

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

RUSSELL HUNTER, Individually and on behalf of
all others similarly situated,

Plaintiff,

v.

BLUE RIDGE BANKSHARES, INC., BRIAN K.
PLUM, JUDY C. GAVANT, AND ANDREW H.
MOSER,

Defendants.

Case No. 1:23-cv-08944-DG-JAM

STIPULATION OF SETTLEMENT

This Stipulation of Settlement (“Stipulation”), dated February 4, 2025, is entered into among: Lead Plaintiff Russell L. Hunter (“Plaintiff” or “Lead Plaintiff”), on behalf of himself and the Settlement Class;¹ and defendants Blue Ridge Bankshares, Inc. (“Blue Ridge”), Brian K. Plum, Judy C. Gavant (together with Blue Ridge and Plum, the “Section 10(b) Defendants”), and Andrew Moser (collectively, “Defendants” and together with Plaintiff the “Parties”) by and through their respective counsel of record in this Action. Subject to the approval of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York (“Court”) and the terms and conditions set forth herein, this Stipulation is intended to fully, finally, forever resolve, discharge, and settle the Action and the Released Claims (as defined below).

I. THE LITIGATION

This is a putative class action alleging claims under the federal securities laws. For

¹ All capitalized terms not otherwise defined shall have the meaning ascribed to them in Section II.B herein.

purposes of this Settlement only, the Settlement Class is defined in Section II.B herein, and the Parties intend that the provisions herein concerning certification of the Settlement Class shall have no effect whatsoever in the event that the Settlement does not become Final.

A. Procedural History of the Litigation

This Action began on December 5, 2023, when Plaintiff filed a putative securities fraud class action complaint in this Court against the Section 10(b) Defendants and G. William Beale alleging claims under Sections 10(b) and 20(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Exchange Act”). ECF No. 1.

On February 5, 2024, the Court appointed Plaintiff as Lead Plaintiff and The Rosen Law Firm, P.A. as Lead Counsel. ECF No. 16.

On June 12, 2024, Plaintiff filed the Amended Class Action Complaint For Violations of the Federal Securities Laws (“Amended Complaint”) alleging claims under Section 10(b) and 20(a) of the Exchange Act against the Section 10(b) Defendants and adding Andrew Moser as a defendant in this action and removing G. William Beale as a defendant. ECF No. 18.

On July 29, 2024, Defendants filed a letter with this Court requesting a pre-motion conference for Defendants’ anticipated motion to dismiss. ECF No. 25. On August 5, 2024, Plaintiff filed his letter response to Defendants’ request for a pre-motion conference. ECF No. 26.

On August 8, 2024, the Parties filed a Motion to Stay the pre-motion conference, pending the result of mediation in this action (ECF No. 27), which this Court granted. August 9, 2024 Order.

B. Settlement Negotiations

On December 5, 2024, following the submission and exchange of written position statements, the Parties participated in an in-person, full-day mediation with David Geronemus, Esq. of JAMS. The mediation was successful and the Parties reached an agreement in principle to

settle this Action. A Settlement Term Sheet (“STS”) concerning certain basic terms of the Settlement was executed on that same day, December 5, 2024.

C. Plaintiff’s Assessment of the Claims and Benefits of Settlement

While Plaintiff believes that the claims asserted in the Complaint have merit, Plaintiff recognizes the substantial risk that the Complaint may not survive Defendants’ anticipated motion to dismiss, under which scenario Plaintiff and the putative class would receive nothing. Even if Plaintiff were to prevail against Defendants’ motion to dismiss, Plaintiff is mindful of inherent problems of proof, possible defenses to the violations asserted in the litigation, possible limitations on damages, and practical impediments to enforcing a judgment. Plaintiff, based upon his thorough evaluation, believes that the settlement set forth in the Stipulation is in the best interests of the Settlement Class. Plaintiff shall use his best efforts to obtain final Court approval of the Settlement.

D. Defendants’ Denials of Wrongdoing and Liability

Defendants have denied, and continue to deny, *inter alia*, that they engaged in any wrongdoing of any kind, including, without limitation, that they committed any act or omission giving rise to any liability or violation of the law. Specifically, Defendants have denied, and continue to deny, each and all of the claims alleged in this Action, along with all charges of wrongdoing or liability against them arising out of any of the conduct, statements, acts, or omissions alleged, or that could have been alleged, in this Action. Defendants further have denied, and continue to deny, that they violated or breached any law, regulation or duty owed to Plaintiff or the Settlement Class, failed to disclose any material information to investors, acted in any deceitful manner or with scienter, or that their public statements were false or misleading, or that Plaintiff and the Settlement Class suffered any damages or were harmed by the conduct alleged in this Action. Defendants have asserted, and continue to assert, that their conduct was at all times

proper and in compliance with all applicable provisions of law. Defendants maintain that they have meritorious defenses to all of the claims alleged in this Action.

As set forth below, neither the Settlement nor any of the terms of this Stipulation shall be construed as, deemed to be evidence of, or constitute an admission or finding of, any violation, fault, liability, wrongdoing, or damage whatsoever, or any infirmity in the defenses that Defendants have, or could have, asserted in this Action. Defendants are entering into this Stipulation solely to eliminate the burden and expense of further litigation. Defendants have concluded that it is desirable and beneficial that the Released Claims be fully and finally settled and that the Action be terminated in the manner and upon the terms and conditions set forth in this Stipulation.

II. TERMS OF STIPULATION AND AGREEMENT OF SETTLEMENT

A. Introduction

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and among Plaintiff, the Settlement Class, and each of them, and Defendants, and each of them, by and through their respective undersigned counsel or attorneys of record, that, subject to approval of the Court pursuant to Rule 23(e) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, in consideration of the benefits flowing to the Parties from the Settlement set forth herein, the Action and the Released Claims shall be finally and fully compromised, settled and released, and the Action shall be dismissed with prejudice, as to all Parties, upon and subject to the terms and conditions of this Stipulation.

B. Definitions

As used in this Stipulation, the following terms have the meanings specified below:

1.0 “Action” means the case captioned *Hunter v. Blue Ridge Bankshares, Inc., et al.*, Case No. 1:23-cv-08944-DG-JAM, pending in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York, and including any and all complaints filed in this Action.

1.1 “Authorized Claimant” means a Settlement Class Member who submits a timely and valid Proof of Claim in accordance with the requirements established by the Court and whose claim for recovery has been allowed pursuant to the terms of this Stipulation.

1.2 “CAFA Notice” means the proper notice of the Settlement that Defendants’ Counsel shall serve pursuant to section 1715 of Title 28 of the United States Code, the Class Action Fairness Act of 2005 (“CAFA”).

1.3 “Claimant” means a Settlement Class Member who submits a Proof of Claim in such form and manner, and within such time, as the Court shall prescribe.

1.4 “Claims Administrator” means Strategic Claims Services (“SCS”), the firm retained by Lead Counsel to administer the Settlement, including sending a mailed Notice to Settlement Class Members in the form of Exhibit A-4 hereto, or emailing Notice to Settlement Class Members, arranging for publication of Notice in the form of Exhibit A-3 hereto, processing claims, and performing such other administrative functions as are required under this Stipulation.

1.5 “Defendant Claims” means any and all counterclaims and bases for relief, whether known or Unknown Claims, that the Released Defendant Parties could have raised in the Action against any Released Plaintiff Party, whether arising under state, federal, common, or foreign law, which arise out of or are related to the commencement and prosecution of the Action (except for claims to enforce the Settlement), including claims for violations of Fed. R. Civ. P. 11 or any other fee or cost-shifting claim.

1.6 “Defendants’ Counsel” means McGuireWoods LLP.

1.7 “Effective Date” means the first date by which all of the events and conditions specified in § II.I8.0 of the Stipulation have occurred and/or been met.

1.8 “Escrow Account” means an interest-bearing escrow account established by the Escrow Agent. The Escrow Account shall be managed by the Escrow Agent, subject to the Court’s supervisory authority, for the benefit of Plaintiff and the Settlement Class in accordance with the terms of the Stipulation and any order of the Court.

1.9 “Escrow Agent” means Strategic Claims Services or its appointed agents. The Escrow Agent shall perform the duties as set forth in this Stipulation and any order of the Court.

1.10 “Fee and Expense Application” shall have the definition as set forth herein in § II.H., *infra*.

1.11 “Fee and Expense Award” shall have the definition as set forth herein in § II.H., *infra*.

1.12 “Final,” with respect to this Settlement, means that: (i) the Court has entered an order finally approving the Settlement in all material respects, including but not limited to certifying the Settlement Class defined herein for settlement purposes only, approving the scope of the Releases set forth herein, and entering the Judgment; and (ii) the time to appeal has expired or the Judgment has been affirmed in all respects in any appeal or review and is no longer subject to further appeal or review. However, the Settlement and the degree to which it is Final are expressly not conditioned upon the Court’s approval of—or any appeals solely related to—a Plan of Allocation, a Fee and Expense Award to Lead Counsel, and/or a compensatory award to Plaintiff.

1.13 “Judgment” means the Order and Final Judgment to be entered by the Court approving the Settlement, certifying the Settlement Class for settlement purposes only, approving the release of the Released Claims, and dismissing the Released Claims with prejudice and without

costs to any party, substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit B or in similar form adopted by the Court.

1.14 “Lead Counsel” means The Rosen Law Firm, P.A.

1.15 “Long Notice” means the Notice of Pendency and Proposed Settlement of Class Action.

1.16 “Net Settlement Fund” means the Settlement Fund less any Taxes and Tax Expenses, any Fee and Expense Award to Lead Counsel, any compensatory award to Plaintiff approved by the Court, and Notice and Administration Costs.

1.17 “Notice” means collectively, the Long Notice, the Summary Notice, and the Postcard Notice, which are to be made available to Settlement Class Members substantially in the forms attached hereto as Exhibits A-1, A-3, and A-4 on the Claims Administrator’s website and/or mailed or emailed to Settlement Class Members.

1.18 “Notice and Administration Costs” means the costs and expenses reasonably and actually incurred by, and the reasonable fees charged by, the Claims Administrator in connection with notice dissemination and claims administration upon presentation of customary invoices therefor, which invoices have been approved by Lead Counsel, including, without limitation: the cost of identifying and locating members of the Settlement Class; emailing Notice, mailing Postcard Notice and publishing the Summary Notice (such amounts shall include, without limitation, the actual costs of publication in national newswires, printing and mailing the Postcard Notice, and reimbursement to nominee owners for forwarding notice to their beneficial owners), soliciting claims from Settlement Class Members, assisting with the filing of claims, processing Proof of Claim, administering and distributing the Net Settlement Fund to Authorized Claimants, and paying escrow fees and costs, if any.

1.19 “Parties” means Plaintiff, on behalf of himself, and the Settlement Class, and Defendants.

1.20 “Person” means an individual, corporation, partnership, limited partnership, association, joint stock company, estate, legal representative, trust, unincorporated association, government or any political subdivision or agency thereof, and any business or legal entity, and for each of them their respective heirs, successors-in-interest, or assigns.

1.21 “Plan of Allocation” means a plan or formula for allocating the Net Settlement Fund to Authorized Claimants, to be designed by Lead Counsel in its sole discretion, subject to the approval of the Court. Any Plan of Allocation is not part of this Stipulation and Defendants shall have no responsibility or liability with respect thereto.

1.22 “Postcard Notice” means the postcard notice to be sent to Settlement Class Members substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A-4, and which shall contain information relating to, among other things, how to access the Long Notice, Stipulation, and file a Proof of Claim.

1.23 “Preliminary Approval Order” means an order by the Court, as set forth as Exhibit A hereto, certifying the Settlement Class for settlement purposes only, preliminarily approving the Settlement, and authorizing Notice thereof to the Settlement Class and related matters.

1.24 “Proof of Claim” means the Proof of Claim and Release Form to be submitted by Claimants, substantially in the form attached as Exhibit A-2.

1.25 “Released Claims” means the Settlement Class Claims and the Defendant Claims.

1.26 “Released Defendant Parties” means Defendants, Defendants’ Counsel, and each of their respective past, present, or future direct or indirect subsidiaries, parents, affiliates, principals, joint ventures, any other corporate entities, successors and predecessors, assigns,

officers, directors, shareholders, controlling shareholders, members, trustees, partners, agents, fiduciaries, contractors, employees, attorneys, insurers and reinsurers, auditors, advisors, financial advisors, investment banks, underwriters, investors, accountants; the spouses, members of the families, representatives, and heirs of Defendants who are individuals, as well as any trust of which any Defendant is the settlor or which is for the benefit of any of their immediate family members; any firm, trust, corporation, or entity in which any Defendant has a controlling interest; and any of the legal representatives, heirs, successors in interest or assigns of Defendants.

1.27 “Released Parties” means the Released Defendant Parties together with the Released Plaintiff Parties.

1.28 “Released Plaintiff Parties” means each and every Settlement Class Member, Plaintiff, Lead Counsel, the Claims Administrator, and each of their respective past or present trustees, officers, directors, partners, employees, affiliates, contractors, principals, agents, attorneys, predecessors, successors, assigns, insurers, parents, subsidiaries, general or limited partners or partnerships, and limited liability companies; and the spouses, members of the immediate families, representatives, and heirs of any Released Plaintiff Party who is an individual, as well as any trust of which any Released Plaintiff Party is the settlor or which is for the benefit of any of their immediate family members. “Released Plaintiff Parties” do not include Persons who or which timely and validly submit a request for exclusion from the Settlement Class or whose exclusion from the Settlement Class is accepted by the Court.

1.29 “Releases” means the release of Released Claims against Released Parties pursuant to §§ II.F.5.0–5.2.

1.30 “Settlement” means the settlement contemplated by this Stipulation.

1.31 “Settlement Amount” means the Settlement consideration for a full and complete settlement of all Released Claims being paid or caused to be paid by Defendants in the amount of two million and five hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000.00).

