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18	v.	DECLARATION OF JOHNSTON DE F. WHITMAN, ID IN SUPPOPT OF (1) CLASS
19 20	Insys Therapeutics, Inc.; Michael L. Babich; Darryl S. Baker; and John N. Kapoor,	JR. IN SUPPORT OF (I) CLASS REPRESENTATIVE'S MOTION FOR FINAL APPROVAL
20	Defendants.	OF SETTLEMENT WITH DEFENDANT DARRYL S. BAKER
22		AND PLAN OF ALLOCATION; AND (II) CLASS COUNSEL'S
23		MOTION FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF
24		LITIGATION EXPENSES
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Johnston de F. Whitman, Jr., under penalty of perjury, declares as follows:

I am an attorney licensed to practice law in the State of New York and in
 the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. I am admitted to practice *pro hac vice* before this
 Court. I am a partner of the law firm of Kessler Topaz Meltzer & Check, LLP ("Class
 Counsel" or "Kessler Topaz"), Court-appointed Class Counsel in this securities class
 action ("Action") and counsel for the Court-appointed Lead Plaintiff and Class
 Representative, Clark Miller ("Lead Plaintiff" or "Class Representative").<sup>1</sup>

8 2. I have personal knowledge of the matters set forth herein based upon my
9 active supervision of and participation in the prosecution and resolution of the Action
10 against defendant Darryl S. Baker ("Defendant Baker" or "Mr. Baker").

11 3. I respectfully submit this Declaration in support of Class Representative's 12 motion pursuant to Rule 23(e) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure ("Federal Rules" 13 or "Rules") for final approval of the proposed Settlement with Defendant Baker (also referred to herein as the "Baker Settlement"). If approved, the Baker Settlement will 14 15 resolve all claims asserted in the Action against Defendant Baker<sup>2</sup> on behalf of the Courtcertified Class, consisting of all persons and entities who purchased or otherwise acquired 16 17 Insys Therapeutics, Inc. ("Insys" or the "Company") common stock during the period 18 from March 3, 2015, through January 25, 2016, and were damaged thereby.<sup>3</sup> The Court

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Unless otherwise defined herein, capitalized terms have the meanings ascribed to them in the Stipulation and Agreement of Settlement Between Lead Plaintiff and Defendant Darryl S. Baker, dated May 22, 2020 (Doc. 341-1) ("Stipulation").

<sup>23 &</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> This Settlement resolves claims against Defendant Baker only, and does not resolve claims against defendants John N. Kapoor ("Kapoor") and Michael L. Babich ("Babich"). Separate settlements are pending before this Court with respect to Messrs. Kapoor and Babich (referred to herein together as the "Kapoor and Babich Settlements").
25 Docs. 371-1, 373, 399-1, 401, 402.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Excluded from the Class are (a) Defendants; (b) present and former directors or executive officers of Insys and members of their immediate families (as defined in 17 C.F.R. § 229.404, Instructions (1)(a)(iii) and (1)(b)(ii)); (c) any of the foregoing individuals' or entities' legal representatives, heirs, successors, or assigns; and (d) any entity in which any Defendant has or had a controlling interest, or which is related to or affiliated with any Defendant. *See* Stipulation, ¶ 1.h.

preliminarily approved the Baker Settlement by Order dated June 5, 2020 (Doc. 347)
 ("Preliminary Approval Order").

4. I also respectfully submit this Declaration in support of: (i) the proposed
plan for allocating the net proceeds of the Baker Settlement to eligible Class Members
("Plan of Allocation" or "Plan"); and (ii) Class Counsel's motion for reimbursement of
Litigation Expenses ("Expense Application"), including Class Representative's request,
in accordance with the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 ("PSLRA"), for
reimbursement of his costs in connection with representing the Class in the Action, up to
the time that the parties entered into the Stipulation.

10 5. The Settlement and the Expense Application have the full support of Class 11 Representative. See Declaration of Clark Miller ("Miller Declaration" or "Miller Decl.") attached hereto as Exhibit 1. For the reasons discussed below and in the accompanying 12 memoranda,<sup>4</sup> I, on behalf of Class Counsel, respectfully submit that: (i) the terms of the 13 14 Baker Settlement are fair, reasonable, and adequate in all respects and should be approved 15 by the Court; (ii) the proposed Plan of Allocation is fair, reasonable, and adequate and 16 should be approved by the Court; and (iii) the Expense Application, including the request 17 for reimbursement of Class Representative's costs, is reasonable, supported by the facts 18 and the law, and should be granted.

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# INTRODUCTION

6. Following more than four years of hard-fought litigation, Class
Representative and Class Counsel succeeded in obtaining a \$2,000,000 cash recovery
("Settlement Amount") from Defendant Baker. Pursuant to the Stipulation and
Preliminary Approval Order, the Settlement Amount was received on June 23, 2020, and

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> In addition to this Declaration, Class Representative and Class Counsel are submitting: (i) Class Representative's Motion for Final Approval of Settlement with Defendant Darryl S. Baker and Plan of Allocation; and Memorandum of Points and Authorities in Support Thereof ("Settlement Memorandum"); and (ii) Class Counsel's Motion for Reimbursement of Litigation Expenses; and Memorandum of Points and Authorities in Support Thereof ("Expense Reimbursement Memorandum").

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is currently being held in the interest-bearing Escrow Account. In exchange for the
 Settlement Amount, the Settlement resolves all claims asserted in the Action (and related
 claims) by Class Representative and the Class against Defendant Baker and the other
 Settling Defendant's Releasees. The Baker Settlement is the first of three settlements
 reached in the Action, and represents the largest portion of the *guaranteed* collective cash
 recovery obtained for the Class.<sup>5</sup>

7 7. From the date the Action was filed until the date of their agreement in 8 principle to settle on May 8, 2020, the Settling Parties actively litigated the Action. At the 9 time the Baker Settlement was reached, defendants' summary judgment motion was 10 pending (though decided just minutes after the Settling Parties notified the Court that they 11 had executed a settlement term sheet (Doc. 332)), and trial preparation was well underway 12 while the Settling Parties negotiated the Stipulation and preliminary approval 13 submissions. Prior to reaching the Settlement, Class Counsel, under the supervision of 14 Class Representative, had, among other things: (i) conducted an extensive legal and 15 factual investigation into the Class's claims; (ii) drafted two detailed amended 16 complaints, including the operative Second Amended Complaint for Violation of the 17 Federal Securities Laws (Doc. 77) ("Second Amended Complaint" or "SAC"); 18 (iii) opposed two rounds of motions to dismiss; (iv) participated in hotly-contested fact and expert discovery, which included reviewing over 14 million pages of documents, 19 20 hundreds of written discovery requests and responses, and taking or defending ten fact 21 and five expert depositions; (v) briefed a motion to certify the Class and opposed a 22 petition for permission to appeal the Court's order certifying the Class pursuant to Rule 23 23(f); (vi) engaged experienced bankruptcy counsel to protect the Class's interests in 24 Insys' bankruptcy proceedings; (vii) conducted an extensive Class-notice program 25 advising prospective Class Members of the Action's pendency and Class Representative's

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The Baker Settlement combined with the Kapoor and Babich Settlements provides for a Class recovery of at least \$2.95 million, with the potential to increase to up to \$12.25 million, and will resolve this Action in its entirety.

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1 motion to voluntarily dismiss Insys from the Action with prejudice; (viii) opposed 2 defendants' summary judgment motion; (ix) engaged in hard-fought, arm's-length 3 settlement negotiations with Defendant Baker's Counsel; and (x) prepared for a trial set 4 to commence on August 17, 2020. As a result of these extensive efforts and others 5 discussed herein, Class Counsel had a thorough understanding of the strengths and 6 weaknesses of the Class's claims against Defendant Baker, as well as the low potential to 7 secure payment from Defendant Baker following a trial victory, at the time the Settling 8 Parties agreed to the Settlement.

9 8. Moreover, in agreeing to the Settlement, Class Representative and Class 10 Counsel carefully considered the significant risks associated with advancing the Class's 11 claims against Defendant Baker though a ruling on summary judgment (which the Court 12 issued the day the Baker Settlement was reached), as well as the uncertainties of trial and 13 post-trial appeals, including Defendant Baker's limited ability to pay all or a portion of 14 any trial judgment against him. Had the Settlement not been reached, Defendant Baker 15 would have continued to vigorously contest Class Representative's claims against him, 16 significantly eroding the limited insurance proceeds available to Defendant Baker.

17 9. At trial, Defendant Baker would have argued, as he did throughout the 18 course of the Action, that he lacked scienter, was unaware of any fraud, and believed that 19 Subsys sales growth in 2014 was at least partially due to Insys' efforts with respect to 20 oncologists. Defendant Baker would also likely have argued that the fraudulent acts 21 alleged in the Action were undertaken by the criminally convicted Messrs. Kapoor and 22 Babich, and that Defendant Baker himself had no contemporaneous knowledge of the 23 criminal conduct. Notably, unlike Messrs. Kapoor and Babich, Defendant Baker was 24 neither named as a defendant in the criminal proceedings related to Insys' off-label 25 promotion of Subsys, nor was he interviewed by the government during its pre-trial 26 investigation. Moreover, even were Class Representative to prevail against Defendant 27 Baker at trial, the jury may have applied the proportionate fault provisions of the PSLRA

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to significantly reduce Defendant Baker's responsibility to pay a judgment in the Class's 1 2 favor. Additionally, there were severe limitations on Defendant Baker's ability to pay a 3 judgment beyond the limited insurance proceeds available to him, and Class 4 Representative faced the real risk that he would be unable to collect any payment at all 5 from Defendant Baker-even if a judgment was obtained against Defendant Baker at trial.<sup>6</sup> Thus, recovery from Defendant Baker was highly uncertain in this case, and could 6 7 not have been achieved without incurring substantial additional costs and the considerable 8 delay of further litigation.

9 10. Class Counsel believes that the Settlement, particularly when viewed in the 10 context of the risks and uncertainties of continued litigation and trial against Defendant 11 Baker, is a favorable result for the Class. Here, Class Counsel was able to resolve the 12 claims against Defendant Baker for a substantial portion of the available insurance 13 proceeds—i.e., more than 50% of the \$3.96 million remaining from a \$5 million policy, 14 which was the only insurance coverage available to Defendant Baker in connection with 15 the Action. Indeed, the recovery from Defendant Baker represents between approximately 16 6% and 1% of the Class's aggregate damages range (i.e., \$34.7 million to \$189.5 million), 17 as estimated by Class Representative's damages expert based on Class Representative's 18 ability to establish damages based relating to one or more of the alleged partial corrective 19 disclosures. This percentage of recovery range-on its own and without taking into 20 consideration the additional recoveries from Messrs. Kapoor and Babich—is directly in 21 line with the median ratio of securities class action settlements to investor losses in recent 22 years as reported by NERA Economic Consulting.<sup>7</sup>

For example, Defendant Baker's counsel informed the Court that Defendant Baker would likely be insolvent if he had to fund his own defense costs and face an adverse judgment. *See* Doc. 260 (Aug. 9, 2019 Tr.) at 26:6-13.

