be vacated,  
14 and in such event, all orders entered and releases delivered in connection herewith  
15 shall be null and void to the extent provided by and in accordance with the  
16 Settlement Agreement.

17           25. The provisions of this Final Judgment constitute a full and complete  
18 adjudication of the matters considered and adjudged herein, and the Court  
19 determines that there is no just reason for delay in the entry of judgment. The Clerk  
20 is hereby directed to immediately enter this Final Judgment.

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22           SO ORDERED this 4 day of March, 2011.

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26           HON. MARIANA R. PFAELZER  
27           UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE  
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**Exhibit 1**

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- 2 • T. Rowe Price Associates, Inc.
- 3 • BlackRock Investment Management, LLC
- 4 • Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association – College Retirement
- 5 Services
- 6 • Nuveen Investments, Inc.
- 7 • California Public Employees’ Retirement System
- 8 • Royal Mail
- 9 • American Century Investment Management
- 10 • Norges Bank
- 11 • SunAmerica Asset Management Corporation
- 12 • Thrivent Financial for Lutherans
- 13 • Maryland State Retirement and Pension System
- 14 • Montana Board of Investments
- 15 • Stichting Pensioenfonds Zorg en Welzijn
- 16 • Teacher Retirement System of Texas
- 17 • State Board of Administration of Florida
- 18 • Government of Guam Retirement Fund
- 19 • Weitz Value Fund, Weitz Partners Value Fund, Weitz Hickory Fund,
- 20 Weitz Balanced Fund, Research Fund, Partners III Opportunity Fund, and
- 21 Heider Weitz Partnership
- 22 • Peter Kiewitt Foundation
- 23 • Children’s Hospital & Medical Center Foundation of Omaha
- 24 • Hastings College Foundation
- 25 • State Treasurer of the State of Michigan, as Custodian of the Michigan
- 26 Public School Employees Retirement System, State Employees’
- 27 Retirement System, Michigan State Police Retirement System, and
- 28 Michigan Judges Retirement System

- 1 • Oregon Public Employees Retirement Fund and Oregon State Accident
- 2 Insurance Fund
- 3 • Ballantyne Re plc
- 4 • Fresno County Employees' Retirement Association
- 5 • Mary Lou Kent
- 6 • Millard M. Kent
- 7 • Virginia C. Kuta
- 8 • Patrick J. Lynn, Jr.
- 9 • Marion J. McLaren
- 10 • Steve Snider
- 11 • Norma Strait
- 12 • Michael Syer-Postance
- 13 • Marion Jean Wellwood
- 14 • SRM Global Limited Fund Partnership
- 15 • Byron B. Mathews, Jr.
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