1.32 “Settlement Class” means, for purposes of this Settlement only, all Persons who purchased the publicly traded common stock of Blue Ridge during the Settlement Class Period. Excluded from the Settlement Class are: (a) Defendants and their families, the officers, directors and affiliates of Defendants at all relevant times, members of their immediate families and their legal representatives, heirs, successors or assigns, and any entity in which any Defendant has or had a controlling interest; and (b) Persons who suffered no compensable losses. Also excluded from the Settlement Class are those Persons who or which timely and validly submit a request for exclusion from the Settlement Class or whose exclusion from the Settlement Class is accepted by the Court. A request for exclusion is valid only if it is signed by the person seeking exclusion from the Settlement Class. Group opt-outs, including “mass” or “class” opt-outs, are not permitted.

1.33 “Settlement Class Claims” means any and all claims, rights, demands, suits, liabilities, or causes of action, in law or in equity, accrued or unaccrued, fixed or contingent, direct, individual or representative, of every nature and description whatsoever, under federal, state, local, foreign law, or any other law, rule, or regulation, both known and “Unknown Claims” as defined in § II.B 1.41, alleged or which could have been alleged by any Released Plaintiff Party against Defendants or against any other of the Released Defendant Parties in any court of competent jurisdiction or any other adjudicatory tribunal that arise out of, are based upon, are in any way related to, or are in consequence of any of the facts, allegations, transactions, matters, events, disclosures, non-disclosures, occurrences, representations, statements, acts, claims, omissions, or failures to act that were: (i) involved, set forth, or referred to in any of the complaints filed in the

Action, that could have been filed in the Action, or that otherwise would have been barred by *res judicata* had the Action been fully litigated to a final judgment; or (ii) relate to the purchase or sale of Blue Ridge common stock during the Class Period. Provided, however, that Settlement Class Claims do not include any claims relating to the enforcement of the Settlement.

1.34 “Settlement Class Member” means a Person that is a member of the Settlement Class. “Settlement Class Members” means all such Persons.

1.35 “Settlement Class Period” means the period from February 3, 2023 to October 31, 2023 both dates inclusive.

1.36 “Settlement Distribution Order” means the Order approving the Claims Administrators’ administrative determinations concerning the acceptance and rejection of the claims submitted by potential Settlement Class Members; approving of any fees and expenses not previously applied for, including the fees and expenses of the Claims Administrator; and directing the distribution of the Net Settlement Fund to Authorized Claimants.

1.37 “Settlement Fairness Hearing” means a hearing to be held before the Court to determine whether the proposed Settlement of the Action on the terms and conditions provided for in this Stipulation is fair, reasonable, and adequate to the Settlement Class and should be approved by the Court; to determine whether a Judgment as provided in the Stipulation should be entered; to determine whether the proposed Plan of Allocation should be approved; to determine any amount of fees, costs and expenses that should be awarded to Lead Counsel for their efforts and any compensatory award that should be awarded to Plaintiff for his service to the Settlement Class; to hear any objections by Settlement Class Members to the Stipulation, Plan of Allocation, or any award of fees and expenses to Lead Counsel or compensatory award to Plaintiff; and to consider such other matters as the Court may deem appropriate.

1.38 “Settlement Fund” means the Settlement Amount before any of the expenditures authorized herein, the payment of which will reduce it as described in the Net Settlement Fund definition, *supra*.

1.39 “Summary Notice” means the Summary Notice of Pendency and Proposed Settlement of Class Action to be published on a national business newswire, substantially in the form attached as Exhibit A-3.

1.40 “Taxes” and “Tax Expenses” means: (i) all federal, state, and/or local taxes of any kind on any income earned by the Settlement Fund, together with any interest, penalties, or additions to tax imposed with respect to them; and (ii) the reasonable and necessary costs and expenses incurred in connection with the implementation of § II.C(e).2.8 of the Stipulation, including, without limitation, the reasonable and necessary costs and expenses of tax attorneys and accountants.

1.41 “Unknown Claims” means and includes: (i) any and all Settlement Class Claims that Plaintiff, any Settlement Class Member, or any other Released Plaintiff Party does not know or suspect to exist in his, her or its favor at the time of the release of the Released Defendant Parties which, if known by him, her or it, might have affected his, her or its decision(s) with respect to the Settlement, or might have affected his, her or its decision not to object to this Settlement or seek exclusion from the Class; and (ii) any and all Defendants Claims that any Defendant or other Released Defendant Party does not know or suspect to exist in his, her, or its favor, which if known by him, her, or it at the time of the release of the Released Plaintiff Parties, might have affected his, her, or its decision(s) with respect to the Settlement. With respect to the Released Claims, the Parties stipulate and agree that upon the Effective Date, Plaintiff and Defendants shall expressly waive, and each Settlement Class Member and other Released Party shall be deemed to have

waived, and by operation of the Judgment shall have expressly waived, any and all provisions, rights and benefits conferred by California Civil Code § 1542, or any law of any state or territory of the United States or principle of common law, that is similar, comparable, or equivalent to California Civil Code § 1542, which provides:

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

Plaintiff, Defendants and Settlement Class Members may hereafter discover facts in addition to or different from those which he, she, or it now knows or believes to be true with respect to the subject matter of the Released Claims, but Plaintiff shall expressly, fully, finally, and forever settle and release, and each Settlement Class Member and other Released Plaintiff Party, upon the Effective Date, shall be deemed to have, and by operation of the Judgment shall have, fully, finally, and forever settled and released, and the Released Defendant Parties shall expressly, fully, finally, and forever settle and release any and all Settlement Class Claims and Defendant Claims as applicable, in each case known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, contingent or non-contingent, disclosed or undisclosed, matured or unmatured, whether or not concealed or hidden, which now exist, or heretofore have existed, upon any theory of law or equity now existing or coming into existence in the future, including, but not limited to, conduct which is negligent, intentional, with or without malice, or a breach of any duty, law or rule, without regard to the subsequent discovery or existence of such different or additional facts. The Parties acknowledge, and the Settlement Class Members and the other Released Parties by operation of law shall be deemed to have acknowledged, that the inclusion of “Unknown Claims” in the definition of Settlement Class Claims and Defendant Claims was separately bargained for and a material element of the Settlement.

C. The Settlement

a. Settlement Amount

2.0 In consideration of the full and final settlement of the Settlement Class Claims, Defendants shall pay or cause to be paid the Settlement Amount to the Escrow Account for deposit into the Settlement Fund within twenty-one (21) calendar days after the later of (i) the Court granting Preliminary Approval of the Settlement, and (ii) the receipt by Defendants' Counsel providing Defendants with all necessary payment instructions pertaining to the Escrow Account.

2.1 Plaintiff and Settlement Class Members shall look solely to the Settlement Fund as satisfaction for all Settlement Class Claims. Defendants' sole financial obligation to Plaintiff, the Settlement Class Members and Lead Counsel under this Stipulation shall be as set forth in § 2.0, and under no circumstances shall Defendants have any obligation to make any other or greater payment to them for any purpose pursuant to the Settlement. Besides funding the Settlement Amount, each Defendant shall have no other obligation to pay or reimburse any fees, expenses, costs, liability, or damages whatsoever alleged or incurred by Plaintiff, by any Settlement Class Member, or by any of their attorneys, experts, advisors, agents, or representatives with respect to the Action and Settlement Class Claims. Defendants and Defendants' Counsel shall have no responsibility, obligation, or liability with respect to the Escrow Account or the monies maintained in the Escrow Account or the administration of the Settlement, including without limitation, any responsibility or liability related to any fees, Taxes or Tax Expenses, investment decisions, maintenance, supervision, or distribution of any portion of the Settlement Amount. All payments made to Authorized Claimants pursuant to the Plan of Allocation as approved by the Court, the Fee and Expense Award by the Court to Lead Counsel, and any compensatory award to Plaintiff as awarded by the Court, and all administrative and other approved expenses of the Settlement, including Taxes and Tax Expenses, shall be paid from the Settlement Fund without any input from,

liability to, or responsibility of, Defendants. Plaintiff, Settlement Class Members, and the other Released Plaintiff Parties acknowledge that, as of the Effective Date, the releases and injunctions given herein shall become effective by operation of the Final Judgment and shall be permanent, absolute, and unconditional.

b. The Escrow Agent

2.2 At the written direction of Lead Counsel, the Settlement Fund shall be invested exclusively in instruments or accounts backed by the full faith and credit of the United States Government or fully insured by the United States Government or an agency thereof, including a U.S. Treasury Fund or a bank account that is either (a) fully insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or (b) secured by instruments backed by the full faith and credit of the United States Government. At Lead Counsel's direction, the Escrow Agent shall reinvest the proceeds of these instruments as they mature in similar instruments at their then-current market rates. Defendants, Defendants' Counsel, and the other Released Defendant Parties shall not bear any responsibility for or liability related to the investment of the Settlement Fund by the Escrow Agent.

c. Handling and Disbursement of Funds by the Escrow Agent

2.3 Subject to further order and/or direction as may be made by the Court, the Escrow Agent is authorized to execute such transactions on behalf of the Settlement Class as are consistent with the terms of this Stipulation. The Escrow Agent shall not disburse the Settlement Fund except as provided in this Stipulation, by an order of the Court, or with the written agreement of Defendants' Counsel and Lead Counsel. Defendants, Defendants' Counsel, and the Released Defendant Parties have no responsibility for, interest in, or liability whatsoever with respect to the actions of the Escrow Agent, or any transaction executed by the Escrow Agent. The Escrow Agent,

through the Settlement Fund, shall indemnify and hold each of the Defendants, Defendants' Counsel and the Released Defendant Parties harmless for any transaction executed by the Escrow Agent.

2.4 No monies will be disbursed from the Settlement Fund until after the Effective Date except as provided in §§ II.C(d).2.6–2.7 regarding Notice and Administration Costs, § II.C(e).2.8 regarding Taxes, and § II.H.7.1 regarding Attorneys' Fees and Expenses.

2.5 All funds held by the Escrow Agent shall be deemed and considered to be in *custodia legis* of the Court, and shall remain subject to the jurisdiction of the Court, until such time as such funds shall be distributed or returned to the parties who deposited such funds pursuant to this Stipulation and/or further order of the Court. Upon the Effective Date and thereafter, there shall be no reversion whatsoever of any of the Settlement Amount to any of the Released Defendant Parties.

d. Notice and Administration Costs

2.6 At any time after entry of the Preliminary Approval Order, Lead Counsel may, without further approval from the Court or Defendants, disburse up to \$100,000 from the Settlement Fund to pay reasonable and necessary Notice and Administration Costs prior to the Effective Date. After the Effective Date, additional amounts may be transferred from the Settlement Fund for Lead Counsel to pay any additional, reasonable, and necessary additional Notice and Administration Costs without further order of the Court.

2.7 Plaintiff and Lead Counsel, Defendants and Defendants' Counsel, and the other Released Parties shall not bear any liability for Notice and Administration Costs.

e. Taxes

2.8 The following provisions shall govern the treatment of Taxes and Tax Expenses:

(a) The Escrow Agent will, to the extent possible, agree to treat the Settlement Fund as a “qualified settlement fund” within the meaning of Treasury Regulation § 1.468B-1. In addition, the Escrow Agent shall timely make such elections as necessary or advisable to carry out the provisions of this § II.C(e).2.8, including the “relation-back election” (as defined in Treasury Regulation § 1.468B-1) back to the earliest permitted date. Such elections shall be made in compliance with the procedures and requirements contained in such regulations. It shall be the responsibility of the Escrow Agent to timely and properly prepare and deliver the necessary documentation for signature by all necessary parties, and thereafter to cause the appropriate filing to occur. The Released Defendant Parties shall have no liability or responsibility whatsoever if it is later determined that the Settlement Fund is a not a “qualified settlement fund.”

(b) The Escrow Agent shall timely and properly file all informational and other tax returns necessary or advisable with respect to the Settlement Fund (including without limitation the returns described in Treasury Regulation § 1.468B-2(k)). Such returns (as well as the election described in § II.C(e).2.8(a)) shall be consistent with this § II.C(e).2.8 and in all events shall reflect that all Taxes (including any estimated Taxes, interest or penalties on the income earned) shall be paid out of the Settlement Fund.

(c) All Taxes and Tax Expenses relating to the income earned by the Settlement Fund shall be paid out of the Settlement Fund.

(d) Taxes and Tax Expenses shall be treated as and considered to be a cost of administration of the Settlement and shall be timely paid by the Escrow Agent out of the Settlement Fund without prior order from the Court but shall not be considered or treated as part of the Notice and Administration Costs.

(e) Defendants, Defendants' Counsel, Plaintiff, Settlement Class Members, Lead Counsel, and the other Released Parties shall have no liability or responsibility for Taxes and Tax Expenses. The Escrow Agent shall indemnify and hold each of the Defendants, Defendants' Counsel, Plaintiff, the Settlement Class Members, Lead Counsel, and the other Released Parties harmless for Taxes and Tax Expenses (including, without limitation, Taxes payable by reason of any such indemnification).

(f) The Escrow Agent shall be obligated (notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary) to withhold from distribution to Authorized Claimants any funds necessary to pay expenses relating to the establishment of adequate reserves for any Taxes and Tax Expenses (as well as any amounts that may be required to be withheld under Treasury Regulation § 1.468B-2(l)(2)). Defendants, Defendants' Counsel, Plaintiff, the Settlement Class Members, Lead Counsel, and the other Released Parties are not responsible therefor, nor shall they have any liability with respect thereto.