See Janeen McIntosh & Svetlana Starykh, *Recent Trends in Securities Class Action Litigation: 2019 Full-Year Review*, NERA Economic Consulting, 20 (Feb. 12, 2020), <a href="https://www.nera.com/content/dam/nera/publications/2020/PUB\_Year\_End\_Trends\_01\_2120\_Final.pdf">https://www.nera.com/content/dam/nera/publications/2020/PUB\_Year\_End\_Trends\_01\_2120\_Final.pdf</a> (finding between 2015 and 2018, the median ratio of settlements to investor losses increased from 1.6% in 2015 to 2.6% in 2018 and declined to 2.1% in 2019).

11. Class Counsel has worked with the Court-authorized Claims Administrator, 1 2 A.B. Data, Ltd. ("A.B. Data"), to disseminate notice of the Baker Settlement to Class 3 Members as directed in the Preliminary Approval Order. In this regard, A.B. Data has 4 mailed over 29,800 Postcard Settlement Notices and 4,100 Settlement Notices to 5 prospective Class Members and nominees.<sup>8</sup> Additionally, the Summary Settlement Notice was published in *Investor's Business Daily* and transmitted over *PR Newswire* on 6 7 June 22, 2020. Id. ¶ 12. Finally, the Postcard Settlement Notice, long-form Settlement 8 Notice, Claim Form, Stipulation, Preliminary Approval Order, and Second Amended 9 Complaint are available on the Website: www.InsysRXSecuritiesLitigation.com. Id. ¶ 14. 10 As ordered by the Court and stated in the notices, objections are due to be received no 11 later than September 2, 2020. To date, no objections have been filed with respect to any 12 aspect of the Baker Settlement, the Plan of Allocation, or Class Counsel's request for 13 reimbursement of Litigation Expenses, including Class Representative's costs. In 14 accordance with the Preliminary Approval Order, Class Counsel will provide the Court 15 with further information on the Class's response to the Settlement prior to the Settlement Fairness Hearing, scheduled for September 23, 2020.9 16 17 II. SUMMARY OF CLASS REPRESENTATIVE'S CLAIMS

18 12. During the Class Period, Insys represented itself as a commercial-stage
19 specialty pharmaceutical company that developed and commercialized supportive care
20 products primarily designed to assist patients with pain management attributable to their
21 disease, treatments, or therapies. Insys' principal product and virtually exclusive source

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- See Declaration of Eric Schachter Regarding: (A) Mailing of Settlement Notices for Baker Settlement; (B) Updates to Website and Toll-Free Telephone Hotline;
  (C) Posting of Settlement Notice and Claim Form on Website; and (D) Publication of Summary Settlement Notice ("Schachter Decl."), attached as Exhibit 2 hereto, ¶ 10.
- Should any objections be received, Class Counsel will address them in reply submissions to be filed no later than September 16, 2020.

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of revenue during this time was the prescription medication Subsys, a sublingual fentanyl 1 spray designed to treat breakthrough cancer pain in opioid tolerant patients.<sup>10</sup> 2

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13. This Action was brought by Insys investors against Insys and certain of the 4 Company's executive officers, including Defendant Baker-Insys' Chief Financial 5 Officer ("CFO") during the Class Period<sup>11</sup>—for alleged violations of the federal securities 6 laws. Class Representative alleged that defendants made materially false or misleading 7 statements during the relevant time period regarding the marketing and sales of Subsys, including the source of Subsys sales growth. Class Representative further alleged that 8 9 when the relevant truth was revealed, the price of Insys common stock declined, causing 10 damage to Insys shareholders.

11 More specifically, after the Court's August 1, 2017 ruling on defendants' 14. 12 motion to dismiss the SAC (discussed in detail below in Section III.C), the Action alleged 13 securities fraud claims against Defendant Baker based upon a statement made in Insys' 14 2014 Form 10-K, issued on March 3, 2015, and signed by Defendant Baker ("Form 10-15 K Statement"). In the Form 10-K Statement, Defendant Baker and others represented that 16 Insys' efforts to educate oncologists on the attributes of Subsys were a "key factor[]" in 17 generating 2014 Subsys sales growth. Class Representative alleged that defendants' 18 efforts to educate oncologists concerning Subsys were not a key factor in 2014 sales 19 growth. Rather, Class Representative alleged that the Form 10-K Statement was: 20 (i) misleading, because defendants failed to disclose that the overwhelming majority of 21 Insys' 2014 revenues, and, therefore, sales growth, arose from off-label Subsys 22 prescriptions, including those generated by bribes and insurance fraud ("Criminal 23 Enterprise"); and (ii) false, because Subsys prescriptions that oncologists wrote generated 24 only negligible revenues for Insys in 2014, including during fourth quarter 2014. Class 25

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- 10 *See* SAC, ¶¶ 1, 2. 27
  - 11 *See* SAC, ¶ 31.

1	Representative further alleged that Defendant Baker made the Form 10-K Statement
2	knowing or recklessly disregarding that it was materially false or misleading.
3	15. Class Representative also alleged that information correcting the Form 10-
4	K Statement—i.e., that oncologist prescriptions were not a key factor in generating fourth
5	quarter and full year 2014 Subsys revenues and/or revenue growth, and that such revenues
6	and growth instead resulted from the Criminal Enterprise-entered the market through
7	alleged disclosures made on November 4, 2015, December 3, 2015, and January 25, 2016
8	("Corrective Disclosures"). Each Corrective Disclosure revealed previously concealed
9	and/or misrepresented material information, and as Class Representative asserted, caused
10	the Class to suffer damages.
11	III. THE LITIGATION EFFORTS OF CLASS REPRESENTATIVE AND
12	PLAINTIFFS' COUNSEL
13	A. Commencement of the Action and Appointment of Lead Plaintiff and Lead Counsel
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15	16. On February 2, 2016, this securities class action was commenced in this
16	Court with Richard DiDonato's filing of the initial complaint against Insys and individual
17	defendants Baker, Babich, and Kapoor, asserting violations of Sections 10(b) and 20(a)
18	of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Exchange Act"), 15 U.S.C. §§ 78j(b) and 78t(a),
19	and Rule 10b-5, promulgated thereunder by the U.S. Securities and Exchange
20	Commission ("SEC"), 17 C.F.R. § 240.10b-5. Doc. 1.
21	17. On April 4, 2016, Clark Miller (as well as others) moved to be appointed as
22	lead plaintiff. Docs. 27-34. On June 3, 2016, the Court appointed Clark Miller as Lead
23	Plaintiff pursuant to the PSLRA, and approved Lead Plaintiff's selection of Kessler Topaz
24	as Lead Counsel for the proposed class and Bonnett, Fairbourn, Friedman & Balint, P.C.
25	("Bonnett Fairbourn") as Liaison Counsel for the proposed class. Doc. 40.12
26	<sup>12</sup> Lead Plaintiff and Lead Counsel were subsequently appointed Class
27	Representative and Class Counsel, respectively, pursuant to the Court's September 20, 2019 Order (Doc. 271) (see ¶ 60 below). For consistency and to avoid confusion, Lead
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1 18. The Court set a deadline of June 24, 2016 for filing an amended complaint
 2 in the Action. Doc. 41.

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# **B.** Class Representative's Investigation, the Amended Complaint, and Defendants' Motion to Dismiss the Amended Complaint

5 19. Prior to filing the Amended Complaint for Violation of the Federal 6 Securities Laws ("Amended Complaint"), Class Counsel conducted an exhaustive 7 investigation into the facts underlying this Action. As part of its investigation, Class 8 Counsel reviewed voluminous publicly available information regarding the defendants, 9 including: (i) Insys' public filings with the SEC; (ii) securities analysts' reports about 10 Insys; (iii) transcripts of Insys' conference calls with securities analysts and investors; 11 (iv) Insys' press releases and other public statements; (v) media reports concerning Insys; 12 (vi) court documents filed in several matters, including United States v. Alfonso, No. 3:15-13 cr-00111-MPS (D. Conn.), United States v. Perhacs, 1:16-cr-00024-CG (S.D. Ala.), 14 United States v. Roper, 1:16-mj-03628 (S.D.N.Y.), United States v. Serrano, 1:16-mj-15 03629 (S.D.N.Y.), United States v. Couch, 1:15-cr-00088 (S.D. Ala.), and Insys 16 Therapeutics, Inc. v. Ferraro, 7:15-cv-03613 (S.D.N.Y.); and (vii) the Notice of Unlawful 17 Trade Practices and Proposed Resolution issued to Insys on July 10, 2015 by the Oregon 18 Department of Justice in the matter captioned In re Insys Therapeutics, Inc.

19 20. Based upon Class Counsel's thorough investigation, Class Representative20 filed the Amended Complaint on June 24, 2016. Doc. 49.

21 21. On August 19, 2016, defendants moved to dismiss the Amended Complaint
22 for failure to state a claim pursuant to Rules 9(b) and 12(b)(6) of the Federal Rules and
23 pursuant to the pleading requirements of the PSLRA. Doc. 61. Class Representative
24 opposed defendants' motion to dismiss on September 6, 2016 (Doc. 67), and defendants
25 submitted their reply on September 19, 2016 (Doc. 72).

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Plaintiff and Lead Counsel will be referred to as Class Representative and Class Counsel, respectively, throughout the remainder of this Declaration.

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# C. The Second Amended Complaint, Defendants' Motion to Dismiss the Second Amended Complaint, and the Court's Ruling Thereon

22. Prior to a ruling on defendants' motion to dismiss the Amended Complaint 2 3 and based on information that became available after its filing-most notably, the indictments of defendant Babich and Alec Burlakoff<sup>13</sup> in the action United States v. 4 5 Babich, et al., No. 16-cr-10343-ADB (D. Mass.)-Class Representative, with the consent of all defendants, filed the operative complaint in the Action, the Second Amended 6 7 Complaint (or, SAC), on December 22, 2016. The SAC asserts claims under Sections 8 10(b) and 20(a) of the Exchange Act, 15 U.S.C. §§ 78j(b) and 78t(a), and Rule 10b-5 9 promulgated thereunder by the SEC, 17 C.F.R. § 240.10b-5. See SAC.