(g) The Parties agree to cooperate with the Escrow Agent, each other, and their tax attorneys and accountants to the extent reasonably necessary to carry out the provisions of this § II.C(e).2.8.

f. Termination of Settlement

2.9 Defendants shall, acting collectively, have the right to terminate the Settlement and this Stipulation, notwithstanding preliminary approval that may be provided by the Court, by providing written notice of their election to do so to Lead Counsel within ten (10) business days of: (a) the Court's declining to enter the Preliminary Approval Order in any material respect without leave to amend and resubmit; (b) the Court's refusal to approve this Stipulation or any material part thereof without leave to amend and resubmit; (c) the Court's declining to enter the

Judgment in any material respect without leave to amend and resubmit; or (d) the date upon which the Judgment is modified or reversed in any material respect by the Court of Appeals or the Supreme Court. Any decision with respect to any Plan of Allocation, Fee and Expense Award to Lead Counsel, or compensatory award to Plaintiff shall not be considered material to this Stipulation and shall not be grounds for termination.

2.10 Plaintiff shall have the right to terminate the Settlement and this Stipulation, notwithstanding preliminary approval that may be provided by the Court, by providing written notice of his election to do so to Defendants' Counsel within ten (10) business days of: (a) the Court's declining to enter the Preliminary Approval Order in any material respect without leave to amend and resubmit; (b) the Court's refusal to approve this Stipulation or any material part thereof without leave to amend and resubmit; (c) the Court's declining to enter the Judgment in any material respect as to Defendants without leave to amend and resubmit; or (d) the date upon which the Judgment is modified or reversed in any material respect by the Court of Appeals or the Supreme Court. Any decision with respect to any Plan of Allocation, Fee and Expense Award, or compensatory award shall not be considered material to this Stipulation and shall not be grounds for termination.

2.11 If the Settlement Amount is not paid into the Escrow Account in accordance with § II.C(a).2.0 of this Stipulation, then Plaintiffs, on behalf of the Settlement Class, and not Defendants, shall have the right, without notice or demand, to: (a) terminate the Settlement; (b) apply to the Court to enforce the terms of the Settlement and this Stipulation; or (c) declare the entire unpaid Settlement Amount immediately due and payable, and proceed to enforce all rights and remedies under law or equity under this agreement or any collateral agreement referenced herein. Any late or non-conforming tender of any installment shall not act to revive, or reinstate,

the right to deposit to the Escrow Account, or to defer payment of the total, and any payments received after the default shall be applied on account of the accrued interest and the balance to principal and without a waiver of the default herein or the right to collect the accelerated Settlement Amount. For the avoidance of doubt, other than Blue Ridge, Defendants shall not be jointly and severally liable to Plaintiff or the Settlement Class for the entire Settlement Amount.

2.12 If, before the Settlement Fairness Hearing, any persons who otherwise would be members of the Settlement Class have timely filed for exclusion from the Settlement Class in accordance with the provisions of the Notice, and such persons in the aggregate have purchased a number of Blue Ridge common stock during the Settlement Class Period in an amount greater than the sum specified in a separate Supplemental Agreement between the Parties, Defendants, acting collectively and in their sole discretion, shall have the option to terminate the Settlement and this Stipulation in accordance with the procedures set forth in the Supplemental Agreement. The Supplemental Agreement shall not be filed with the Court and its terms shall not be disclosed in any other manner (other than the statements herein and in the Notice, to the extent necessary, or as otherwise provided in the Supplemental Agreement) unless and until the Court otherwise directs or a dispute arises among the Parties concerning its interpretation or application. If submission of the Supplemental Agreement is required for resolution of a dispute or is otherwise ordered by the Court, the Parties will undertake to have the Supplemental Agreement submitted to the Court *in camera* or filed under seal.

2.13 If (i) Defendants exercise their right to terminate the Settlement as provided in this Stipulation; or (ii) Plaintiff exercises his right to terminate this Settlement as provided in this Stipulation, then:

(a) The Settlement and the relevant portions of this Stipulation shall be canceled and terminated without prejudice, and this Stipulation shall be null and void and shall have no further force or effect (except for §§ II.C(f).2.9, 2.10, 2.11, 2.12, 2.13, II.I.8.2, 8.3, 8.4, II.J.9.1, 9.16);

(b) The Settlement Amount including any interest accrued thereon, less expenses actually incurred or due and owing for the Notice and Administration Costs pursuant to § II.C(d).2.6 above, shall be refunded by check or wire transfer within fifteen (15) calendar days to the appropriate sources of the funds in proportion to their contribution to the Settlement Fund in accordance with the instructions to be provided by Defendants' Counsel; and

(c) The Parties shall revert to their respective positions in the Action prior to December 5, 2024.

D. Class Certification

3.0 For the sole purpose of this Settlement, the Parties hereby stipulate, agree, and consent to: (i) certification of the Action as a class action pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(a) and 23(b)(3); (b) appointment of Plaintiff as class representatives; and (c) appointment of Lead Counsel as class counsel pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(g). Following execution of this Stipulation, Plaintiff, with consent of Defendants, shall apply to the Court for entry of the Preliminary Approval Order substantially in the form attached as Exhibit A hereto, which will certify the Action to proceed as a class action for settlement purposes only. The certification of the Settlement Class shall be binding only with respect to the Settlement and only if the Judgment becomes Final.

3.1 The Parties' agreement as to certification of the Action is solely for purposes of effectuating a settlement and for no other purpose. Defendants retain all of their objections, arguments, and defenses with respect to class certification, and reserve all rights to contest class certification, if the Settlement set forth in this Stipulation does not receive the Court's final approval, if the Court's approval is reversed or vacated on appeal, if this Stipulation is terminated

as provided herein, or if the Settlement set forth in this Settlement Agreement otherwise fails to become effective. The Parties acknowledge that there has been no stipulation to any classes or certification of any classes for any purpose other than effectuating the Settlement, and that if the Settlement set forth in this Stipulation does not receive the Court's final approval, if the Court's approval is reversed or vacated on appeal, if this Stipulation is terminated as provided herein, or if the Settlement set forth in this Stipulation otherwise fails to become effective, this agreement as to certification of the Action becomes null and void *ab initio*, and this Stipulation or any other settlement-related statement may not be cited regarding class certification, or in support of an argument for certifying a class for any purpose related to this or any other proceeding.

E. Preliminary Approval Order, Notice, and the Settlement Hearing

4.0 Promptly after execution of this Stipulation, Lead Counsel shall submit this Stipulation together with its Exhibits to the Court and shall request entry of a Preliminary Approval Order (substantially in the form of Exhibit A) that will, *inter alia*: (1) grant preliminary approval to the Settlement; (2) certify the Settlement Class for settlement purposes only; (3) authorize dissemination of notice to the Settlement Class substantially in the form of Exhibits A-1, A-3, and A-4 hereto, along with provision of a Proof of Claim substantially in the form of Exhibit A-2; and (4) schedule the Settlement Fairness Hearing.

4.1 The Notice shall describe the Settlement; the proposed Plan of Allocation; the requests for a Fee and Expense Award for Lead Counsel, and a compensatory award to Plaintiff; the date of the Settlement Fairness Hearing; Settlement Class Members' rights to opt out, object, or otherwise be heard with regard to these matters; and Settlement Class Members' opportunity to file claims upon the Settlement Fund. The Stipulation, Notice, Proof of Claim, and all papers submitted in support thereof shall be posted on a website to be maintained by the Claims Administrator.

4.2 To assist in the dissemination of the Notice, within ten (10) business days after the Court enters a Preliminary Approval Order, Defendants shall provide Blue Ridge's transfer records concerning the identity of Settlement Class Members, including any names, addresses, and email addresses of Settlement Class Members and nominees or custodians that exist in such transfer records ("Class Information") to Lead Counsel. Defendants shall provide the Class Information at no cost to Plaintiff or Lead Counsel. The Class Information shall be provided in electronic searchable form, such as an Excel spreadsheet or other form as is reasonably available to Blue Ridge. The Parties acknowledge that any information Defendants provide or cause to be provided to Lead Counsel or the Claims Administrator pursuant to this paragraph shall be used by Lead Counsel and/or the Claims Administrator solely to deliver the Notice and/or implement the Settlement, including the Plan of Allocation.

4.3 No later than ten (10) days following the filing of this Stipulation with the Court, Defendants shall serve, or cause to be served, the CAFA Notice. Within fourteen (14) days of entry of the Preliminary Approval Order, Defendants will serve Lead Counsel and file with the Court an affidavit or declaration regarding compliance with the CAFA notice requirements.

F. Releases

5.0 The obligations incurred pursuant to this Stipulation shall be in full and final settlement of the Action as to Defendants, the other Released Parties, and any and all Released Claims.

5.1 Upon the Effective Date of this Settlement, Plaintiff, all Settlement Class Members (whether or not they submit a Proof of Claim or share in the Settlement Fund), and all other Released Plaintiff Parties, on behalf of themselves and anyone claiming through or on behalf of any of them, shall be deemed to have, and by operation of the Judgment shall have, fully, finally, and forever released, relinquished, and discharged each and every one of the Settlement Class

Claims, and shall be deemed by this Settlement to, and shall be forever barred and enjoined from commencing, instituting, assisting, prosecuting, or continuing to prosecute any action or other proceeding in any court of law or equity, arbitration tribunal, administrative forum, or any other forum, asserting any of the Settlement Class Claims.

5.2 Upon the Effective Date of this Settlement, and as a material condition of the dismissal with prejudice of the Action, Defendants and all of the other Released Defendant Parties, on behalf of themselves and anyone claiming through or on behalf of any of them, shall be deemed to have, and by operation of the Judgment shall have, fully, finally, and forever released, relinquished, and discharged each and every one of the Defendant Claims, and shall be deemed by this Settlement to, and shall be forever enjoined from prosecuting each and every one of the Defendant Claims.

5.3 For the avoidance of doubt, nothing in the Judgment shall bar any action by any of the Released Parties to enforce or effectuate the terms of the Settlement.

5.4 Notwithstanding the provisions of §§ II.F.5.1 and 5.2 hereof, in the event that any Released Defendant Party asserts against a Released Plaintiff Party any claim that is a Defendants' Claim, then such Released Plaintiff Party shall be entitled to use and assert such factual matters included within the Released Claims only against such Released Defendant Party in defense of such claim, but not for the purpose of affirmatively asserting any Settlement Class Claim against any Released Defendant Party.

5.5 Notwithstanding the provisions of §§ II.F.5.1 and 5.2 hereof, in the event that any Released Plaintiff Party asserts against any Released Defendant Party any claim that is a Settlement Class Claim, then such Released Defendant Party shall be entitled to use and assert such factual matters included within the Released Claims only against such Released Plaintiff

Party in defense of such claim, but not for the purpose of affirmatively asserting any Defendants' Claim against any Released Plaintiff Party.

5.6 The releases provided in this Stipulation shall become effective immediately upon occurrence of the Effective Date without the need for any further action, notice, condition, or event.

G. Administration and Calculation of Claims, Plan of Allocation, and Distribution of the Settlement Fund

6.0 The Claims Administrator shall administer and calculate the claims submitted by Settlement Class Members and shall oversee distribution of the Net Settlement Fund to Authorized Claimants. The distribution checks will be drawn upon the Net Settlement Fund.

6.1 Defendants and Defendants' Counsel shall have no involvement in reviewing or challenging claims and shall have no responsibility or liability for the allocation of the Settlement Fund among the Settlement Class Members or the allocation of any Fee and Expense Award to Lead Counsel or compensatory award to Plaintiff. Any such awards shall be paid solely by the Settlement Fund.

6.2 The Settlement Fund shall be applied as follows: to pay Taxes and Tax Expenses; to pay Notice and Administration Costs; to pay a Fee and Expense Award to Lead Counsel to the extent allowed by the Court; to pay a compensatory award to Plaintiff to the extent allowed by the Court; and, upon court approval, to distribute the Net Settlement Fund to the Authorized Claimants as allowed by this Stipulation and the Plan of Allocation.

6.3 After the Effective Date, Lead Counsel, on behalf of Plaintiff, shall apply to the Court, on notice to Defendants, for the Settlement Fund Distribution Order. The Settlement Fund shall be distributed to the Authorized Claimants, pursuant to the Settlement Fund Distribution Order, only after the Effective Date and after (a) all claims have been processed, (b) all matters with respect to the Fee and Expense Application, the Fee and Expense Award, and any Settlement

administration costs and expenses have been resolved by the Court and such resolution is Final; and (c) all costs of the Settlement administration have been paid. The Net Settlement Fund shall be distributed to Authorized Claimants subject to and in accordance with the following:

(i) Each Settlement Class Member claiming to be an Authorized Claimant shall be required to submit to the Claims Administrator a completed Proof of Claim, substantially in the form of Exhibit A-2 hereto, supported by such documents as are designated therein, including proof of the transactions claimed and the losses incurred thereon, or such other documents or proof as the Claims Administrator, in its discretion, may deem acceptable. Copies of all requests for exclusion received shall be sent to Defendants' Counsel and to Lead Counsel promptly upon receipt by the Claims Administrator and in any event not more than three (3) calendar days following such receipt. Copies of all written retractions of requests for exclusion received, shall be sent to Defendants' Counsel and to Lead Counsel within a reasonable time of receipt by the Claims Administrator and in any event not less than three (3) calendar days prior to the Settlement Fairness Hearing.

(ii) Except as otherwise ordered by the Court, all Settlement Class Members who fail to timely submit a Proof of Claim, or who file a Proof of Claim that is rejected, shall be forever barred from receiving any payments pursuant to this Stipulation and Settlement, but will in all other respects be subject to and bound by the provisions of this Stipulation, the Releases, and the Judgment and will be barred and enjoined from bringing any action against the Released Defendant Parties concerning the Released Claims. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Lead Counsel shall have the discretion to accept late-submitted claims for processing by the Claims Administrator but shall not incur any liability for declining to do so.