10 23. Defendants moved to dismiss the SAC for failure to state a claim pursuant
11 to Rules 9(b) and 12(b)(6) of the Federal Rules and pursuant to the pleading requirements
12 of the PSLRA on January 18, 2017. Doc. 85. Defendants' arguments for dismissing the
13 SAC included that:

- 14 the SAC did not sufficiently plead actionable misstatements because Insys • disclosed to investors: (i) the risk that the alleged misconduct at issue could 15 16 occur, including, specifically, the risks associated with employee 17 misconduct in marketing and sales practices; (ii) that Insys was under 18 investigation by certain government agencies, including the U.S. 19 Attorney's Office for the District of Massachusetts and the U.S. Department 20 of Health and Human Services; and (iii) that Insys had been sued in civil 21 litigation for substantially similar misconduct at issue in this case;
  - certain of the challenged misstatements were neither false nor misleading, as Insys had purported programs in place to market and sell Subsys to oncologists during fiscal year 2014;
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Alec Burlakoff was named as a defendant in the Second Amended Complaint. The Court dismissed Class Representative's claims against Alec Burlakoff in its August 1, 2017 Order. Doc. 107.

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1 2	• many of the statements challenged by Class Representative were "forward- looking statements" protocted by the PSLPA's statutory "sofe herbor":
2 3	looking statements," protected by the PSLRA's statutory "safe harbor";
3 4	• the SAC failed to plead facts giving rise to a "strong inference" of scienter
4	as to Defendant Baker because the SAC did not contain any allegations of his actual knowledge of the alleged fraud;
6	<ul> <li>the SAC failed to plead loss causation because the information conveyed in</li> </ul>
0 7	the alleged Corrective Disclosures was already known to the market (i.e.,
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8 9	not "new") and not corrective of defendants' prior alleged misstatements; and
10	• the SAC's Section 20(a) claims for "control person liability" were
11	unsustainable because the SAC failed to plead a primary violation of
12	Section 10(b).
13	24. Upon receiving the motion to dismiss, Class Counsel reviewed and
14	analyzed the supporting briefing and the legal authority cited therein. Class Counsel also
15	conducted additional legal research into defendants' arguments and Class
16	Representative's responses thereto. On February 2, 2017, Class Representative opposed
17	defendants' motion to dismiss the SAC (Doc. 87) arguing, among other things, that:
18	• the SAC pleaded actionable misstatements because defendants: (i) failed to
19	disclose the true source of Subsys sales, which was derived primarily from
20	the Criminal Enterprise; (ii) defendants' statements were not protected by
21	the PSLRA "safe harbor" or "bespeaks caution" doctrine because, inter
22	alia, they were not were accompanied by adequate cautionary language and
23	were made with actual knowledge of their falsity; and (iii) defendants'
24	factually intensive truth-on-the-market argument could not be resolved at
25	the pleading stage;
26	• the SAC sufficiently alleged scienter, based on: (i) defendants' actual
27	knowledge or reckless disregard of the fraud; and (ii) the "core operations"
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inference, including, specifically, that it would have been "absurd" for defendants not to have been aware of the true source of and "key factors" in Insys' revenues; and

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• the SAC adequately alleged loss causation, based on ten corrective disclosures which allegedly revealed new information to the market and caused the price of Insys common stock to decline.

7 25. On February 9, 2017, defendants filed their reply in further support of their
8 motion to dismiss. Doc. 95. In their reply, defendants advanced further arguments in
9 support of their purported bases for dismissing the SAC.

10 26. Following full briefing on the motion and oral argument, the Court, on 11 August 1, 2017, granted in part and denied in part defendants' motion to dismiss the SAC. 12 Doc. 107. Specifically, the Court sustained the SAC's allegations as to Defendant Baker 13 and defendants Kapoor and Babich with respect to two statements made during the Class 14 Period. As relevant to Defendant Baker, the Court sustained Class Representative's 15 claims based upon the representation in Form 10-K Statement that "expanding the usage 16 of Subsys for BTCP by building awareness among oncologists" was one of the "key 17 factors in generating continued growth in Subsys usage." SAC ¶ 272. As the Court 18 observed in sustaining Class Representative's claims based upon the Form 10-K 19 Statement: "Subsys's growth had little—if anything—to do with breakthrough cancer 20 pain and instead depended chiefly on doctors prescribing it off-label . . . ." Doc. 107 at 21 21.

22 27. With respect to Defendant Baker's scienter, the Court concluded that "it is
absurd to think Baker knew about Subsys's anomalous market dominance but did not
know how the company had pulled off the feat when he signed on to the company's SEC
filings." *Id.* at 28. The Court further concluded that loss causation had been adequately
alleged with respect to three corrective disclosures: (i) on November 4, 2015, in a CNBC
article; (ii) on December 3, 2015, in a Southern Investigative Reporting Foundation

("SIRF") article; and (iii) on January 25, 2016, also in a SIRF article. *Id.* at 33, 35, 39.
 Finally, the Court held that the SAC adequately alleged control person claims as to
 Defendant Baker under Section 20(a). *Id.* at 39.

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28. On April 13, 2018, defendants filed their answer to SAC, which they later amended on May 4, 2018. Docs. 131, 135. Thereafter, discovery commenced.

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# D. Class Representative's Extensive Discovery Efforts

7 29. Through its efforts, Class Counsel obtained over 14 million pages of 8 documents from defendants and nonparties. As set forth below, Class Counsel reviewed 9 and analyzed these documents, as well as defendants' responses to the extensive written 10 discovery that Class Representative served, in order to engage experts, prepare for 11 depositions, prepare for and oppose defendants' motion for summary judgment, and 12 develop the record for trial. These discovery efforts provided Class Counsel with a 13 thorough understanding of the strengths and weaknesses of Class Representative's 14 claims, including his claims against Defendant Baker specifically, and assisted Class 15 Counsel in considering and evaluating the fairness of the Baker Settlement. A summary 16 of Class Counsel's discovery efforts follows.

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# 1. Federal Rule 26(f) Report, Protective Order, and Initial Disclosures

19 30. On May 9, 2018 the parties exchanged comprehensive initial disclosures
20 pursuant to Federal Rule 26(a)(1).

21 31. On May 23, 2018, the parties filed with the Court a Joint Rule 26(f) 22 Discovery Plan ("Joint Discovery Plan") summarizing the parties' positions regarding, 23 inter alia: (i) document discovery; (ii) the factual and legal issues in the case; (iii) the 24 subjects and sources of discovery; (iv) discovery limitations; (v) a proposed schedule; 25 (vi) anticipated motions; (vii) anticipated length of trial; and (viii) settlement. Doc. 143. 26 32. Notably, the parties were able to reach agreement on all key elements of the 27 Joint Discovery Plan, including discovery limitations and the schedule to govern the case.

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With respect to the comprehensive case schedule in particular, the parties agreed to
 specific dates for, *inter alia*: (i) substantial completion of document discovery; (ii) class
 certification briefing; (iii) the close of fact discovery; (iv) expert disclosures; and
 (v) dispositive motions.

5 33. On May 30, 2018, the parties participated in an in-person Rule 16 6 conference with the Court. Doc. 145. Following the conference, the Court issued an Order 7 approving the parties' Joint Discovery Plan and endorsing the parties' proposed schedule. 8 Doc. 147.

9 34. On July 5, 2018, after several rounds of negotiations, the exchange of
10 multiple drafts and rounds of edits, and several telephonic meet and confer sessions, the
11 parties entered into a Stipulated Protective Order to govern confidentiality in the case,
12 which the Court signed on July 18, 2018. Docs. 153-1, 156.

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# Class Representative's Discovery Propounded on Defendants a. <u>Document Discovery</u>

35. Class Representative served his First Set of Requests for the Production of
Documents on May 16, 2018 ("First Requests"). Class Representative thereafter
negotiated in good faith with defendants' prior counsel, Cravath Swaine & Moore LLP
("Cravath") regarding defendants' responses and objections to his First Requests and the
scope of defendants' document production in response thereto.

36. In connection with the numerous ongoing governmental and regulatory
actions against and investigations of Insys at the time that Class Representative served
his First Requests, the Company had previously collected and produced a significant
volume of documents ("Regulatory Production") potentially relevant to Class
Representative's claims. During meet and confers regarding the parties' Joint Discovery
Plan and the First Requests, the parties discussed how to make efficient use of the
Regulatory Production in this Action.

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37. Class Counsel and defendants (through then-counsel, Cravath) ultimately
 agreed that document discovery in this case would proceed in two phases. First,
 defendants would produce to Class Representative the entirety of the Regulatory
 Production. Second, the parties agreed that after Class Representative had an opportunity
 to review the Regulatory Production, they would meet and confer concerning any
 additional documents that Class Representative believed were necessary for defendants
 to produce to satisfy their document production obligations in this case.

8 38. In November 2018, Cravath produced approximately 3.1 million
9 documents (approximately 14 million pages). On March 12, 2019, counsel for Insys
10 produced an additional 340,000 documents from the Regulatory Production.

39. On March 21, 2019, Class Representative served his Second Set of
Requests for Production of Documents ("Second Requests"). In response to Class
Representative's Second Requests, counsel for Insys produced more than 200,000
additional documents. Defendant Baker himself likewise produced documents totaling
more than 230 pages in response to Class Representative's discovery requests.

40. Class Counsel's document review, which proceeded according to the
protocols discussed below, began shortly after receiving the first installment of the
Regulatory Production in November 2018.

19 41. First, Class Counsel solicited bids from database vendors for a documentmanagement system that could accommodate the size of the production and offer the 20 21 latest coding, review, and search capabilities for electronic discovery management. 22 Ultimately, Class Counsel negotiated a favorable pricing arrangement with KLDiscovery 23 ("KLD"), a third-party vendor, to host this significant volume of information on its 24 sophisticated electronic database and litigation support platform. Class Counsel used this 25 electronic database to organize and search the large volume of documents, which allowed 26 attorneys performing document review to categorize documents by issues and level of 27

relevance, and to identify the critical documents supporting Class Representative's
 claims.

42. Second, once the documents were loaded into the database, Class Counsel utilized the algorithm-based "technology assisted review" (frequently referred to as "TAR" or "active learning") to rank documents by relevance and priority. This allowed Class Counsel to focus its review on the most relevant documents first, and to exclude potentially irrelevant material by prioritizing documents based on their relative importance.