6.4 Each Claimant shall be deemed to have submitted to the jurisdiction of the Court with respect to the Claimant's claim, and the claim will be subject to investigation and discovery under the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, provided that such investigation and discovery shall be limited to that Claimant's status as a Settlement Class Member and the validity of the amount of the Claimant's claim. No discovery shall be allowed of the Claimants, whether on the merits of the Action or Settlement or otherwise, in conjunction with the processing of the Proofs of Claim. For the avoidance of doubt, nothing in this Stipulation shall affect Defendants' right to seek discovery of any Claimants in connection with other matters.

6.5 Payment pursuant to this Stipulation shall be deemed final and conclusive against all Claimants. No Person shall have any claim against Plaintiff, Lead Counsel, Defendants, Defendants' Counsel, the other Released Parties, the Claims Administrator, the Escrow Agent or any other agent designated by Lead Counsel based on distribution determinations or claim rejections made substantially in accordance with this Stipulation and the Settlement contained therein, the Plan of Allocation, or further orders of the Court.

6.6 The Net Settlement Fund shall be distributed to the Authorized Claimants substantially in accordance with a Plan of Allocation designed by Lead Counsel, to be described in the Notice, and approved by the Court. However, if there is any balance remaining in the Net Settlement Fund after six (6) months from the date of distribution of the Net Settlement Fund (whether by reason of tax refunds, uncashed checks or otherwise), the Claims Administrator under the supervision of Lead Counsel shall, if feasible, reallocate such balance among Authorized Claimants in an equitable and economic fashion. Thereafter, any balance that still remains in the Net Settlement Fund shall be donated to the Howard University Investor Justice & Education Clinic.

6.7 This is not a claims-made settlement. If all conditions of the Stipulation are satisfied and the Settlement becomes Final, no portion of the Settlement Fund will be returned to Defendants or their insurers.

6.8 Defendants and Defendants' Counsel shall have no responsibility for, interest in, or liability whatsoever with respect to: (i) any act, omission or determination of Lead Counsel, the Escrow Agent or the Claims Administrator, or any of their respective designees or agents, in connection with the administration of the Settlement or otherwise; (ii) the administration, management, investment, allocation or distribution of the Settlement Fund; (iii) the Plan of Allocation; (iv) the determination, administration, calculation or payment of any claims asserted against the Settlement Fund; (v) any losses suffered by, or fluctuations in the value of, the Settlement Fund; (vi) the payment or withholding of any Taxes and Tax Expenses or (vii) any failure of Notice or failure to identify Settlement Class Members, or any losses incurred in connection therewith. No Person shall have any claim of any kind against Defendants or Defendants' Counsel with respect to the matters set forth in §§ II.G.6.0-6.9 herein.

6.9 It is understood and agreed by the Parties that any proposed Plan of Allocation of the Net Settlement Fund including, but not limited to, any adjustments to an Authorized Claimant's claim set forth therein, is not a part of this Stipulation and is to be considered by the Court separately from the Court's consideration of the fairness, reasonableness and adequacy of the Settlement set forth in this Stipulation, and any order or proceedings relating to the Plan of Allocation shall not operate to terminate or cancel this Stipulation or affect the finality of the Court's Judgment approving this Stipulation and the Settlement set forth therein, or any other orders entered pursuant to this Stipulation.

H. Attorneys' Fees and Expenses

7.0 Lead Counsel may submit an application or applications (a "Fee and Expense Application") for payments from the Settlement Fund for: (a) an award of attorneys' fees; plus (b) reimbursement of actual costs and expenses, including without limitation the fees and expenses of experts, consultants, and investigators incurred in connection with prosecuting the Action; and (c) a compensatory award for Plaintiff. Lead Counsel reserves the right to make additional applications for fees and expenses incurred, if necessary.

7.1 Any award of attorneys' fees, costs, and expenses approved by the Court ("Fee and Expense Award") shall be payable to Lead Counsel, solely from the Settlement Fund immediately upon entry of the award by the Court, notwithstanding any timely filed objections thereto, or potential for appeal therefrom, or collateral attack on the Settlement or any part thereof, subject to the joint and several obligation of all counsel who receive any award of attorneys' fees and costs to refund such award to the Settlement Fund, plus interest earned thereon if, as a result of any appeal and/or further proceedings on remand or successful collateral attack, the award is lowered or the Settlement is disapproved by a final order. Defendants and the other Released Defendant Parties shall have no responsibility for any payment of attorneys' fees, costs and/or expenses to Lead Counsel or any other counsel or Person who receives payment from the Settlement Fund. Defendants and the other Released Defendant Parties shall have no responsibility for, and no liability whatsoever with respect to, any allocation of any attorneys' fees or expenses among Lead Counsel in the Action.

7.2 If the Fee and Expense Award is reduced or reversed on appeal, Lead Counsel shall make all necessary refunds and repayments into the Settlement Fund no later than thirty (30) calendar days after Lead Counsel's receipt from the Court of notice of any order that reverses or

reduces any award of attorneys' fees or expenses, which shall be distributed by the Escrow Agent to the Settlement Class pursuant to the manner directed in the Final order.

7.3 The Fee and Expense Application is to be considered by the Court separately from the Court's consideration of the fairness, reasonableness and adequacy of the Settlement set forth in this Stipulation. Any order or proceedings relating to the Fee and Expense Application, or any appeal from any order relating thereto or reversal or modification thereof, shall not operate to modify, terminate or cancel this Stipulation, or affect or delay the finality of the Judgment approving this Stipulation and the Settlement of the Action. It is understood and agreed that whatever amount is awarded by the Court is within the sole discretion of the Court, and if the award is less than the amount sought, it will not be a basis for setting aside the Settlement.

7.4 For the avoidance of doubt, Defendants and Defendants' Counsel shall have no liability or responsibility for or in connection with the Fee and Expense Award or the attorneys' fees and expenses referenced in this Section H.

I. Effect of Disapproval, Cancellation or Termination

8.0 The Effective Date of the Stipulation shall be conditioned upon the occurrence of all of the following events:

(a) Approval by the Court of the Settlement, following the period set forth for CAFA Notice, and following notice to the Settlement Class and the Settlement Fairness Hearing, as prescribed by Fed. R. Civ. P. 23;

(b) The Settlement Amount has been paid into the Settlement Fund;

(c) Defendants have not exercised their option to terminate the Stipulation pursuant to the Supplemental Agreement; and

(d) Entry by the Court of the Judgment, which has become Final, or in the event that the Court enters an order of judgment not in all material respects in the form of the Judgment and

none of the Parties elects to terminate this Settlement, the date that such alternative judgment becomes Final.

Any appeal or delay in (i) the approval of the Plan of Allocation, (ii) the consideration of any Fee and Expense Application, or (iii) the granting of a compensatory award to Plaintiff, shall not affect, alter, or delay the occurrence of the Effective Date.

8.1 Upon the occurrence of the Effective Date, any and all interest or right of Defendants in or to the Settlement Fund, if any, shall be absolutely and forever extinguished, except as set forth in this Stipulation. The Settlement Fund shall be distributed in accordance with § II.G.6.3 hereof. If all of the conditions specified in § II.I.8.0 herein are not met, then this Stipulation shall be canceled and terminated subject to § II.I.8.2 herein, unless Lead Counsel and Defendants' Counsel mutually agree in writing to proceed with the Settlement.

8.2 Unless otherwise ordered by the Court, in the event the Stipulation is terminated, or is canceled, or fails to become effective for any reason, no later than ten (10) business days after written notification of such event is sent by Defendants' Counsel or Lead Counsel to the Escrow Agent, subject to the terms of §§ II.C(f).2.9 or 2.10 hereof, the Settlement Amount (including accrued interest), less any expenses and any costs which have either been properly disbursed pursuant to § II.C(d).2.6 hereof, or are determined to be chargeable to the Settlement Fund or the notice and administration of the Settlement pursuant to § II.C(d).2.6 hereof, shall be refunded by the Escrow Agent to the appropriate sources of the funds in proportion to their contribution to the Settlement Fund, plus accrued interest attributable to that amount, by check or wire transfer pursuant to written instructions from Defendants' Counsel.

8.3 In the event this Settlement is terminated as provided in § II.C(f).2.9 or 2.10, then the terms and provisions of the Stipulation, with the exception of §§ II.C(f).2.9, 2.10, 2.11, 2.12,

2.13, II.I.8.2, 8.3, 8.4, II.J.9.1, 9.16 hereof, shall have no further force and effect and shall not be used in this Action or in any other proceeding for any purpose, and any judgment or order entered by the Court in accordance with the terms of this Stipulation shall be treated as vacated, *nunc pro tunc*. No order of the Court or modification or reversal on appeal of any order of the Court concerning the Plan of Allocation or the amount of any attorneys' fees, costs, expenses and interest awarded by the Court to Lead Counsel shall constitute grounds for cancellation or termination of the Stipulation.

8.4 In the event this Settlement is terminated as provided in § II.C(f).2.9 or 2.10, Plaintiff, Settlement Class Members, Lead Counsel, the Claims Administrator, and the Escrow Agent shall not have any obligation to repay any Notice and Administration Costs actually and properly disbursed from the Settlement Fund. In addition, any expenses already incurred and properly chargeable to Notice and Administration Costs pursuant to this Stipulation at the time of such termination or cancellation, but which have not been paid, shall be paid by the Escrow Agent in accordance with the terms of the Stipulation before the balance is refunded in accordance with § II.I.8.2.

J. Miscellaneous Provisions

9.0 Defendants deny any wrongdoing, liability or violation of law or regulation whatsoever, and this Stipulation shall in no event be construed or deemed to be evidence of, or an admission or concession on the part of Defendants with respect to, any claim of any fault or liability or wrongdoing or damage or violation of law or regulation whatsoever, or any infirmity in any defenses that Defendants have asserted or could assert in the Action or any other action.

9.1 This Stipulation, whether or not consummated, and whether or not approved by the Court, and any discussion, negotiation, proceeding, or agreement relating to the Stipulation, the Settlement, and any matter arising in connection with settlement discussions or negotiations,

proceedings, or agreements, shall not be offered or received against or to the prejudice of the Parties or their respective counsel, for any purpose other than in an action to enforce the terms hereof, and in particular shall not be offered or received:

(a) Against any of the Defendants as evidence of, or construed as evidence of, any presumption, concession, or admission by any of the Defendants with respect to the truth of any fact alleged by Plaintiff in this Action or the validity of any claim that has been or could have been asserted against any of the Defendants in this Action, or the deficiency of any defense that has been or could have been asserted in the Action, or of any wrongdoing or liability by any of the Defendants;

(b) Against any of the Defendants as evidence of, or construed as evidence of, any presumption, concession, or admission of any fault, misrepresentation, or omission with respect to any statement or written document approved or made by any of the Defendants;

(c) Against any of the Defendants, Plaintiff, or any Settlement Class Member as evidence of, or construed as evidence of any presumption, concession, or admission by any of the Defendants, Plaintiff, or any Settlement Class Member with respect to any liability, negligence, fault, or wrongdoing as against any of the Defendants, Plaintiff, or any Settlement Class Member in any other civil, criminal, or administrative action or proceeding, other than such proceedings as may be necessary to effectuate the provisions of this Stipulation, provided, however, that if this Stipulation is approved by the Court, Defendants, Plaintiff, and any Settlement Class Member may refer to it to effectuate the liability protection granted them hereunder;

(d) Against any of the Defendants as evidence of, or construed as evidence of, any presumption, concession, or admission by any of them that the Settlement Amount represents the amount which could or would have been received after trial of the Action;

(e) Against Plaintiff or any Settlement Class Member as evidence of, or construed as evidence of, any presumption, concession, or admission by Plaintiff or any Settlement Class Member that any of their claims are without merit, or that any defenses asserted by Defendants have any merit, or that damages recoverable in the Action would not have exceeded the Settlement Fund;

(f) Against Plaintiff or any Settlement Class Member or Lead Counsel as evidence of, or construed as evidence of, any infirmity of the claims alleged by Plaintiff in the Complaint or the Action or of any lack of merit to the claims or the Action or of any bad faith, dilatory motive, or inadequate prosecution of the claims or the Action; and

(g) As evidence of, or construed as evidence of, any presumption, concession, or admission that class certification is appropriate in this Action, except for purposes of this Settlement. Defendants and the other Released Defendant Parties may file this Stipulation and/or the Judgment in any action that may be brought against them in order to support a defense or counterclaim based on principles of *res judicata*, collateral estoppel, release, good faith settlement, judgment bar, offset or reduction, or any theory of claim preclusion or issue preclusion or similar defense or counterclaim.

9.2 The Parties intend the Settlement to be a final and complete resolution of all disputes which have been asserted, could have been asserted, or could be asserted by Plaintiff, the Settlement Class Members, or the other Released Plaintiff Parties against Defendants, Defendants' Counsel, or any other Released Defendant Parties concerning the Settlement Class Claims, or asserted by Defendants or the other Released Defendant Parties against the Released Plaintiff Parties concerning the Defendant Claims. Accordingly, the Parties agree not to assert in any forum that the litigation was brought by Plaintiff or defended by the Defendants in bad faith or without a

reasonable basis. The Parties, and each of them, shall not assert or pursue any action, claim or rights that any party hereto violated any provision of Fed. R. Civ. P. 11 or otherwise seek reimbursement or shifting of attorneys' fees or other costs associated with this Action. The Parties, and each of them, and their respective counsel agree that the Action was resolved in good faith, following arm's length bargaining, and that the settlement of this Action was reached voluntarily after consultation with experienced legal counsel.

9.3 The Parties: (a) acknowledge that it is their intent to consummate this agreement; and (b) agree, subject to their fiduciary and other legal obligations, to cooperate to the extent reasonably necessary to effectuate and implement all terms and conditions of this Stipulation and to exercise their reasonable best efforts to accomplish the foregoing terms and conditions of this Stipulation. Subject to their fiduciary and legal obligations to their clients, Lead Counsel and Defendants' Counsel agree to cooperate with one another in seeking Court approval of the Preliminary Approval Order, the Stipulation, and the Settlement, and to use reasonable best efforts to promptly agree upon and execute all such other documentation as may be reasonably required to obtain final approval of the Settlement.

9.4 Neither Plaintiff, Settlement Class Members, nor Defendants shall be bound by the Stipulation if the Court modifies material terms thereof, provided, however, that it shall not be a basis for Settlement Class Members to terminate the Settlement if the Court modifies any proposed Plan of Allocation or criteria for allocation of the Net Settlement Fund amongst Settlement Class Members or if the Plan of Allocation is modified on appeal. Nor shall it be a basis to terminate the Stipulation if the Court disapproves of or modifies the terms of this Stipulation with respect to the distribution of the Net Settlement Fund. Nor shall it be a basis to terminate the Stipulation if the Court denies, in whole or in part, Lead Counsel's Fee and Expense Application.

9.5 The administration and consummation of the Settlement as embodied in this Stipulation shall be under the authority of the Court, and the Court shall retain jurisdiction for the purpose of entering orders providing the Fee and Expense Award to Lead Counsel and enforcing the terms of this Stipulation.

9.6 The headings used herein are used for the purpose of convenience only and are not meant to have legal effect.

9.7 All of the Exhibits to this Stipulation are material and integral parts hereof and are fully incorporated herein by this reference. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event of a conflict or inconsistency between the terms of this Stipulation and the terms of any Exhibit attached hereto, the terms of this Stipulation shall prevail.

9.8 This Stipulation may be amended or modified only by a written instrument signed by or on behalf of all Parties or their respective successors-in-interest.

9.9 This Stipulation, the Exhibits attached hereto, and the Supplemental Agreement constitute the entire agreement among the parties hereto and no representations, warranties, or inducements have been made to any party concerning this Stipulation, its Exhibits, or the Supplemental Agreement other than the representations, warranties and covenants contained and memorialized in such documents.

9.10 Each counsel or other Person executing this Stipulation, any of its Exhibits, or any related settlement documents on behalf of any party hereto hereby warrants and represents that such Person has the full authority to do so and that they have the authority to take appropriate action required or permitted to be taken pursuant to the Stipulation to effectuate its terms.

9.11 This Stipulation may be executed in one or more counterparts. All executed counterparts and each of them shall be deemed to be one and the same instrument. Signatures sent by facsimile or email shall be deemed originals.

9.12 This Stipulation shall be binding upon, and inure to the benefit of, the successors, heirs, and assigns of the Parties.

9.13 The Court shall retain jurisdiction with respect to enforcement of the terms of this Stipulation, and all parties hereto submit to the jurisdiction of the Court for purposes of enforcing the Settlement embodied in this Stipulation.

9.14 Any disputes arising out of finalizing and implementing this Stipulation or the Settlement itself shall be resolved by mediator David Geronemus. If such mediation fails to produce an agreed resolution, the dispute shall be submitted to the Court.

9.15 This Stipulation and the Exhibits hereto shall be considered to have been negotiated, executed and delivered, and to be wholly performed, in the State of New York and the rights and obligations of the parties to this Stipulation shall be construed and enforced in accordance with, and governed by, the internal, substantive laws of the State of New York without giving effect to that State's choice of law principles.

9.16 This Stipulation is deemed to have been prepared by Lead Counsel and Defendants' Counsel, as a result of arm's length negotiations among the Parties. Whereas all Parties have contributed substantially and materially to the preparation of this Stipulation, it shall not be construed more strictly against one party than another.

9.17 Whenever this Stipulation requires or contemplates that a Party shall or may give notice to another Party, notice shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given

upon receipt of overnight courier, emailed PDF, or similar-format electronic document. Notice shall be provided as follows:

If to Plaintiff or Lead Counsel,
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9.18 All time periods set forth herein shall be computed in calendar days unless otherwise expressly provided. In computing any period of time prescribed or allowed by this Stipulation or by order of the Court, the day of the act, event, or default from which the designated period of time begins to run shall not be included.


9.19 Pending approval of the Court of this Stipulation and final determination whether the Settlement should be approved, all proceedings in the Action shall be stayed and: (i) Plaintiff, all Settlement Class Members, and all other Released Plaintiff Parties shall be barred and enjoined from prosecuting any of the Settlement Class Claims against Defendants or any other Released Defendant Parties; and (ii) Defendants and any other Released Defendant Parties shall be barred and enjoined from prosecuting any of the Defendant Claims against Plaintiff, any Settlement Class Member, or any other Released Plaintiff Parties.

9.20 The Parties reserve the right, subject to the Court's approval, to make any reasonable extensions of time that might be necessary to carry out any of the provisions of this Stipulation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have caused this Stipulation to be executed,
by their duly authorized attorneys, dated February 4, 2025

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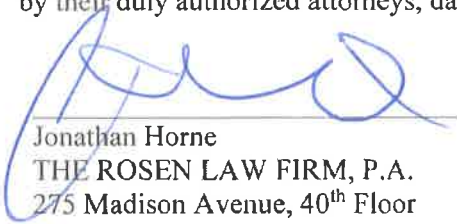
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EXHIBIT A

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

RUSSELL HUNTER, Individually and on behalf of
all others similarly situated,

Plaintiff,

v.

BLUE RIDGE BANKSHARES, INC., BRIAN K.
PLUM, JUDY C. GAVANT, AND ANDREW H.
MOSER,

Defendants.

Case No. 1:23-cv-08944-DG-JAM

**[PROPOSED] ORDER GRANTING PLAINTIFF’S MOTION FOR
PRELIMINARY APPROVAL OF CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT**

WHEREAS, Lead Plaintiff Russell L. Hunter (“Plaintiff”), on behalf of himself and the Settlement Class; and defendants Blue Ridge Bankshares, Inc. (“Blue Ridge”), Brian K. Plum, Judy C. Gavant and Andrew Moser (collectively, “Defendants” and together with Plaintiff the “Parties”), through their respective counsel of record, have entered into the Stipulation of Settlement, dated February 4, 2025 (the “Stipulation”), which is subject to review under Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and which, together with the exhibits annexed thereto, sets forth the terms and conditions for the proposed settlement and dismissal of the class action pending before the Court entitled *Hunter v. Blue Ridge Bankshares, Inc., et al.*, Case No. 1:23-cv-08944-DG-JAM (the “Action”); and the Court having read and considered the Stipulation and the exhibits thereto and submissions made relating thereto, and finding that substantial and sufficient grounds exist for entering this Order; and the Parties having consented to the entry of this Order;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, this ____ day of _____, 2025, that:

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1. Capitalized terms used and not defined herein have the meanings defined in the Stipulation.

2. Pursuant to Rule 23(a) and (b)(3) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and for the purposes of the Settlement only, the Action is hereby preliminarily certified as a class action on behalf of all persons and entities who: (a) purchased the publicly traded common stock of Blue Ridge between February 3, 2023 and October 31, 2023, both dates inclusive (the “Settlement Class Period”). Excluded from the Settlement Class are: (a) Defendants and their families, the officers, directors and affiliates of Defendants at all relevant times, members of their immediate families and their legal representatives, heirs, successors or assigns, and any entity in which any Defendant has or had a controlling interest; (b) persons and entities who suffered no compensable losses; and (c) persons and entities who submit valid requests for exclusion from the Settlement Class.

3. This Court finds, preliminarily and for purposes of this Settlement only, that the prerequisites for a class action under Rules 23(a) and (b)(3) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure have been satisfied in that: (a) the number of Settlement Class Members is so numerous that joinder of all members of the Settlement Class is impracticable; (b) there are questions of law and fact common to the Settlement Class; (c) the claims of Plaintiff are typical of the claims of the Settlement Class he seeks to represent; (d) Plaintiff fairly and adequately represents the interests of the Settlement Class; (e) questions of law and fact common to the Settlement Class predominate over any questions affecting only individual members of the Settlement Class; and (f) a class action is superior to other available methods for the fair and efficient adjudication of the Action.

4. Pursuant to Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, preliminarily and for the purposes of this Settlement only, Plaintiff is certified as the class representative on behalf of the Settlement Class (“Class Representative”) and Lead Counsel, The Rosen Law Firm, P.A.,

previously selected by Plaintiff and appointed by the Court, is hereby appointed as Lead Counsel for the Settlement Class (“Class Counsel”).

5. The Court finds that (a) the Stipulation resulted from good faith, arm’s length negotiations, and (b) the Stipulation is sufficiently fair, reasonable and adequate to the Settlement Class Members to warrant providing notice of the Settlement to Settlement Class Members and holding a Settlement Fairness Hearing.

6. The Court hereby preliminarily approves the Settlement, subject to further consideration at a hearing (the “Settlement Fairness Hearing”) pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(e), which is hereby scheduled to be held before the Court on _____ at __. m. for the following purposes:

(a) to determine finally whether the applicable prerequisites for class action treatment under Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 23(a) and (b) are satisfied;

(b) to determine finally whether the Settlement is fair, reasonable, and adequate, and should be approved by the Court;

(c) to determine finally whether the Order and Final Judgment as provided under the Stipulation should be entered, dismissing the Action on the merits and with prejudice, and to determine whether the release of Released Claims against the Released Parties, as set forth in the Stipulation, should be ordered, along with a permanent injunction barring efforts to prosecute or attempt to prosecute any Released Claims extinguished by the release against any of the Released Parties, as also set forth in the Stipulation;

(d) to determine finally whether the proposed Plan of Allocation for the distribution of the Net Settlement Fund is fair and reasonable and should be approved by the Court;

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(e) to consider the application of Class Counsel for an award of attorneys' fees and expenses and a service award to the Class Representative;

(f) to consider Settlement Class Members' objections to the Settlement, if any, whether submitted previously in writing or presented orally at the Settlement Fairness Hearing by Settlement Class Members (or by counsel on their behalf), provided that they gave proper notice that they intend to appear at the Settlement Fairness Hearing; and

(g) to rule upon such other matters as the Court may deem appropriate.

7. The Court reserves the right to: (a) hold the Settlement Fairness Hearing telephonically or by other virtual means; or (b) adjourn the Settlement Fairness Hearing to a later date; (c) approve the Settlement without modification, or with such modifications as may be agreed to by the Parties, and with or without further notice of any kind; and (d) enter its Order and Final Judgment approving the Settlement and dismissing the Action, on the merits and with prejudice, regardless of whether it has approved the Plan of Allocation or awarded attorneys' fees and expenses.

8. The Court approves the form, substance and requirements of (a) the Long Notice, (b) the Postcard Notice, (c) the Summary Notice, and (d) the Proof of Claim and Release Form ("Proof of Claim"), all of which are exhibits to the Stipulation.

9. Class Counsel have the authority to enter into the Settlement on behalf of the Settlement Class and have the authority to act on behalf of the Settlement Class with respect to all acts or consents required by or that may be given pursuant to the Stipulation or such other acts that are reasonably necessary to consummate the Settlement.

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10. For settlement purposes only, Strategic Claims Services is appointed and approved as the Claims Administrator to supervise and administer the notice procedure as well as the processing of claims.

11. Within twenty-one (21) calendar days after the later of (i) the Court granting Preliminary Approval of the Settlement, and (ii) the receipt by Defendants' Counsel providing Defendants with all necessary payment instructions pertaining to the Escrow Account (including the bank name, tax identification number, ABA routing number, contact information for an individual who can verify settlement payment instructions, and Form W-9), Defendants shall wire or pay, or cause to be wired or paid, by check or draft to the Escrow Account the Settlement Amount of two million five hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000) to be deposited into the Settlement Fund.

12. At any time after entry of this Order, the Lead Counsel may, without further approval from the Court or Defendants, disburse up to \$100,000 from the Settlement Fund to pay reasonable and necessary Notice and Administration Costs prior to the Effective Date. After the Effective Date, additional amounts may be transferred from the Settlement Fund for Lead Counsel to pay any additional reasonable and necessary Notice and Administration Costs without further Order of the Court.

13. No later than ten (10) business days after entry of this Order, Defendants shall provide or cause to be provided Blue Ridge's transfer records concerning the identity of Settlement Class Members, including any names, addresses, and email addresses of Settlement Class Members and nominees or custodians that exist in such transfer records ("Class Information") to Class Counsel. Defendants shall provide or cause to be provided the Class Information at no cost to Plaintiff or Class Counsel. The Class Information shall be provided in electronic searchable

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form, such as an Excel spreadsheet or other form as is reasonably available to Blue Ridge. The Parties acknowledge that any information Blue Ridge provides or causes to be provided to Class Counsel or the Claims Administrator pursuant to this paragraph shall be used by Class Counsel and/or the Claims Administrator solely to deliver the notice contemplated by this Order.

14. Class Counsel, through the Claims Administrator, shall cause the Stipulation and its exhibits, this Order, the Long Notice, and the Proof of Claim to be posted on the Claims Administrator's website within thirty (30) calendar days after entry of this Order.

15. Within thirty (30) calendar days of the entry of this Order, Class Counsel, through the Claims Administrator, shall cause the Summary Notice to be published electronically once over a national newswire service. Class Counsel shall, at least seven (7) calendar days before the Settlement Fairness Hearing, serve upon counsel for Defendants and file with the Court proof of publication of the Summary Notice.

16. Within thirty (30) calendar days of the entry of this Order, Class Counsel, through the Claims Administrator, shall either: (a) email links to the location of the Long Notice and Proof of Claim to Settlement Class Members for whom the Claims Administrator is able to obtain email addresses; or (b) cause the Postcard Notice, if no email address can be obtained, to be mailed, by first class mail, postage prepaid, to Settlement Class Members who can be identified with reasonable effort by Class Counsel, through the Claims Administrator.