9 43. Third, to facilitate the document review, Class Counsel developed a
10 detailed review protocol. Initially, Class Counsel created a comprehensive coding
11 manual, with explanatory notes covering: (i) the key facts at issue in the Action;
12 (ii) relevance coding instructions; and (iii) "tags" covering approximately fifteen unique
13 issues and sub-issues.

44. Next, Class Counsel assembled a team of experienced attorneys to review
and analyze defendants' documents. Many of these attorneys analyzed defendants'
production full time. These lawyers reported directly to senior associates and partners,
participated in weekly meetings to discuss their findings, and prepared memoranda on
key factual issues.

19 45. Finally, Class Counsel understood that defendants' documents would very 20 likely form the basis for liability at summary judgment or trial. Therefore, simultaneously 21 with the linear review of the production for important documents, Class Counsel engaged 22 in a number of additional discovery projects that involved a more targeted review and 23 synthesis of the production. These projects included, for example: (i) a "key players" list, 24 which included the job title and description for certain high interest individuals and 25 potential deposition targets; (ii) a timeline, which included key dates and a description of 26 important events; and (iii) many topic-specific memos, analyzing topics including 27 defendants' programs with respect to oncologists, the revenue generated from certain

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"whales" (i.e., high prescribing doctors), defendants' use of the so-called "Factor," and
 market and internal reaction to the Corrective Disclosures.

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# b. <u>Written Discovery</u>

4 46. Class Representative also served extensive written discovery on
5 defendants, including 96 interrogatories (many of which were contention interrogatories)
6 and 534 requests for admission ("RFAs"). The parties held numerous meet and confers
7 with respect to Class Representative's written discovery requests, which resulted in
8 defendants' agreement to amend certain of their discovery responses.

9 47. Defendants' responses to Class Representative's contention interrogatories
10 were ultimately instrumental in framing expert discovery, particularly with respect to
11 Class Representative's accounting and industry experts who relied on and evaluated
12 evidence cited by defendants regarding the source of Insys' revenues and defendants'
13 purported efforts with oncologists. Defendants' RFA responses were also critical to Class
14 Representative's arguments at summary judgment and (had the parties reached that stage)
15 trial.

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#### c. <u>Deposition Discovery</u>

48. As summarized below, Class Counsel also took or defended fifteen
depositions. Many of these depositions required Class Counsel to travel to locations such
as Arizona, Florida, California, and New York.

Deponent	Role	Date	Location
Miller, Clark	Class	9/28/2018	Larkspur, CA
	Representative		_
Coffman, CFA, Chad	Expert (Class	10/4/2018	New York, NY
	Representative)		
Smith, Ph.D., David C.	Expert	11/15/2018	New York, NY
	(defendants)		
Brumm, Adam	Rule 30(b)(6)	6/6/2019	Phoenix, AZ
	(Insys)		
Kizior, Eric	Rule 30(b)(6)	6/7/2019	Phoenix, AZ
	(Insys)		
Sharpsten, Kevin	Nonparty	6/12/2019	Los Angeles, CA
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Deponent	Role	Date	Location
Pipko, Brian	Nonparty	6/14/2019	West Palm Beach, FL
Baker, Darryl S.	defendant	6/18/2019	Phoenix, AZ
Yu, Xun	Nonparty	6/20/2019	Miami, FL
Kapoor, John N.	defendant	6/20/2019	Phoenix, AZ
Babich, Michael L.	defendant	6/21/2019	Phoenix, AZ
Burlakoff, Alec	Nonparty	6/21/2019	West Palm Beach, FI
Russell, John	Expert (Class	9/17/2019	Radnor, PA
	Representative)		
Devor, CPA, Harris L.	Expert (Class	9/18/2019	Radnor, PA
	Representative)		
Smith, Ph.D., David C.	Expert	10/22/2019	New York, NY
	(defendants)		

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#### 3. Discovery of Class Representative

11 49. Defendants also sought extensive discovery from Class Representative. 12 Most significantly, on May 16, 2018, defendants served Class Representative with 13 twenty-eight document requests, which covered subjects including: (i) Class 14 Representative's investments in Insys securities; (ii) Class Representative's investment 15 strategies and records; (iii) Class Representative's participation in the Action; and (iv) all 16 lawsuits that Class Representative had participated in ("defendants' First Requests"). 17 Class Representative served responses and objections to defendants' First Requests on 18 June 15, 2018.

19 50. The parties thereafter met and conferred regarding the scope of defendants'
20 First Requests. In response to defendants' documents requests, Class Representative, with
21 the help of Class Counsel, performed an extensive search and review of documents in his
22 possession, custody, or control. Such documents were located in both hard copy and
23 electronic format, and were produced to defendants.

51. In addition to document discovery, Defendant Baker also served
comprehensive contention interrogatories on Class Representative on May 7, 2019 which
sought wide-ranging information regarding, among other things: (i) all facts supporting
Class Representative's falsity allegations; (ii) all facts supporting Class Representative's

scienter allegations; and (iii) all facts supporting Class Representative's control person
allegations. At the same time, Defendant Baker also served four unique RFAs on Class
Representative, which covered topics including Defendant Baker's alleged control over
Insys and the Company's programs with respect to oncologists. After performing a
thorough investigation, Class Representative submitted comprehensive, verified
responses to Defendant Baker's interrogatories and responses to Defendant Baker's RFAs
on June 6, 2019.

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# E. Class Counsel's Work with Respect to Experts

9 52. Class Representative retained three testifying experts: (i) Chad Coffman, 10 CFA, of Global Economics Group ("Coffman"), who was engaged to testify concerning 11 market efficiency, loss causation, and damages; (ii) Harris L. Devor, CPA ("Devor"), who was engaged to testify concerning Insys' efforts to quantify the revenue growth, if any, 12 13 generated by oncologists during the relevant period, including efforts to artificially 14 increase Subsys prescriptions and revenues attributed to the oncology specialty group, as 15 well as in comparison to the revenues that non-oncologists generated for the Company; 16 and (iii) John Russell ("Russell"), who was engaged to testify about Insys' oncology 17 marketing efforts, including whether any of the Company's programs to promote the drug 18 to oncologists were "unique."

19 53. Coffman issued reports on August 31, 2018 (Expert Report on the issue of 20 market efficiency), November 30, 2018 (Expert Rebuttal Report on the issue of market 21 efficiency), July 26, 2019 (Expert Report on loss causation and damages), and November 22 1, 2019 (Expert Rebuttal Report on loss causation and damages). Devor issued reports on 23 July 26, 2019 (Statement) and November 1, 2019 (Supplemental Statement). Russell 24 likewise issued reports on July 26, 2019 (Expert Report) and November 1, 2019
25 (Supplemental Report).

54. In addition to serving Class Representative's experts' opening,
supplemental, and rebuttal reports, Class Counsel defended depositions of Class

Representative's experts, including the deposition of Coffman on October 4, 2018, the
deposition of Russell on September 17, 2019, and the deposition of Devor on September
18, 2019. Prior to each of the foregoing depositions, Class Counsel engaged in thorough
preparation with each expert. Class Counsel also successfully defended against motions
to strike the supplemental reports of Messrs. Devor and Russell (*see* Docs. 276-88, 29394, and 340).

7 55. In response to Class Representative's experts, Insys and, subsequently, 8 Kapoor retained David C. Smith, Ph.D. ("Smith") to respond to Coffman's opinions on 9 the issues of market efficiency, loss causation, and damages. On July 26, 2019, Defendant 10 Baker served a notice cross-designating Smith as a testifying expert and incorporating by 11 reference the reports Smith generated for Insys and Kapoor. Smith issued reports on 12 October 26, 2018 and September 20, 2019. Each of these reports required Class Counsel 13 to confer extensively with Coffman in order to formulate an appropriate response. Class 14 Counsel deposed Smith on November 15, 2018 in connection with class certification, and 15 on October 22, 2019 in connection with loss causation and damages.

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#### **Class Representative's Motion to Certify the Class**

17 56. During the early stages of merits discovery, then-proposed Class 18 Representative filed a motion for class certification ("Class Certification Motion") on 19 August 31, 2018 pursuant to the Case Management Order. Doc. 159 ("CMO"). The Class 20 Certification Motion sought certification of the Action on behalf of a class of all persons 21 and entities who purchased or otherwise acquired Insys common stock during the period 22 from March 3, 2015 through January 25, 2016, and were damaged thereby. The Class 23 Certification Motion was supported by a robust market efficiency and damages 24 methodology analysis and report prepared by Coffman, who opined that Insys common 25 stock traded in an efficient market during the Class Period and that damages in the case 26 were subject to common proof that could be computed on a class-wide basis utilizing a 27 common methodology.

57. Defendants opposed Class Representative's Class Certification Motion on
 October 26, 2018 (Doc. 165), supported by the Expert Rebuttal Report of David C. Smith,
 Ph.D. (Doc. 165-2). Defendants did not challenge Class Representative's arguments that
 he would be an adequate class representative or that his claims were typical of the claims
 of other Class Members. Rather, in their opposition submission, defendants argued,
 among other things, that:

- the question of reliance is not common to the putative class because it
  cannot invoke the presumption of reliance recognized in *Basic v. Levinson*because Class Representative failed to establish that the market for Insys
  stock was efficient during the Class Period and he is not entitled to a
  presumption of reliance under *Affiliated Ute Citizens of the State of Utah v. United States* because the alleged misstatements at issue are affirmative
  misrepresentations, not omissions;
  - even if Class Representative was able to invoke the *Basic v. Levinson* presumption, defendants have rebutted the presumption by producing direct empirical evidence that the alleged misstatements, both made on March 3, 2015, did not cause a statistically significant increase in the price of Insys' stock; and

• Class Representative has not shown that the question of damages is common to the putative class because he has failed to articulate a classwide damages methodology that is consistent with his theory of liability, as required under *Comcast Corp. v. Behrend*.

58. On November 30, 2018, Class Representative filed his reply submission in
further support of the Class Certification Motion (Doc. 168), which included the Expert
Rebuttal Report of Chad Coffman, CFA (Doc. 169-2). These submissions contended,
among other things, that: (i) all of the factors that courts apply to determine whether a
security trades in an efficient market supported finding that the market for Insys common

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stock was efficient during the Class Period; (ii) Smith was not offering an opinion that
 the alleged misstatements did not impact the price of Insys common stock during the
 Class Period, such that defendants lacked any evidence to try to rebut the fraud-on-the market presumption of reliance; and (iii) the out-of-pocket damages methodology that
 Class Representative proposed could measure damages on a Class-wide basis.