17. Class Counsel, through the Claims Administrator, shall make all reasonable efforts to give notice to nominees or custodians who held publicly-traded Blue Ridge common stock as record owners but not as beneficial owners. Such nominees or custodians shall, within ten (10) calendar days of receipt of the notice, either: (i) request copies of the Postcard Notice sufficient to send the Postcard Notice to all beneficial owners for whom they are nominee or custodian, and

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within ten (10) calendar days after receipt thereof send copies to such beneficial owners; (ii) request an electronic copy of the Summary Notice and either email the Summary Notice in electronic format or links to the Long Notice and Proof of Claim to each beneficial owner for whom they are nominee or custodian within ten (10) calendar days after receipt thereof; or (iii) provide the Claims Administrator with lists of the names, last known addresses and email addresses (to the extent known) of such beneficial owners, in which event the Claims Administrator shall promptly deliver the Summary Notice or a link to the Long Notice and Proof of Claim, if email addresses are available, or Postcard Notice to such beneficial owners, if last known addresses are provided. If the Claims Administrator receives an email address, it will send a or link to the Notice and Proof of Claim electronically. Nominees or custodians who elect to email notice or send the Postcard Notice to their beneficial owners shall send a written certification to the Claims Administrator confirming that the mailing has been made as directed. Copies of the Postcard Notice shall be made available to any nominee or custodian requesting same for the purpose of distribution to beneficial owners. The Claims Administrator shall, if requested, reimburse nominees or custodians out of the Settlement Fund solely for their reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred in providing notice to beneficial owners, which expenses would not have been incurred except for the providing of names and addresses, in amounts up to: (i) \$0.03 per name, mailing address and email address (to the extend available) provided to Claims Administrator; (ii) \$0.03 per email for emailing notice; or (iii) \$0.03 per postcard, plus postage at the pre-sort rate used by the Claims Administrator, for mailing the Postcard Notice, subject to further order of this Court with respect to any dispute concerning such reimbursement.

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18. Class Counsel shall, at least seven (7) calendar days before the Settlement Fairness Hearing, serve upon counsel for Defendants and file with the Court proof of the mailing and emailing of Notice, as required by this Order.

19. The forms and methods set forth herein of notifying the Settlement Class Members of the Settlement and its terms and conditions meet the requirements of due process, Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and Section 21D(a)(7) of the Exchange Act, 15 U.S.C. 78u-4(a)(7), as amended by the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995; constitute the best notice practicable under the circumstances; and constitute due and sufficient notice to all persons and entities entitled thereto. No Settlement Class Member will be relieved from the terms and conditions of the Settlement, including the releases provided for therein, based upon the contention or proof that such Settlement Class Member failed to receive actual or adequate notice.

20. In order to be entitled to participate in recovery from the Net Settlement Fund after the Effective Date, each Settlement Class Member shall take the following action and be subject to the following conditions:

(a) A properly completed and executed Proof of Claim, must be submitted to the Claims Administrator: (i) electronically through the Claims Administrator's website, www.strategicclaims.net/BlueRidge, by 11:59 p.m. EST on _____, 2025; or (ii) at the Post Office Box indicated in the Notice, postmarked no later than _____, 2025 (twenty-one (21) calendar days prior to the Settlement Fairness Hearing). Such deadline may be further extended by the Court. Each Proof of Claim shall be deemed submitted when: (i) the Claimant receives a confirmation notice from Strategic Claims Services for electronic submissions; or (ii) legibly postmarked (if properly addressed and mailed by first class mail) provided such Proof of Claim is actually received before the Settlement Fairness Hearing. Any Proof of Claim Form submitted in

any other manner shall be deemed to have been submitted when it was actually received by the Claims Administrator at the address designated in the Notice.

(b) The Proof of Claim submitted by each Settlement Class Member must satisfy the following conditions: (i) it must be properly completed, signed and submitted in a timely manner in accordance with the provisions of the preceding subparagraph; (ii) it must be accompanied by adequate supporting documentation for the transactions reported therein, in the form of broker confirmation slips, broker account statements, an authorized statement from the broker containing the transactional information found in a broker confirmation slip, or such other documentation as is deemed adequate by the Claims Administrator or Class Counsel; (iii) if the person executing the Proof of Claim is acting in a representative capacity, a certification of his current authority to act on behalf of the Settlement Class Member must be provided with the Proof of Claim; and (iv) the Proof of Claim must be complete and contain no material deletions or modifications of any of the printed matter contained therein and must be signed under penalty of perjury.

(c) Once the Claims Administrator has considered a timely submitted Proof of Claim, it shall determine whether such claim is valid, deficient or rejected. For each claim determined to be either deficient or rejected, the Claims Administrator shall send a deficiency letter or rejection letter as appropriate, describing the basis on which the claim was so determined. Persons who timely submit a Proof of Claim that is deficient or otherwise rejected shall be afforded a reasonable time (at least ten (10) calendar days) to cure such deficiency if it shall appear that such deficiency may be cured. If any Claimant whose claim has been rejected in whole or in part wishes to contest such rejection, the Claimant must, within ten (10) calendar days after the date of mailing of the notice, serve upon the Claims Administrator a notice and statement of reasons

indicating the Claimant's ground for contesting the rejection along with any supporting documentation, and requesting a review thereof by the Court. If an issue concerning a claim cannot be otherwise resolved, Class Counsel shall thereafter present the request for review to the Court.

(d) As part of the Proof of Claim, each Settlement Class Member shall submit to the jurisdiction of the Court with respect to the claim submitted, and shall, upon the Effective Date, release all claims as provided in the Stipulation.

21. All Settlement Class Members who do not submit valid and timely Proofs of Claim will be forever barred from receiving any payments from the Net Settlement Fund, but will in all other respects be subject to and bound by the provisions of the Stipulation and the Order and Final Judgment, if entered.

22. Settlement Class Members shall be bound by all determinations and judgments in this Action whether favorable or unfavorable, unless such Persons request exclusion from the Settlement Class in a timely and proper manner, as hereinafter provided. A Settlement Class Member wishing to make such request for exclusion shall mail it, in written form, by first class mail, postage prepaid, or otherwise deliver it, so that it is received no later than _____, 2025 (twenty-one (21) calendar days prior to the Settlement Fairness Hearing) (the "Exclusion Deadline"), to the addresses listed in the Notice. In order to be valid, such request for exclusion must:

(a) clearly indicate the name and address and phone number and e-mail contact information (if any) of the Person seeking exclusion, and state that the sender specifically "requests to be excluded from the Settlement Class in *Hunter v. Blue Ridge Bankshares, Inc., et al.*, Case No. 1:23-cv-08944-DG-JAM."

(b) state the number of shares of publicly-traded Blue Ridge common stock the Person seeking exclusion (i) owned as of the opening of trading on February 2, 2023, and (ii) purchased and/or sold during the Settlement Class Period, including the number of shares, dates, and prices for each transaction, and the number of shares of Blue Ridge common stock held by the Person as of October 31, 2023;

(c) be submitted with documentary proof: (i) of each purchase and, if applicable, sale transaction of publicly-traded Blue Ridge common stock during the Settlement Class Period and (ii) demonstrating the Person's status as a beneficial owner of those shares; and

(d) be signed and submitted by the Claimant under penalty of perjury.

23. The request for exclusion shall not be effective unless it provides the required information, is legible, and is made within the time stated above, or the exclusion is otherwise accepted by the Court. Class Counsel may contact any Person filing a request for exclusion, or their attorney if one is designated, to discuss the exclusion.

24. The Claims Administrator shall provide all requests for exclusion and supporting documentation submitted therewith (including untimely requests and revocations of requests) to counsel for the Parties promptly as received(if later than the Exclusion Deadline). The Settlement Class will not include any Person who delivers a valid and timely request for exclusion.

25. Any Person that submits a request for exclusion may thereafter submit to the Claims Administrator a written revocation of that request for exclusion, provided that it is received no later than three (3) Business Days before the Settlement Fairness Hearing, in which event that Person will be included in the Settlement Class.

26. All Persons who submit valid, timely and unrevoked request for exclusions will be forever barred from receiving any payments from the Net Settlement Fund.

27. The Court will consider comments and/or objections to the Settlement, the Plan of Allocation, or the Fee and Expense Application, provided, however, that no Settlement Class Member or other Person shall be heard or entitled to contest the approval of the terms and conditions of the proposed Settlement or, if approved, the Order and Final Judgment, or any other order relating thereto, unless that Person has served copies of any objections, papers and briefs such that it is received by each the following counsel at least twenty-one (21) calendar days prior to the Settlement Fairness Hearing Date:

CLASS COUNSEL:

Jonathan Horne
THE ROSEN LAW FIRM, P.A.
275 Madison Avenue, 40th Floor
New York, NY 10016

DEFENDANTS' COUNSEL:

Jeffrey J. Chapman
MCGUIREWOODS LLP
1251 Avenue of the Americas, 20th Floor
New York, NY 10020

and that Person has at least twenty-one (21) calendar days prior to the Settlement Fairness Hearing date filed said objections, papers and briefs, showing due proof of service upon counsel identified above, with the Clerk of the Court, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York, 225 Cadman Plaza East Brooklyn, NY 11201. To be valid, any such objection must: (1) state the Settlement Class Member's name, address, email address (if any), and telephone number; (2) state and include documentation of the number of shares of publicly-traded Blue Ridge common stock the Settlement Class Member (i) owned as of the opening of trading on February 3, 2023, and (ii) purchased and/or sold during the Settlement Class Period, including the number of shares, dates, and prices for each transaction; (3) state all grounds for the objection, including any legal support known to the Settlement Class Member and/or his, her, or its counsel; (4) state the name, address

and telephone number of all counsel who represent the Settlement Class Member, including former or current counsel who may be entitled to compensation in connection with the objection; and (5) state the number of times the Settlement Class Member and/or his, her, or its counsel has filed an objection to a class action settlement in the last five years, the nature of each such objection in each case, the jurisdiction in each case, and the name of the issuer of the security or seller of the product or service at issue in each case. Attendance at the Settlement Fairness Hearing is not necessary, but Persons wishing to be heard orally in opposition to the approval of the Stipulation, the Plan of Allocation, and/or the Fee and Expense Application are required to indicate in their written objection (or in a separate writing that is submitted and served on Class Counsel and Defendants' Counsel at least ten (10) calendar days prior to the Settlement Fairness Hearing) that they intend to appear at the Settlement Fairness Hearing and identify any witnesses they may call to testify or exhibits they intend to introduce into evidence at the Settlement Fairness Hearing.

28. Any Settlement Class Member who does not object in the manner prescribed above shall be deemed to have waived all such objections and shall forever be foreclosed from making any objection to the fairness, adequacy or reasonableness of the Settlement, the Order and Final Judgment to be entered approving the Settlement, the Plan of Allocation, and/or the Fee and Expense Application, unless otherwise ordered by the Court; shall be bound by all the terms and provisions of the Stipulation and by all proceedings, orders and judgments in the Action; and shall also be foreclosed from appealing from any judgment or order entered in this Action.

29. The Court reserves the right to adjourn the Settlement Fairness Hearing without any further notice other than entry of an Order on the Court's docket, and to approve the Settlement without further notice to the Settlement Class.

30. All papers in support of the Settlement, the Plan of Allocation and/or the Fee and Expense Application shall be filed and served no later than twenty-eight (28) calendar days before the Settlement Fairness Hearing.

31. Any submissions filed in response to any objections or in further support of the Settlement, the Plan of Allocation and/or the Fee and Expense Application shall be filed no later than seven (7) calendar days prior to the Settlement Fairness Hearing.

32. Defendants shall have no responsibility for, or liability with respect to, the Plan of Allocation or any application for attorneys' fees and interest, or expenses or payments to the Class Representative submitted by Class Counsel, and such matters will be considered separately from the fairness, reasonableness, and adequacy of the Settlement.

33. Pending final determination of whether the Settlement should be approved, all parties to the Settlement shall be enjoined from commencing, prosecuting, or attempting to prosecute any Released Claims against any Released Party in any court or tribunal or proceeding. Unless and until the Stipulation is cancelled and terminated pursuant to the Stipulation, all proceedings in the Action, other than such proceedings as may be necessary to carry out or enforce the terms and conditions of the Stipulation, are hereby stayed and suspended until further order of the Court.

34. All funds held by the Escrow Agent shall be deemed and considered to be in the custody of the Court, and shall remain subject to the jurisdiction of the Court, until such time as such funds shall be distributed or returned pursuant to the Stipulation and Plan of Allocation and/or further order(s) of the Court.

35. Neither the Stipulation, nor any of its terms or provisions, nor any of the negotiations or proceedings connected with it, shall be construed as an admission or concession

by Defendants of the truth of any of the allegations in the Action, or of any liability, fault, or wrongdoing or any kind and shall not be construed as, or deemed to be evidence of or an admission or concession that Class Representative or any Settlement Class Members have suffered any damages, harm, or loss. Further, neither the Stipulation, nor any of its terms or provisions, nor any of the negotiations or proceedings connected with it, nor this Order shall be construed as an admission or concession by the Class Representative of the validity of any factual or legal defense or of the infirmity of any of the claims or facts alleged in this Action.

36. In the event the Settlement is not consummated in accordance with the terms of the Stipulation, then the Stipulation and this Order (including any amendment(s) thereof, and except as expressly provided in the Stipulation or by order of the Court) shall be null and void, of no further force or effect, and without prejudice to any Party, and may not be introduced as evidence or used in any action or proceeding by any Person against the Parties, and each Party shall be restored to his, her or its respective litigation positions as they existed prior to December 5, 2024, pursuant to the terms of the Stipulation.

37. The Court reserves the right to alter the time or the date of the Settlement Fairness Hearing without further notice to Settlement Class Members, provided that the time or the date of the Settlement Fairness Hearing shall not be set at a time or date earlier than the time and date set forth in ¶ 6 above. The Court retains exclusive jurisdiction over the Action to consider all further matters arising out of, or relating to, the Stipulation, including by way of illustration and not limitation, any dispute concerning any Proof of Claim submitted and any future requests by one or more of the Parties that the Order and Final Judgment, the releases and/or the permanent injunction set forth in the Stipulation be enforced.