59. Defendants filed a proposed sur-reply in further opposition to the Class 6 7 Certification Motion (Doc. 170-1) on December 14, 2018, which Class Representative 8 opposed on December 28, 2018 (Doc. 172). In connection with deciding the Class 9 Certification Motion, the Court permitted defendants to file their sur-reply. Docs. 271-72. 10 60. On September 20, 2019, the Court granted Class Representative's Class 11 Certification Motion ("Class Certification Order")—certifying the Class, appointing Lead 12 Plaintiff (and then-proposed Class Representative) Clark Miller as Class Representative, 13 and appointing Kessler Topaz as Class Counsel and Bonnett Fairbourn as Liaison Counsel. Doc. 271. The Court's Class Certification Order, however, made clear that it did 14 15 not apply to Insys based upon the automatic stay provisions of 11 U.S.C. § 362(a) of the United States Code. Id. See Section III.G below. 16

17 61. Thereafter, on October 4, 2019, defendant Kapoor filed with the United
18 States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit a petition for permission to appeal the
19 Court's Class Certification Order pursuant to Federal Rule 23(f) ("Petition"). Doc. 273.
20 Class Representative opposed Defendant Kapoor's Petition on October 15, 2019. On
21 December 18, 2019, the Ninth Circuit denied defendant Kapoor's Petition.

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# G. Insys Files for Bankruptcy and the August 9, 2019 Status Conference

62. While discovery efforts were ongoing and the Class Certification Motion
was pending, Insys, on June 10, 2019, notified the Court and the parties to the Action that
it had filed for bankruptcy protection under Chapter 11 of Title 11 of the United States
Code in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware. Doc. 230.

Accordingly, pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 362(a) of the United States Code ("Automatic
 Stay"), the Action was automatically stayed as to Insys.

63. During a status conference conducted with the Court on August 9, 2019,
the parties discussed, among other things, the impact of Insys' bankruptcy on the
continuation of the Action. Docs. 257-58. During this conference, counsel for Defendant
Baker explained to the Court that based upon its bankruptcy filing, Insys was not
indemnifying Mr. Baker or advancing his defense costs. Doc. 260 (Aug. 9, 2019Tr.) at
5:14-21.

64. During the August 9, 2019 status conference, Class Counsel discussed with
the Court dismissing Insys from the Action, in part, to enable the Action to proceed
without any concern or encumbrance related to the Automatic Stay. While efforts to have
the parties stipulate to such a dismissal had not gained traction at that point, Class Counsel
indicated that it would be prepared to file a motion to voluntarily dismiss Insys from the
Action to accomplish the same objective.

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# H. Notice to the Class of the Pendency of the Action as a Class Action and the Insys Dismissal Motion

17 65. On December 13, 2019, Class Representative filed a consent motion to 18 voluntarily dismiss Insys from the Action with prejudice to bringing future claims against 19 the Company in this Court, but without prejudice to pursuing any claims on behalf of the 20 class in bankruptcy court ("Insys Dismissal Motion"). Doc. 311. On the same day, Class 21 Representative filed a consent motion to approve the form and manner of providing notice to the Class regarding the Court's certification of the Action as a class action pursuant to 22 23 Federal Rule 23, as well as the Insys Dismissal Motion ("Class Notice Motion"). Doc. 24 312. The Court granted the Class Notice Motion on March 20, 2020 ("Class Notice 25 Order"). Doc. 331. Among other things, the Court found that the proposed notice to the 26 Class met the requirements of Federal Rule 23 and due process, and constituted the best 27 notice practicable under the circumstances.

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66. Pursuant to the Court's Class Notice Order, A.B. Data began disseminating 1 2 the Class Notice by mail to potential Class Members and nominees on April 3, 2020. See 3 Doc. 336-1, ¶¶ 2-7. The Class Notice provided Class Members with the opportunity to 4 request exclusion from the Class, explained that right, and set forth the procedures for 5 doing so. Id. at Ex. A. The Class Notice also advised Class Members that it would be within the Court's discretion whether to permit a second opportunity to request exclusion 6 7 if there was a settlement. Id. The Class Notice informed Class Members that if they chose 8 to remain a member of the Class, they would "be bound by all past, present, and future 9 orders and judgments in the Action, whether favorable or unfavorable." Id. The Class 10 Notice also provided Class Members with the right to object to the Insys Dismissal 11 Motion. In addition, in accordance with the Court's Class Notice Order, A.B. Data caused 12 a summary notice to be published in *Investor's Business Daily* and transmitted over *PR* 13 *Newswire* on April 6, 2020. *Id.*, ¶ 8.

67. On May 14, 2020, Class Representative submitted a declaration on behalf
of A.B. Data reporting that A.B. Data had mailed an aggregate of 25,027 notices to
potential Class Members via First-Class mail. *Id.*, ¶ 7. The deadline for submitting
requests for exclusion was April 30, 2020. No requests for exclusion from the Class were
received. *Id.*, ¶ 11.

19 68. Also, on May 14, 2020, Class Counsel reported to the Court that there were
20 no objections to the Insys Dismissal Motion. Doc. 337. On May 14, 2020, the Court
21 granted the Insys Dismissal Motion. Doc. 338.

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# I. Defendants' Motion for Summary Judgment

69. In accordance with the deadlines set in the CMO, in November 2019, the
parties exchanged pre-motion letters describing their contemplated motions for summary
judgment. At that time, Defendants expressed an intent to move for summary judgment
on all elements of Class Representative's Section 10(b) claims.

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70. On December 4, 2019, the Court held an in-person conference to discuss
 the contemplated motions for summary judgment. At that hearing, the Court set a briefing
 schedule for defendants' motion for summary judgment.

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71. On December 20, 2019, defendants filed a motion for summary judgment asserting that Class Representative could not establish a triable issue of fact as to certain elements of his claims, and that defendants were entitled to summary judgment under Rule 56 of the Federal Rules ("Summary Judgment Motion"). Doc. 317. More specifically, defendants argued that:

- the alleged misstatements were neither false nor misleading, but rather
  literally true, because defendants had various programs in place designed
  to expand sales of Subsys to cancer patients, including through marketing
  Subsys to oncologists and oncology nurse practitioners;
  - the alleged misstatements were forward-looking statements of opinion and/or puffery that were not actionable under Section 10(b);
  - defendants were not obligated to disclose the allegedly omitted information (i.e., the existence of the Criminal Enterprise); and
  - none of the alleged Corrective Disclosures revealed new information to the market regarding information that was related to defendants' statements regarding oncologists.

20 72. Class Representative opposed the Summary Judgment Motion on February
21 3, 2020. Docs. 324-27. In opposing the Summary Judgment Motion, Class Representative
22 argued, among other things, that:

- the alleged misstatements were materially misleading because they omitted information regarding the "key factors" in Insys' revenues (i.e., the Criminal Enterprise);
  - the alleged misstatements were false because no more than 6% of Insys' revenues was generated by oncologists;
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1	• the alleged misstatements were objectively verifiable, and thus not forward-		
2	looking, puffery, or statements of opinion; and		
3	• each of the alleged corrective disclosures revealed new information to the		
4	market that partially corrected defendants' prior misstatements.		
5	73. Defendants filed a reply in support of their motion on February 18, 2020.		
6	Doc. 328.		
7	74. On May 8, 2020, the Court denied the Summary Judgment Motion in its		
8	entirety, finding, among other things, that: (i) the "representations materially omit the		
9	bribery and non-oncology explanations for the recent and expected future growth"; (ii)		
10	the "representations are not 'puffery"; (iii) the "representations are not just or only		
11	forward-looking[] [0]ne speaks of 'continued' growth, which is literally past as well as		
12	future growth"; and (iv) "[l]oss causation is sufficiently presented and is a jury question."		
13	Doc. 333.		
14	J. Preparations for Trial		
15	75. On May 8, 2020, the Court issued its Order Setting Final Pretrial		
16	Conference, which required the parties to the Action to submit their Proposed Final		
17	Pretrial Order ("PTO") by June 18, 2020. Doc. 334.		
18	76. On May 22, 2020, the Court issued an order setting a jury trial of Class		
19	Representative's Claims against Defendant Baker and the other defendants to commence		
20	on August 17, 2020 and to continue through, at least August 28, 2020. Doc. 339.		
21	77. Prior to the Court's June 5, 2020 order preliminarily approving the		
22	Settlement with Defendant Baker (Doc. 347), the parties completed the majority of the		
23	work required to submit the PTO to the Court on June 18, 2020. Among other things,		
24	Class Counsel and counsel for Defendant Baker exchanged: (i) witness lists; (ii) exhibit		
25	lists, objections thereto, and copies of the exhibits; (iii) deposition designations,		
26	objections thereto, and counter-designations; (iv) lists of contemplated motions in limine;		
27	and (v) drafts of items A-Q of the PTO. Counsel for the parties also conducted a lengthy		

meet and confer session on June 3, 2020 to discuss the draft sections of the PTO that they
 had prepared and exchanged.

- IV. THE BAKER SETTLEMENT
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# A. The Settlement Negotiations

5 78. In August 2018, Class Representative and certain defendants, including
6 counsel representing Defendant Baker, participated in a full-day mediation in New York,
7 New York before retired federal Judge Layn R. Phillips. The August 10, 2018 mediation
8 did not result in an agreement to resolve any portion of the Action.

9 79. Following nearly two additional years of continuous litigation, and while 10 defendants' Summary Judgment Motion was pending, Class Representative and 11 Defendant Baker restarted their earlier discussions concerning the possibility of resolving 12 the Action. Following months of hard-fought, arm's-length negotiations, including over 13 the availability of any insurance coverage, Class Representative and Defendant Baker 14 agreed to resolve the Action against Defendant Baker for \$2 million in cash to be funded 15 entirely from a single, \$5 million insurance policy, of which only \$3.96 million remained 16 at the time of settlement. See Doc. 346. The Settling Parties memorialized their agreement 17 in principle to resolve the Action in a term sheet (subject to additional terms and 18 conditions to be set forth in a detailed settlement agreement), that the Settling Parties 19 executed on May 8, 2020. On the same day, the Settling Parties filed a notice of settlement 20 informing the Court that they had reached an agreement in principle to resolve the Action 21 as to Defendant Baker only. Doc. 332.

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# **B.** Preparation of Settlement Documentation

80. Thereafter, Class Counsel began working on various documents in
connection with the Settling Parties' agreement to settle the Action as well as Class
Representative's anticipated motion for preliminary approval of the Settlement. During
this time, Class Counsel also worked with Class Representative's damages expert,

Coffman, and his colleagues to develop the proposed Plan of Allocation. *See* Section VII
 below.

81. Counsel for the Settling Parties negotiated the specific terms of the
Stipulation and exchanged drafts of the Stipulation (as well as the exhibits thereto). After
negotiating the specific terms of their agreement, the Settling Parties executed the
Stipulation setting forth their final and binding agreement to settle the Action against
Defendant Baker on May 22, 2020.

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# C. Class Counsel Seeks Preliminary Approval of Settlement

9 82. On May 22, 2020, Class Representative filed the Stipulation (and related 10 exhibits) along with his motion for an order preliminarily approving settlement with 11 Defendant Baker and providing for notice and supporting memorandum ("Preliminary 12 Approval Motion"). Doc. 341. On May 26, 2020, the Court issued an Order requesting 13 the following additional information regarding the proposed Settlement with Defendant 14 Baker: (i) the quantum of class damages; (ii) the quantum of recovery to the class as a 15 whole and as a proportion of claimed damages per shareholder; and (iii) the source of 16 funding of the \$2,000,000 Settlement Amount and information regarding available 17 insurance coverage. Doc. 342. In response to the May 26, 2020 Order, Class Counsel, on 18 June 3, 2020, filed a supplemental submission addressing the information requested by 19 the Court. Doc. 346.

83. On June 5, 2020, the Court entered the Preliminary Approval Order,
scheduling the final hearing on the Baker Settlement and related matters for September
23, 2020 at 1:30 p.m. Doc. 347. On the same day, the Court entered an Order severing
the claims against Defendant Baker from the August 17, 2020 trial of the claims against
Messrs. Kapoor and Babich. Doc. 348.

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# V. RISKS FACED BY CLASS REPRESENTATIVE IN THE ACTION

26 84. As set forth in this Section and in the accompanying Settlement
27 Memorandum, the Baker Settlement is a favorable result for the Class when evaluated in

light of the risks, costs, and delays of continued litigation. The Settlement results from a
 realistic assessment by both sides of the strengths and weaknesses of their respective
 claims and defenses, as well as the risks of proceeding to trial (and on the likely appeals
 that would follow), and is a fair, reasonable, and adequate resolution of the Action with
 Defendant Baker.

85. At the time the Settling Parties reached their agreement in principle to 6 7 resolve this Action, Class Representative and Class Counsel had ample material to 8 evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of the claims alleged in the Second Amended 9 Complaint. Class Counsel's exhaustive factual and legal research and analysis, the 10 considerable record developed through document discovery, expert discovery, and in 11 extensive preparation for trial, as well as Defendant Baker's legal and factual arguments 12 in connection with defendants' Summary Judgment Motion and the Settling Parties' 13 settlement discussions, informed Class Representative and Class Counsel that, while their 14 case against Defendant Baker had merit, there were also numerous factors that made the 15 outcome of continued litigation and ultimately a trial in the Action uncertain. Class 16 Representative and Class Counsel conscientiously evaluated these factors in determining 17 the course of action that was in the best interests of the Class.

18 86. While Class Representative and Class Counsel firmly believe that the 19 evidence they intended to offer at trial would fully support the Class's claims against 20 Defendant Baker, there was no way to predict which inferences, interpretations, or 21 testimony the Court or the jury would accept. Further, Defendant Baker has adamantly 22 denied any culpability throughout the Action, and was prepared to mount aggressive 23 defenses that could have potentially foreclosed a recovery for the Class against this 24 defendant. If the jury at trial sided with Defendant Baker on even one of his defenses, the 25 Class would recover nothing from this defendant.

87. Beyond liability, there were limitations on the ability of Defendant Baker
to pay a substantial judgment, and Class Representative faced a significant risk that he

would not be able to collect any payment at all from Defendant Baker—even if a
judgment was obtained against him at trial. In addition, the bankruptcy of the corporate
defendant, Insys, seriously limited the sources of recovery in this proceeding, and it
created a number of other challenges to the successful prosecution of claims against the
remaining defendants.

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# A. Risks Concerning Establishing Defendant Baker's Liability

7 88. Had the Action continued against Defendant Baker, Class Representative 8 faced significant challenges to proving that he made a materially false or misleading 9 statement. As set forth above, throughout the Action, Defendant Baker maintained that 10 the only allegedly false or misleading statement attributable to him was: (i) forward looking; (ii) puffery; and, in any event, (iii) literally true. Defendant Baker also steadfastly 11 12 maintained that he had no knowledge of the alleged fraud, including, in particular, the 13 Criminal Enterprise. Class Counsel anticipates Defendant Baker would have continued to 14 press these defenses at trial.

15 89. Certain of Defendant Baker's defenses could have easily resonated with a 16 jury. For instance, Defendant Baker would have likely argued, consistent with his 17 deposition testimony and his verified interrogatory responses, that he legitimately 18 believed any increased sales growth was at least partially due to Insys' efforts to market 19 Subsys to oncologists. Indeed, while the parties disputed the efficacy of Insys' efforts on 20 this front, discovery revealed that certain programs were nonetheless in place during fiscal 21 year 2014. Evidence existed, for example, showing that Insys: (i) hired Brian Pipko as 22 Vice President of Oncology; (ii) maintained an oncology sales force; and (iii) attempted 23 to market Subsys to oncologists through the use of nurse educators.

90. In addition, Defendant Baker would likely have argued that he had no direct
knowledge of any facts related to the alleged Criminal Enterprise, and that the alleged
Criminal Enterprise was carried out by defendants Kapoor and Babich, largely through
sales and marketing employees for whom Defendant Baker had no supervisory

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responsibility. Notably, moreover, Defendant Baker would likely have pointed out that
 he was the only individual defendant in this matter not criminally prosecuted. To that end,
 it is true that both the Federal Bureau of Investigation and U.S. Department of Justice had
 access to his emails and documents, and yet chose to not even interview him.

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91. Further, Defendant Baker would likely have continued to point to the lack of traditional hallmarks of the scienter analysis, such as insider sales, his own personal financial interests, and financial restatements.

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#### **B.** Risks Concerning Loss Causation and Damages

9 92. Even if Class Representative succeeded in establishing Defendant Baker's 10 liability at trial, there were considerable challenges to his ability to prove loss causation 11 and damages. On these issues, Class Representative would ultimately have to prove 12 (through expert testimony) that the revelation of the alleged fraud through the partial 13 Corrective Disclosures made on November 4, 2015, December 3, 2015, and January 25, 14 2016 proximately caused the substantial declines in the price of Insys common stock, and 15 that other information released and absorbed by the market on those days played little or no role in the price declines. 16

17 93. Class Representative believed that he and his expert would bring forth
18 sufficient evidence to support a finding of loss causation and damages at trial. At the time
19 that the parties agreed to the Settlement, however, Defendant Baker was positioned to
20 present and rely upon the expert testimony of Smith, leading the parties' proof on loss
21 causation and damages to result in an uncertain "battle of the experts" before the jury.

94. Among other things, Defendant Baker was prepared to present evidence
(through Smith) contending that none of the Corrective Disclosures actually "corrected"
the Form 10-K Statement because no disclosure mentioned Insys' oncology efforts one
way or the other. Similarly, Defendant Baker would have presented evidence in an effort
to prove that the Corrective Disclosures did not "correct" the Form 10-K Statement
because no Corrective Disclosure identified the source or amount of any Subsys sales,

and gave no indication that Insys was not making efforts to have oncologists prescribe
 the drug.

95. Moreover, Smith would have presented expert testimony that none of the information revealed in the Corrective Disclosures was "new" information that could explain the price declines on each of those days. In this regard, defendants have consistently argued that information revealing defendants' off-label marketing, bribes to prescribers, and insurance fraud was publicly available prior to the start of the Class Period, and certainly before the Corrective Disclosures.

9 96. Finally, Defendant Baker would have argued that Class Representative
10 could not recover any damages from the final Corrective Disclosure on January 25, 2016
11 because Insys' stock price did not suffer a statistically significant decline that day.

12 97. If Class Representative were to lose one or more of the Corrective 13 Disclosures at trial, the Class's recoverable damages would have been greatly reduced. In 14 this regard, if the Class lost the January 25, 2016 alleged corrective disclosure, but proved 15 loss causation as to the first two alleged corrective disclosures, Class Representative's 16 damages expert estimates that aggregate damages would drop from approximately 17 \$189.5 million to approximately \$123.3 million. Likewise, were Mr. Baker able to 18 convince a jury that the December 3, 2015 alleged corrective disclosure revealed nothing 19 new to the market, estimated damages tied solely to the remaining November 4, 2015 20 alleged corrective disclosure would drop to approximately \$34.7 million.

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# C. Risks of Non-Payment

98. In addition to facing the risks of establishing liability, loss causation, and
damages, Class Representative faced a real risk of collecting very little from Defendant
Baker following a trial judgment in the Class's favor.

*First*, as discussed above, Class Representative did not have the same
quantum of direct evidence of Defendant Baker's culpability in comparison to defendants
Kapoor and Babich. As a result, even if the jury rendered a verdict in Class

Representative's favor, there was a risk that the same jury would apply the proportionate fault provisions of the PSLRA to assign to Defendant Baker only a very small portion of the aggregate responsibility for the securities fraud that Class Representative alleged. *See* 15 U.S.C. § 78u-4(f). In this regard, one of the defenses that Defendants intended to present at trial was that: "Plaintiffs' recovery against any defendant, if any, is limited to the percentage of responsibility of each such defendant in proportion to the total fault of all persons, whether or not named as parties to this action." Doc. 355 at 12.

8 100. Class Counsel has experienced first-hand the risk that the proportionate
9 fault provisions of the PSLRA can present to obtaining a significant trial judgment against
10 a corporate CFO. *See, In re Longtop Fin. Techs. Ltd. Sec. Litig.*, No. 11-cv-3658-VEC,
11 (S.D.N.Y. Jan. 28, 2015), ECF No. 272-1, 16 (Following trial conducted by Class
12 Counsel, jury found company CFO liable for securities fraud under Section 10(b) of the
13 Exchange Act, but apportioned only 1% of total damages to this defendant.). A similar
14 risk attached to the claims against Defendant Baker here.