Dated: _____, 2025

HON. DIANE GUJARATI
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

RUSSELL HUNTER, Individually and on behalf of
all others similarly situated,

Plaintiff,

v.

BLUE RIDGE BANKSHARES, INC., BRIAN K.
PLUM, JUDY C. GAVANT, AND ANDREW H.
MOSER,

Defendants.

Case No. 1:23-cv-08944-DG-JAM

NOTICE OF PENDENCY AND PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF CLASS ACTION

If you purchased the publicly-traded common stock of Blue Ridge Bankshares, Inc. (“Blue Ridge”) between February 3, 2023 and October 31, 2023, both dates inclusive (the “Class Period”), you could get a payment from a class action settlement (the “Settlement”).

A federal court has authorized this Notice. This is not attorney advertising.

- If approved by the Court, the Settlement will provide two million five hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000) (the “Settlement Fund”) gross, plus interest as it accrues, minus attorneys’ fees, costs, administrative expenses, and net of any taxes on interest, to pay claims of investors who purchased publicly-traded Blue Ridge common stock during the Class Period.
- The Settlement represents an estimated average recovery of \$0.38 per share of publicly-traded common stock for the 6.54 million shares of publicly-traded Blue Ridge common stock allegedly damaged during the Class Period. Settlement Class Members may recover more or less than this amount depending on, among other factors, the aggregate losses of all Settlement Class Members, the total number and amount of claims filed, when and the price at which their shares were purchased, whether the shares were sold, and if so, when they were sold and for how much.
- Lead Counsel will ask the Court to award attorneys’ fees in an amount of up to one-third of the Settlement Fund, reimbursement of no more than \$80,000 in litigation expenses, and a total case contribution award to Plaintiff not to exceed \$3,500. Collectively, the attorneys’ fees and expenses and Plaintiff’s award are estimated not to exceed an average of \$0.14 per share of publicly-traded Blue Ridge common stock allegedly damaged during the Class

Period. If approved by the Court, these amounts will be paid from the Settlement Fund. The Court will review the application for attorneys' fees, expenses, and award to Plaintiff at the Settlement Fairness Hearing and determine the amounts that are reasonable and appropriate.

- The average approximate recovery, after deduction of attorneys' fees and expenses and award to Plaintiff approved by the Court, is \$0.24 per share of publicly-traded Blue Ridge common stock allegedly damaged during the Class Period. This estimate is based on the assumptions set forth in the preceding paragraphs. This is not an estimate of the actual recovery per share Settlement Class Members should expect. Each Settlement Class Member's actual recovery will depend on, among other factors, the aggregate losses of all Settlement Class Members, the total number and amount of claims filed, when and the price at which their shares were purchased, whether the shares were sold, and if so, when they were sold and for how much.
- The Settlement resolves Plaintiff's allegations, brought under Sections 10(b) and 20(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, that Defendants made false and misleading statements concerning Blue Ridge's financial statements. Specifically, Plaintiff alleged that Defendants misled the public as to the status of two of Blue Ridge's largest loans. Plaintiff alleged that as a result, investors were given a false impression as to Blue Ridge's loan portfolio and Blue Ridge's losses. Defendants denied and continue to deny, among other things, the allegations they misrepresented Blue Ridge's financials, that Plaintiff or the Settlement Class have suffered damages, or that Plaintiff or the Settlement Class were harmed by the conduct alleged in the Action. Defendants believe Plaintiff's allegations are without merit, and have denied and continue to deny all allegations of wrongdoing, fault, liability or damage.
- Your legal rights will be affected whether you act or do not act. If you do not act, you may permanently forfeit your right to any recovery. Therefore, you should read this Notice carefully.

YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS AND OPTIONS IN THIS SETTLEMENT

Submit a Claim Form

Fill out the attached Proof of Claim and Release Form ("Proof of Claim") and submit it no later than _____, 2025. **This is the only way to get a payment.**

Exclude Yourself from the Class	Submit a request for exclusion no later than _____, 2025 . This is the only way you can ever be part of any other lawsuit against the Defendants or other Released Defendant Parties relating to the legal claims in this case. If you exclude yourself, you will receive no payment and cannot object or speak at the hearing.
Object	Write to the Court no later than _____, 2025 , about why you do not like the Settlement. You can still submit a Proof of Claim. If the Court approves the Settlement, you will be bound by it.
Go to the Hearing	Ask to speak in Court about the fairness of the Settlement no later than _____, 2025 , at the hearing on _____, 2025 . You can still submit a Proof of Claim. If the Court approves the Settlement, you will be bound by it.
Do Nothing	Get no payment AND give up your right to bring your own individual action relating to the claims asserted in the Action.

INQUIRIES

Please do not contact the Court regarding this Notice. All inquiries concerning this Notice, the Proof of Claim, or the Settlement should be directed to:

<u>Claims Administrator</u>	or	<u>Lead Counsel</u>
Blue Ridge Bankshares, Inc. Securities Litigation c/o Strategic Claims Services P.O. Box 230 600 N. Jackson Street, Suite 205 Media, PA 19063 Tel.: (866) 274-4004 Fax: (610) 565-7985 info@strategicclaims.net		Jonathan Horne THE ROSEN LAW FIRM, P.A. 275 Madison Avenue, 40th Floor New York, NY 10016 Tel: (212) 686-1060 Fax: (212) 202-3827 jhorne@rosenlegal.com

DEFINITIONS

All capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the same meanings as set forth in the Stipulation of Settlement, dated February 4, 2025 (the “Stipulation”).

COMMON QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS CONCERNING THE SETTLEMENT

1. Why did I get this Notice?

You or someone in your family may have purchased the publicly-traded common stock of Blue Ridge between February 3, 2023 and October 31, 2023 both dates inclusive.

2. What is this lawsuit about?

The case is known as *Hunter v. Blue Ridge Bankshares, Inc., et al*, Case No. 1:23-cv-08944-DG-JAM (the “Action”). The Court in charge of the case is the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York.

The Action involves allegations that Defendants made false and misleading statements concerning Blue Ridge’s financial statements. Specifically, Plaintiff alleged that Defendants misled the public as to the status of two of Blue Ridge’s largest loans. Plaintiff alleged that as a result, investors were given a false impression as to Blue Ridge’s loan portfolio and Blue Ridge’s losses.

Defendants have denied and continue to deny all allegations of wrongdoing, fault, liability or damage whatsoever asserted in the Action. The Settlement shall in no event be construed as, or deemed to be evidence of, liability, fault, wrongdoing, injury or damages, or of any wrongful conduct, acts or omissions on the part of any of the Released Defendant Parties, or of any infirmity of any defense, or of any damages to Plaintiff or any other Settlement Class Member.

3. Why is this a class action?

In a class action, one or more persons and/or entities, called plaintiffs, sue on behalf of all persons and/or entities who have similar claims. All of these persons and/or entities are referred to collectively as a class, and these individual persons and/or entities are known as class members. One court resolves all of the issues for all class members, except for those class members who exclude themselves from the class.

4. Why is there a Settlement?

Plaintiff and Defendants do not agree on the merits of Plaintiff’s allegations or the amount of damages, if any, that would be recoverable even if Plaintiff were to prevail at trial on each claim. The issues on which Plaintiff and Defendants disagree include, among other issues: (1) whether Defendants made any allegedly materially false or misleading statements; (2) whether Defendants acted knowingly, recklessly, or negligently in making the alleged misrepresentations; (3) the causes of the loss in the value of publicly-traded Blue Ridge common stock; and (4) the amount of damages, if any, that could be recovered at trial.

In light of the amount of the Settlement, the risks posed by continued litigation of the Action, and the immediacy of recovery to the Settlement Class, Plaintiff and Lead Counsel believe that the Settlement is fair, reasonable, and adequate, and in the best interests of the Settlement Class. Plaintiff and Lead Counsel believe that the Settlement provides a substantial benefit now, namely \$2,500,000 in cash (less the various deductions described in this Notice), as compared to the risk that the claims would produce a smaller recovery,

or no recovery, possibly years in the future.

5. How do I know if I am part of the Settlement?

The Settlement Class consists of all persons and entities who purchased the publicly-traded common stock of Blue Ridge between February 3, 2023 and October 31, 2023 both dates inclusive.

There are certain exclusions from the Settlement Class; see Question 6 below.

6. Are there exceptions to being included?

Yes. Excluded from the Settlement Class are: (a) Defendants and their families, the officers, directors and affiliates of Defendants at all relevant times, members of their immediate families and their legal representatives, heirs, successors or assigns, and any entity in which any Defendant has or had a controlling interest; and (b) persons and entities who suffered no compensable losses.

Also excluded from the Settlement Class are those Persons who submit valid and timely a request for exclusion as described below in the response to Question 11.

7. What if I am still not sure whether I am included?

If you are still not sure after reading this Notice whether you are included in the Settlement Class, you can ask for free help. For more information, you can contact the Claims Administrator, Strategic Claims Services, by phone at (866) 274-4004, by email at info@strategicclaims.net, or by facsimile at (610) 565-7985; or fill out and return the Proof of Claim described in Question 9, to see if you qualify.

8. What does the Settlement provide?

a. What is the Settlement Fund?

The proposed Settlement provides for Defendants to pay or cause to be paid two million five hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000) into a settlement fund (the “Settlement Fund”). The Settlement is subject to Court approval. Also, subject to the Court’s approval, a portion of the Settlement Fund will be used to pay attorneys’ fees with interest and reasonable litigation expenses to Lead Counsel, and any award to Plaintiff. A portion of the Settlement Fund also will be used to pay taxes due on interest earned by the Settlement Fund, if necessary, and the costs of the claims administration, including the costs of printing and mailing and/or emailing notices and the costs of publishing notices. After the foregoing deductions from the Settlement Fund have been made, the amount remaining (the “Net Settlement Fund”) will be distributed to Settlement Class Members who submit timely, valid claims, according to the Plan of Allocation to be approved by the Court.

b. What can you expect to receive under the proposed Settlement?

Your share of the Net Settlement Fund will or may depend on: (i) the number of claims filed by all Settlement Class Members; (ii) the dates you purchased and sold publicly-

traded Blue Ridge common stock; (iii) the prices of your purchases and sales; (iv) the amount of administrative costs, including the costs of notice; and (v) the amount awarded by the Court to Lead Counsel for attorneys' fees, costs, and expenses and award to Plaintiff.

The Net Settlement Fund will be distributed to Settlement Class Members who submit a Proof of Claim and whose claims for recovery are allowed by the Claims Administrator ("Authorized Claimants") pursuant to the terms of the Stipulation or by order of the Court in accordance with the Proposed Plan of Allocation below. The objective of the Plan of Allocation is to equitably distribute the settlement proceeds to those Settlement Class Members who suffered economic losses as a proximate result of Defendants' alleged misrepresentations. The Proposed Plan of Allocation reflects Plaintiff's contention that because of the alleged misrepresentations made by Defendants, the price of publicly-traded Blue Ridge common stock was artificially inflated during the Class Period, and that certain subsequent disclosures caused reductions in the inflated price of publicly-traded Blue Ridge common stock.

PROPOSED PLAN OF ALLOCATION

The Plan of Allocation is a matter separate and apart from the proposed Settlement, and any decision by the Court concerning the Plan of Allocation shall not affect the validity or finality of the proposed Settlement. The Court may approve the Plan of Allocation with or without modifications agreed to among the Parties, or another plan of allocation, without further notice to Class Members. Any orders regarding a modification of the Plan of Allocation will be posted to the Claims Administrator's website, www.strategicclaims.net/BlueRidge/.

The Claims Administrator shall determine each Authorized Claimant's *pro rata* share of the Net Settlement Fund based upon each Authorized Claimant's Recognized Loss. **Please Note:** The Recognized Loss formula, set forth below, is not intended to be an estimate of the amount of what a Settlement Class Member might have been able to recover after a trial, nor is it an estimate of the amount that will be paid to Authorized Claimants pursuant to the Settlement. The Recognized Loss formula is the basis upon which the Net Settlement Fund will be proportionately allocated to the Authorized Claimants. To the extent there are sufficient funds in the Net Settlement Fund, each Authorized Claimant will receive an amount equal to the Authorized Claimant's Recognized Loss and subject to the provisions in the preceding paragraph. If, however, the amount in the Net Settlement Fund is not sufficient to permit payment of the total Recognized Loss of each Authorized Claimant, then each Authorized Claimant shall be paid the percentage of the Net Settlement Fund that each Authorized Claimant's Recognized Loss bears to the total Recognized Losses of all Authorized Claimants and subject to the provisions in the preceding paragraph (*i.e.*, "*pro rata* share"). Claimants who would otherwise receive a potential distribution of less than \$10.00 in cash shall instead receive a distribution of \$10.00

If any funds remain in the Net Settlement Fund by reason of uncashed checks, or otherwise, after the Claims Administrator has made reasonable and diligent efforts to have Authorized Claimants who are entitled to participate in the distribution of the Net Settlement Fund cash their distribution checks, then any balance remaining in the Net Settlement Fund six (6) months after the initial distribution of such funds shall be used: (i) first, to pay any amounts mistakenly omitted from the initial distribution to Authorized Claimants; (ii) second, to pay any additional Notice and Administration Costs incurred in administering the Settlement; and (iii) finally, to make a second distribution to Authorized Claimants who cashed their checks from the initial distribution and who would receive at least \$10.00 from such second distribution, after payment of the estimated costs or fees to be incurred in administering the Net Settlement Fund and in making this second distribution, if such second distribution is economically feasible. If six (6) months after such second distribution, if undertaken, or if such second distribution is not undertaken, any funds shall remain in the Net Settlement Fund after the Claims Administrator has made reasonable and diligent efforts to have Authorized Claimants who are entitled to participate in this Settlement cash their checks, any funds remaining in the Net Settlement Fund shall be donated to the Howard University Investor Justice & Education Clinic.