15 101. Second, Defendant Baker has very limited financial means, even to pay his
portion of a judgment reduced by the jury's application of the proportionate fault
provisions of the PSLRA. As Mr. Baker's counsel previously advised the Court, Mr.
Baker does not have sufficient resources to pay for his defense, much less fund a
settlement or satisfy a judgment. *See* Doc. 260 (Aug. 9, 2019 Transcript), at 25:6-19 and
26:6-13 (counsel advising the Court that if Mr. Baker could not obtain insurance, Class
Representative would be "essentially chasing a dry hole").

102. Moreover, as the Court is aware, there was very little insurance coverage, a
total of \$3.96 million, available to Mr. Baker at the time that the Settling Parties agreed
to the Settlement. If Class Representative and Defendant Baker had proceeded to trial, a
significant portion of the available insurance proceeds would have been consumed
funding Mr. Baker's defense at trial and through his appeal of a judgment in Class
Representative's favor.

103. Based upon Mr. Baker's limited personal means and constrained insurance 1 2 coverage, there was a strong likelihood that Class Representative would have recovered 3 less from Mr. Baker after a verdict in Class Representative's favor than the \$2 million 4 recovered for the benefit of the Class through the Settlement. Moreover, any amount that 5 Class Representative could have recovered from Mr. Baker following a trial judgment in Class Representative's favor would have been diminished by the significant additional 6 7 expenses that Class Counsel would have incurred in presenting the case at trial. Among 8 other things, the costs of trial would have included: (i) the travel, lodging, and testimony 9 of at least two expert witnesses; (ii) travel and lodging for Class Representative's counsel; 10 and (iii) the assistance of a trial consultant.

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### VI. COMPLIANCE WITH THE COURT'S PRELIMINARY APPROVAL ORDER AND REACTION OF THE CLASS TO DATE

13 By its Preliminary Approval Order, the Court authorized Class Counsel to 104. 14 retain A.B. Data as the Claims Administrator to supervise and administer the notice 15 procedure in connection with the Baker Settlement, as well as the processing of Claims. Doc. 347, ¶ 4.<sup>14</sup> In accordance with the Preliminary Approval Order, A.B. Data, working 16 17 under Class Counsel's supervision: (i) mailed by First-Class mail a copy of the Postcard 18 Settlement Notice to potential Class Members who were previously mailed a copy of the 19 Class Notice and any other potential Class Member who otherwise could be identified through further reasonable effort, as well as copies of the Postcard Settlement Notice, in 20 21 bulk, to brokers and other nominees ("Nominees") who previously requested copies of 22 the Class Notice in bulk; (ii) mailed a copy of the Settlement Notice and Claim Form 23 (together, the "Notice Packet") to the Nominees contained in A.B. Data's Nominee 24 database; (iii) published the Summary Settlement Notice in Investor's Business Daily and 25 transmitted the same over the *PR Newswire*; and (iv) updated the Website developed for

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- A.B. Data was previously approved by the Court to be the Administrator for Class Notice, Doc. 331, and was preliminarily approved to disseminate notice of the Baker Settlement.

the Action in connection with Class Notice, www.InsysRXSecuritiesLitigation.com, to 1 2 provide information about the Baker Settlement, including downloadable copies of the 3 Settlement Notice and Claim Form. Schachter Decl., ¶¶ 3-14.

4 105. The Postcard Settlement Notice contains important information concerning 5 the Baker Settlement and, along with the Summary Settlement Notice, directs recipients 6 to the Website for additional information regarding the Settlement (and the Action), 7 including the long-form Settlement Notice, which includes, among other things, details 8 about the Baker Settlement, the information required to submit a Claim, and a copy of the 9 Plan of Allocation as Appendix A. Collectively, the notices provide the Class definition, 10 a description of the Settlement with Defendant Baker, information regarding the claims 11 asserted in the Action, and information to enable Class Members to determine whether 12 to: (i) participate in the Settlement by completing and submitting a Claim Form; or 13 (ii) object to any aspect of the Settlement, the Plan of Allocation, and/or the Expense 14 Application. The Postcard Settlement Notice and Settlement Notice also inform 15 prospective Class Members of Class Counsel's intent to apply for reimbursement of 16 Litigation Expenses in connection with the institution, prosecution, and resolution of the 17 Action in an amount not to exceed \$650,000, which amount may include a request for 18 reimbursement of the reasonable costs and expenses incurred by Class Representative in 19 an amount not to exceed \$15,000. See Schachter Decl., Exs. A & B.

20 106. In accordance with the Preliminary Approval Order, A.B. Data began 21 mailing Postcard Settlement Notices to potential Class Members and Nominees, as well 22 as Notice Packets to Nominees, on June 15, 2020. Schachter Decl., ¶¶ 6-7. To date, A.B. 23 Data has disseminated more than 29,800 Postcard Settlement Notices and 4,100 Notice 24 Packets to potential Class Members and Nominees. Id., ¶ 10. In addition, A.B. Data 25

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caused the Summary Settlement Notice to be published in Investor's Business Daily and 1 transmitted over PR Newswire on June 22, 2020. Id., ¶ 12.15 2

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107. Contemporaneously with the mailing of the Postcard Settlement Notices, 4 A.B. Data updated the Website to provide Class Members and other interested parties 5 with information concerning the Baker Settlement and the important dates and deadlines 6 in connection therewith, as well as downloadable copies of the Settlement Notice, Claim 7 Form, Stipulation, Preliminary Approval Order, and Second Amended Complaint. 8 Schachter Decl., ¶ 14. Additionally, A.B. Data updated the interactive voice-response 9 system callers hear when contacting the toll-free telephone helpline for this matter in 10 order to respond to inquiries regarding the Settlement. Id. ¶ 13. Class Members with 11 questions regarding the Settlement can also contact A.B. Data by sending an e-mail to 12 info@InsysRXSecuritiesLitigation.com.

13 As noted above, and as set forth in the notices, the deadline for Class 108. 14 Members to submit an objection to the Settlement, the Plan of Allocation, and/or Class 15 Counsel's Expense Application is September 2, 2020. To date, no objections of any kind have been filed.<sup>16</sup> Should any objections be received, Class Counsel will address them in 16 17 its reply to be filed on or before September 16, 2020. In addition, as the deadline for 18 submitting claims for the Baker Settlement is September 12, 2020, Class Counsel also 19 will provide preliminary information regarding the Claims received in its reply.

<sup>21</sup> 15 In accordance with the Stipulation, Defendant Baker issued notice of the Settlement on August 16, 2020, pursuant to the Class Action Fairness Act, 28 U.S.C. 22 § 1715(b). Doc. 404.

<sup>16</sup> 23 As discussed above, in connection with the Court's Class Notice Order (Doc. 331), Class Notice was previously disseminated to potential members of the Class to notify them of, among other things: (i) the Action pending against the defendants; (ii) the Court's 24 certification of the Action to proceed as a class action on behalf of the Court-certified 25 Class; and (iii) their right to request to be excluded from the Class, the effect of remaining in the Class or requesting exclusion, and the requirements for requesting exclusion. No requests for exclusion were received in connection with the Class Notice. Pursuant to the 26 Preliminary Approval Order, the Court exercised its discretion not to provide Class Members with a second opportunity to exclude themselves from the Class in connection 27 with the Baker Settlement proceedings. Doc. 347, ¶ 11. 28

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# VII. THE PLAN FOR ALLOCATING THE NET SETTLEMENT FUND TO THE CLASS IS FAIR AND REASONABLE

2 109. In accordance with the Preliminary Approval Order, and as explained in the 3 Settlement Notice, Class Members who wish to participate in the distribution of the Net 4 Settlement Fund (i.e., the Settlement Fund less: (i) any Taxes; (ii) any Notice and 5 Administration Costs; (iii) any Litigation Expenses awarded by the Court; and (iv) any 6 other costs or fees approved by the Court) must submit a valid Claim Form and all 7 required supporting documentation to the Court-authorized Claims Administrator, A.B. 8 Data, postmarked (if mailed), or online through the Website, no later than September 12, 9 2020. As provided in the Settlement Notice, the Net Settlement Fund will be distributed to Authorized Claimants<sup>17</sup> in accordance with the plan for allocating the Net Settlement 10 11 Fund among Authorized Claimants approved by the Court.

12 110. The Plan of Allocation proposed by Class Representative is attached as
13 Appendix A to the Settlement Notice. *See* Schachter Decl., Ex. B. The Plan is designed
14 to equitably distribute the Net Settlement Fund among Class Members; however, the
15 calculations made pursuant to the Plan are not intended to be estimates of, nor indicative
16 of, the amounts that Class Members might have been able to recover after a trial with
17 Defendant Baker.

18 111. Class Counsel developed the Plan in consultation with Class
19 Representative's damages expert, Coffman, and his team at Global Economic Group. The
20 Plan creates a framework for the equitable distribution of the Net Settlement Fund among
21 Class Members who purportedly suffered economic losses as a result of the alleged
22 violations of the federal securities laws set forth in the Second Amended Complaint, as
23 opposed to economic losses caused by market or industry forces. To that end, Class

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<sup>As defined in paragraph 1.c of the Stipulation, an "Authorized Claimant" means a Class Member who submits a Claim to the Claims Administrator that is approved by the Court for payment from the Net Settlement Fund. Once the claims-administration process is complete, Class Counsel will file a motion for entry of the Class Distribution Order, which will seek the Court's approval of the claim determinations and authorization to conduct a distribution of the Net Settlement Fund to Authorized Claimants.</sup> 

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Representative's damages expert calculated the estimated amount of alleged artificial inflation in the per-share price of Insys common stock over the course of the Class Period that was allegedly proximately caused by defendants' alleged misleading statements and omissions. Table 1 of the Plan sets forth the estimated alleged artificial inflation in the per-share price of Insys common stock for each day during the Class Period that will be utilized in calculating each Claimant's Recognized Loss Amount, and ultimately the Claimant's overall Recognized Claim.

A Claimant's Recognized Loss Amount will depend upon several factors, 8 112. 9 including the date(s) when the Claimant purchased or acquired his, her, or its shares of 10 Insys common stock during the Class Period, and whether such shares were sold and if so, when and at what price.<sup>18</sup> In order to have a Recognized Claim under the Plan, a 11 12 Claimant must have suffered damages proximately caused by the disclosure of the 13 relevant truth concealed by defendants' alleged fraud. Specifically, shares of Insys 14 common stock purchased or otherwise acquired during the Class Period certified by the 15 Court (i.e., the period from March 3, 2015, through January 25, 2016) must have been 16 held through at least one of the alleged corrective disclosure that removed alleged artificial inflation related to that information.<sup>19</sup> 17

18 113. A.B. Data, as the Claims Administrator, will determine each Authorized
19 Claimant's *pro rata* share of the Net Settlement Fund by dividing the Authorized
20 Claimant's Recognized Claim (i.e., the sum of the Claimant's Recognized Loss Amounts
21 as calculated under the Plan) by the total Recognized Claims of all Authorized Claimants,
22 multiplied by the total amount in the Net Settlement Fund. Class Representatives' losses
23 will be calculated in the same manner.

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<sup>24</sup> <sup>18</sup> The calculation of Recognized Loss Amounts also takes into account the PSLRA's statutory limitation on recoverable damages. *See* Section 21D(e)(1) of the Exchange Act. The 90-Day Look-Back values by sale/disposition date are set forth in Table 2 of the Plan.
 <sup>19</sup> For purposes of the Plan, Class Representative's damages expert identified November 4, 2015, December 3, 2015, and January 25, 2016 as the dates on which alleged corrective information removed artificial inflation from the per-share price of Insys common stock.

1 114. Once A.B. Data has processed all submitted Claim Forms and provided
 Claimants with an opportunity to cure any deficiencies in their Claims or challenge the
 rejection of their Claims, Class Counsel will file a motion for approval of A.B. Data's
 determinations with respect to all submitted Claims and authorization to distribute the
 Net Settlement Fund to Authorized Claimants.

As set forth in the Plan, if nine months after the initial distribution, there is 115. 6 7 a balance remaining in the Net Settlement Fund (whether by reason of uncashed checks, 8 or otherwise), and if it is cost-effective to do so, Class Counsel will conduct a re-9 distribution of the funds remaining after payment of any unpaid fees and expenses 10 incurred in administering the Settlement, including the costs for such re-distribution, to 11 Authorized Claimants who have cashed their initial distribution checks and would receive 12 at least \$10.00 from such re-distribution. Redistributions will be repeated until it is 13 determined that re-distribution of the funds remaining in the Net Settlement Fund would 14 no longer be cost effective. Thereafter, any remaining balance will be contributed to non-15 sectarian, not-for-profit organization(s), to be recommended by Class Counsel and 16 approved by the Court.

17 116. As discussed in the Settlement Memorandum, the structure of the Plan is
similar to the structure of plans of allocation that have been used to apportion settlement
proceeds in numerous other securities class actions. To date, no objections to the Plan
have been filed. In sum, Class Counsel believes that the Plan provides a fair and
reasonable method to equitably distribute the Net Settlement Fund among Authorized
Claimants, and respectfully submits that the Plan should be approved by the Court.

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# VIII. CLASS COUNSEL'S APPLICATION FOR LITIGATION EXPENSES

In addition to seeking final approval of the Baker Settlement and the Plan
of Allocation, Class Counsel, on behalf of Plaintiffs' Counsel, is also making an
application to the Court for the *partial* reimbursement of expenses incurred by Plaintiffs'
Counsel during the course of this Action up to the point that Class Representative filed

his May 22, 2020 motion seeking preliminary approval of the Settlement with Mr. Baker.
Specifically, Class Counsel respectfully requests reimbursement of Litigation Expenses
in the amount of \$650,000. This amount *includes* a request for reimbursement in the
amount of \$15,000 for Class Representative in connection with his representation of the
Class in accordance with the PSLRA, 15 U.S.C. § 78u-4(a)(4). *See* Miller Decl., ¶9. Class
Counsel's Expense Application is consistent with the expense amount set forth in the
Settlement notices and, to date, no objections to this expense request have been filed.

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#### A. Plaintiffs' Counsel's Litigation Expenses

9 118. Despite having expended over 20,000 hours of attorney and support staff 10 time to litigate this case up to the point of entering into the Baker Settlement (resulting in 11 a lodestar of over \$10.5 million), Class Counsel, in an effort to preserve a material 12 percentage of the proceeds of the Baker Settlement for the Class, is NOT requesting an 13 award of attorneys' fees. Rather, Class Counsel is requesting reimbursement of a portion 14 of Plaintiffs' Counsel's total expenses in the amount of \$1,124,606.29, incurred in 15 connection with the prosecution of the Action on behalf of the Class up to the point of 16 seeking preliminary approval of the Baker Settlement. It is well-settled that attorneys who 17 have created a common fund for the benefit of a class are entitled to be reimbursed for 18 their out-of-pocket expenses incurred in creating the fund so long as the submitted 19 expenses are reasonable, necessary and directly related to the prosecution of the action. 20 See Expense Reimbursement Memorandum at Section II.

119. From the inception of this Action, Class Counsel was aware that it might
not recover any of the expenses it would incur in prosecuting the claims against
defendants and, at a minimum, would not recover any expenses until the Action was
successfully resolved. Class Counsel also understood that, even assuming the Action was
ultimately successful, an award of expenses would not compensate counsel for the lost
use or opportunity costs of funds advanced to prosecute the claims against defendants.
Class Counsel was motivated to, and did, take significant steps to minimize expenses

wherever practicable without jeopardizing the vigorous and efficient prosecution of the
 Action.

120. Plaintiffs' Counsel's expenses include charges for, among other things:
(i) experts and consultants in connection with various stages of the litigation;
(ii) establishing and maintaining a database to house the massive volume of documents
produced in discovery; (iii) online factual and legal research; (iv) deposition-related
expenses; (v) mediation; (vi) travel; and (vii) document reproduction. Courts have
consistently found that these kinds of expenses are payable from a fund recovered by
counsel for the benefit of a class.

10 121. Specifically, the expenses incurred in this Action by Class Counsel total
11 \$1,119,684.30 and break down as follows:

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Global Economics Group, LLC	\$307,345.45	
Friedman LLP	\$193,928.00	
Intelligent Management Solutions, LLC	\$53,705.57	
Lowenstein Sandler LLP	\$55,000.00	
Mediation		\$24,300.00
TOTAL EXPENSES:		\$1,119,684.30
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26 122. The expenses incurred in this Action by Liaison Counsel Bonnett Fairbourn
27 firm total \$4,921.99 and break down as follows:

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CATEGORY	AMOUNT
Court filing and other fees	\$535.50
Service of Process	\$420.80
On-Line Legal / Factual Research	\$416.04
Internal Reproduction Costs	\$3,098.60
Court Hearing Transcript	\$451.05
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$4,921.99

- 7 123. The expenses set forth above would normally be charged to a fee-paying
  8 client in the private legal marketplace. Moreover, these expenses were reasonable and
  9 necessary for the effective prosecution and resolution of this matter. As set forth in
  10 Exhibits 3 and 4 hereto, these expenses are reflected in the books and records of the
  11 respective firms. These books and records are prepared from receipts, expense vouchers,
  12 check records and other documents and are an accurate record of the expenses incurred.
  - 124. The largest component of Plaintiffs' Counsel's expenses (i.e., \$609,979.02,
    or approximately 54% of their total expenses) was incurred for experts and consultants.
    As detailed above, the retention of these experts and consultants was necessary and
    reasonable in order to prove Class Representative's claims. *See supra* ¶¶ 52-55.

17 The second largest component of Plaintiffs' Counsel's expenses (i.e., 125. 18 \$317,999.36, or approximately 28% of their total expenses) was for document production 19 and management. In connection with its discovery efforts, Class Counsel retained an 20 outside vendor to host the document database utilized to effectively and efficiently review 21 and analyze the documents produced in this Action. Another significant expense, 22 \$41,373.98, was incurred for legal research. This amount represents charges for 23 computerized research services such as Lexis, Westlaw, and PACER. It is standard 24 practice for attorneys to use online services to assist them in researching legal and factual 25 issues, and indeed, courts recognize that these tools create efficiencies in litigation and 26 ultimately save money for clients and the class. In addition, Class Counsel incurred 27 \$24,300.00 for charges related to mediation with retired federal Judge Layn R. Phillips.

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1 126. The other expenses incurred by Plaintiffs' Counsel, as reflected in the above
 charts, are the types of expenses that are necessarily incurred in litigation and routinely
 charged to clients billed by the hour. These expenses include, among others, court fees;
 court reporters, videographers, and transcripts; process servers; travel costs; document
 reproduction costs; and postage and delivery expenses.

6 127. As noted above, in connection with the Baker Settlement, Class Counsel
7 will be seeking reimbursement of \$635,000 (or, roughly half) of the \$1,124,606.29 in
8 total expenses incurred by Plaintiffs' Counsel in this Action through May 22, 2020.

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### **B.** Reimbursement to Class Representative is Fair and Reasonable

10 128. The PSLRA specifically provides that an "award of reasonable costs and
expenses (including lost wages) directly relating to the representation of the class" may
be made to "any representative party serving on behalf of a class." 15 U.S.C. § 78u4(a)(4).
Accordingly, Class Representative seeks reimbursement of his reasonable costs incurred
directly for his work representing the Class in the amount of \$15,000. The amount of time
and effort devoted to this Action by Class Representative is discussed in the Miller
Declaration, attached as Exhibit 1 hereto.

17 129. As discussed in the Expense Reimbursement Memorandum and the 18 accompanying declaration, Mr. Miller has been committed to pursuing the Class's claims 19 since he elected to file a motion to serve as the Lead Plaintiff in the Action. Mr. Miller 20 has provided valuable assistance to Plaintiffs' Counsel during the prosecution and 21 resolution of the Action. Moreover, the efforts expended by Class Representative during 22 the course of this Action, as set forth in his declaration, including communicating with 23 Class Counsel, reviewing pleadings and motion papers, gathering and reviewing 24 documents in response to discovery requests, and preparing for and testifying at a 25 deposition, are precisely the types of activities courts have found to support 26 reimbursement to class representatives, and fully support this request for reimbursement.

1	IX. CONCLUSION					
2	130. For all the reasons set forth above, Class Counsel respectfully submits that					
3	the Baker Settlement and the Plan of Allocation should be approved as fair, reasonable,					
4	and adequate. Class Counsel further submits that its application for Litigation Expenses					
5	in the amount of \$650,000, which amount includes Class Representative's costs in the					
6	amount of \$15,000, should also be approved as fair and reasonable.					
7	131. I declare, under penalty of perjury, that the foregoing is true and correct to					
8	the best of my knowledge.					
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10	DATED this 19th day of August 2020.					
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12	<u>s/Johnston de F. Whitman, Jr.</u>					
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1	CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE					
2	I hereby certify that on August 19, 2020, I electronically transmitted the foregoing					
3	document to the Clerk's Office using the CM/ECF System for filing and transmittal of a					
4	Notice of Electronic Filing to those persons who are CM/ECF registrants:					
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