THE BASIS FOR CALCULATING YOUR RECOGNIZED LOSS:

Recognized Loss for the Company's Publicly Traded Common Stock Purchased During the Settlement Class Period will be calculated as follows:

- (A) For shares purchased during the Settlement Class Period and sold during the Settlement Class Period, the Recognized Loss per share will be the inflation per share upon purchase (as set forth in Inflation Table A below) less the inflation per share upon sale (as set forth in Inflation Table A below).
- (B) For shares purchased during the Settlement Class Period and retained as of the close of trading on October 31, 2021, the Recognized Loss will be the inflation per share upon purchase (as set forth in Inflation Table A below).

INFLATION TABLE A	
Common Stock Purchased During the Settlement Class Period	
<u>Period</u>	<u>Inflation</u>
February 3, 2023 to April 27, 2023, inclusive	\$3.23 per share
April 28, 2023 to April 30, 2023, inclusive	\$2.90 per share
May 1, 2023 to July 30, 2023, inclusive	\$2.26 per share
July 31, 2023	\$1.47 per share
August 1, 2023 to October 31, 2023	\$1.06 per share

After October 31, 2023	\$0.00 per share
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For purposes of calculating your Recognized Loss, the date of purchase or sale of the publicly traded common stock is the “contract” or “trade” date and not the “settlement” or “payment” date. The receipt or grant by gift, inheritance or operation of law of the Company shares shall not be deemed a purchase or sale of shares for the calculation of an Authorized Claimant’s Recognized Loss. The covering purchase of a short sale is not an eligible purchase.

For purposes of calculating your Recognized Loss, all purchases and sales shall be matched on a First In First Out (“FIFO”) basis in chronological order. Therefore, on the Proof of Claim enclosed with this Notice, you must provide all your purchases and sales of the Company’s publicly traded common stock during the period February 3, 2023 through and including October 31, 2023. Blue Ridge shares purchased and sold during the Settlement Class Period must have been sold at a loss and after an alleged corrective disclosure to qualify as a Recognized Loss. Trading gains, if any, will have a Recognized Loss of \$0.

Payment pursuant to the Plan of Allocation approved by the Court shall be conclusive against all Authorized Claimants. No person shall have any claim against Defendants, Defendants’ Counsel, Lead Plaintiffs, Lead Counsel or the Settlement Administrator or other agent designated by Lead Counsel based on the distributions made substantially in accordance with the Stipulation and the Settlement contained therein, the Plan of Allocation, or further orders of the Court. Each claimant shall be deemed to have submitted to the jurisdiction of the Court with respect to the claimant’s Claim Form. All persons involved in the review, verification, calculation, tabulation, or any other aspect of the processing of the claims submitted in connection with the Settlement, or otherwise involved in the administration or taxation of the Settlement Fund or the Net Cash Settlement Amount shall be released and discharged from any and all claims arising out of such involvement, and all Settlement Class Members, whether or not they are to receive payment from the Net Cash Settlement Amount, will be barred from making any further claim against the Net Settlement Fund beyond the amount allocated to them as provided in any distribution orders entered by the Court.

9. How can I get a payment?

To qualify for a payment, you must send in a form entitled “Proof of Claim and Release Form.” This Proof of Claim is attached to this Notice. You may also obtain a Proof of Claim at www.strategicclaims.net/BlueRidge/. Read the instructions carefully, fill out the

form, and sign it in the location indicated. The Proof of Claim may be completed in two ways: (1) by completing and submitting it electronically at www.strategicclaims.net/BlueRidge/ by **11:59 p.m. EST on _____, 2025**; or (2) by mailing the claim form together with all documentation requested in the form, **postmarked no later than _____, 2025** to:

Blue Ridge Bankshares, Inc. Securities Litigation
c/o Strategic Claims Services
P.O. Box 230
600 N. Jackson St., Ste. 205
Media, PA 19063
Fax: (610) 565-7985
info@strategicclaims.net

The Claims Administrator will process your claim and determine whether you are an Authorized Claimant. Please contact the Claims Administrator if you disagree with any determinations made by the Claims Administrator regarding your Proof of Claim. If you are unsatisfied with the determinations, you may ask the Court, which retains jurisdiction over all Settlement Class Members and the claims-administration process, to decide the issue by submitting a written request.

10. What am I giving up by receiving a payment and staying in the Class?

Unless you exclude yourself from the Settlement Class by the _____, 2025, deadline, you will remain a member of the Settlement Class, receive your share of the Net Settlement Fund if you are an Authorized Claimant and submitted a valid Proof of Claim, and will be bound by the release of claims against the Defendants and other Released Defendant Parties if the Settlement is approved. That means you and all other Settlement Class Members and each of their respective past or present trustees, officers, directors, partners, employees, affiliates, contractors, principals, agents, attorneys, predecessors, successors, assigns, insurers, parents, subsidiaries, general or limited partners or partnerships, and limited liability companies; and the spouses, members of the immediate families, representatives, and heirs of any of the foregoing who is an individual, as well as any trust of which any of the foregoing is the settlor or which is for the benefit of any of their immediate family members, will release (agreeing never to sue, continue to sue, or be part of any other lawsuit) Defendants and all Released Defendant Parties from any and all claims which arise out of, are based upon or relate in any way to the purchase of publicly-traded Blue Ridge common stock during the Class Period. It means that all of the Court's orders will apply to you and legally bind you. That means you will accept a share of the Net Settlement Fund as sole compensation for any losses you suffered with respect to the Plaintiff's Released Claims (as defined in the Stipulation) in the purchase, sale or ownership of publicly-traded Blue Ridge common stock during the Class Period. The specific terms of the release are included in the Stipulation.

11. How do I get out of the Settlement?

If you do not want to receive a payment from this Settlement, and you want to keep any right you may have to sue or continue to sue Defendants or other Released Defendant Parties on your own, at your own expense, about the claims being released in this Settlement, then you must take steps to exclude yourself from the Settlement. To exclude yourself from the Settlement, you must mail a letter that (A) clearly indicates your name, address, phone number and e-mail contact information (if any) and states that you “request to be excluded from the Settlement Class in *Hunter v. Blue Ridge Bankshares, Inc., et al*, Case No. 1:23-cv-08944-DG-JAM” and (B) state the number of shares of publicly-traded Blue Ridge common stock you (i) owned as of the opening of trading on February 3, 2023, and (ii) purchased and/or sold during the Class Period, including the number of shares, dates, and prices for each transaction.

To be valid, such request for exclusion must be submitted with documentary proof: (i) of each purchase and, if applicable, sale transaction of publicly-traded Blue Ridge common stock during the Class Period; and (ii) demonstrating your status as a beneficial owner of the Blue Ridge common stock. Any such request for exclusion must be signed and submitted by you, as the beneficial owner, under penalty of perjury. You must mail your exclusion request, to be **received no later than** _____, 2025, to the Claims Administrator at the following address:

Blue Ridge Bankshares, Inc. Securities Litigation
c/o Strategic Claims Services
P.O. Box 230
600 N. Jackson Street, Suite 205
Media, PA 19063

You cannot exclude yourself by telephone or by e-mail.

If you properly exclude yourself, you will *not* receive a payment from the Net Settlement Fund, you cannot object to the Settlement, and you will not be legally bound by the judgment in this case.

12. If I do not exclude myself, can I sue Defendants or the other Released Defendant Parties for the same thing later?

No. Unless you followed the procedure outlined in this Long Notice to exclude yourself, you give up any right to sue Defendants or the Released Defendant Parties for the claims being released in this Settlement. If you have a pending lawsuit related to any Released Claims, speak to your lawyer in that case immediately, since you must exclude yourself from this Settlement Class to continue your own lawsuit.

13. Do I have a lawyer in this case?

The Court appointed The Rosen Law Firm, P.A. as Lead Counsel to represent you and the other Settlement Class Members. If you want to be represented by your own lawyer, you may hire one at your own expense. Contact information for The Rosen Law Firm, P.A. is provided below.

14. How will the lawyers be paid?

Lead Counsel have expended considerable time litigating this Action on a contingent fee basis and have paid for the expenses of the case themselves. They have not been paid attorneys' fees or reimbursed for their expenses in advance of this Settlement. Lead Counsel have done so with the expectation that, if they are successful in recovering money for the Settlement Class, they will receive attorneys' fees and be reimbursed for their litigation expenses from the Settlement Fund, as is customary in this type of litigation. Lead Counsel will not receive attorneys' fees or be reimbursed for their litigation expenses except from the Settlement Fund. Therefore, Lead Counsel will apply to the Court for an award of attorneys' fees on behalf of Lead Counsel (*i.e.*, Lead Counsel, The Rosen Law Firm) in an amount not to exceed one-third (\$833,333.33) of the Settlement Fund plus interest, reimbursement of litigation expenses of no more than \$80,000, and an award to Plaintiff not to exceed \$3,500. The Court may award less than these amounts. Any amounts awarded by the Court will come out of the Settlement Fund.

15. How do I tell the Court that I do not like the Settlement?

You can tell the Court you do not agree with the Settlement, any part of the Settlement, and/or to Lead Counsel's motion for attorneys' fees and expenses and application for an award to Plaintiff, and/or that you think the Court should not approve the Settlement, by mailing a letter stating that you object to the Settlement in the matter of *Hunter v. Blue Ridge Bankshares, Inc., et al*, Case No. 1:23-cv-08944-DG-JAM. To be valid, any such objection must: (1) state your name, address, e-mail contact information (if any), and telephone number; (2) state and include documentation of the number of shares of publicly-traded Blue Ridge common stock you (i) owned as of the opening of trading on February 3, 2023, and (ii) purchased and/or sold during the Class Period, including the number of shares, dates, and prices for each transaction; (3) state all grounds for the objection, including any legal support known to you or your counsel; (4) state the name, address and telephone number of all counsel, if any, who represent you, including your former or current counsel who may be entitled to compensation in connection with the objection; and (5) state the number of times you and/or your counsel has filed an objection to a class action settlement in the last five years, the nature of each such objection in each case, the jurisdiction in each case, and the name of the issuer of the security or seller of the product or service at issue in each case. Attendance at the Settlement Fairness Hearing is not necessary. Objectors wishing to be heard orally at the Settlement Fairness Hearing are required to indicate in their written objection (or in a separate writing that is submitted and served on Lead Counsel and Defendants' Counsel at least ten (10) calendar days prior the Settlement Fairness Hearing) that they intend to appear at the Settlement Fairness Hearing and identify any witnesses they may call to testify or exhibits they intend to introduce into evidence at the Settlement Fairness Hearing. Be sure to serve copies of any objections, papers and briefs to **each** of the addresses listed below, to be **received no later than _____, 2025**:

Clerk of the Court United States District Court Eastern District of New York 225 Cadman Plaza East Brooklyn, NY 11201,	Jonathan Horne The Rosen Law Firm, P.A. 275 Madison Avenue 40 th Floor New York, NY 10016 <i>Lead Counsel for Plaintiff</i>	Jeffrey J. Chapman McGuireWoods LLP 1251 Avenue of the Americas, 20 th Floor New York, NY 10020 <i>Counsel for Defendants</i>
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16. What is the difference between objecting and requesting exclusion?

Objecting is simply telling the Court you do not like something about the Settlement or some portion thereof. You can object only if you stay in the Settlement Class. Requesting exclusion is telling the Court you do not want to be part of the Settlement Class and Settlement. If you exclude yourself, you cannot object to the Settlement because it no longer concerns you. If you stay in the Settlement Class and object, but your objection is overruled, you will not be allowed a second opportunity to exclude yourself.

17. When and where will the Court decide whether to approve the Settlement?

The Court will hold a Settlement Fairness Hearing on _____, 2025, at _____.m., at the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York, 225 Cadman Plaza East, Courtroom 4B South, Brooklyn, NY 11201. The Court reserves the right to hold the Settlement Fairness Hearing telephonically or by other virtual means. In the event the Court decides to hold the Settlement Fairness Hearing telephonically or by other virtual means, Lead Counsel will direct the Claims Administrator to update its website, on the page dedicated to this Settlement, to include the telephone number or other virtual means to access the Settlement Fairness Hearing.

18. Do I have to come to the hearing?

No. Lead Counsel will answer any questions the Court may have. However, you are welcome to attend at your own expense. If you send an objection, you do not have to come to Court to talk about it. As long as you mail your written objection so that it is received by _____, 2025, the Court will consider it.

19. What happens if I do nothing at all?

If you do nothing, you will not receive a payment from the Settlement. However, unless you exclude yourself, you will not be able to start a lawsuit, continue with a lawsuit, or be part of any other lawsuit against Defendants or the Released Defendant Parties about the Released Claims (as defined in the Stipulation) ever again.

SPECIAL NOTICE TO BROKERS AND OTHER NOMINEES

If, during the Class Period, you purchased or sold publicly-traded Blue Ridge, common stock for the beneficial interest of a person or organization other than yourself, the Court has directed that, WITHIN TEN (10) CALENDAR DAYS OF YOUR RECEIPT OF NOTICE, you either (a) provide to the Claims Administrator the name, email address, and last known address of each person or organization for whom or which you purchased publicly-traded Blue Ridge common stock during such time period; (b) request links to the Long Notice and Proof of Claim and an electronic copy of the Summary Notice and, within ten (10) calendar days after receiving the Summary Notice or link to the Notice and Proof of Claim, either email the Summary Notice and links to the Long Notice and Proof of Claim to the email address of each beneficial purchaser/owner of publicly-traded Blue Ridge common stock; or (c) request additional copies of the Postcard Notice, which will be provided to you free of charge, and within ten (10) calendar days of receipt, mail the Postcard Notice directly to the beneficial purchaser/owners of the publicly-traded Blue Ridge common stock. If you choose to follow alternative procedures (b) or (c), the Court has directed that, upon such mailing, you send a statement to the Claims Administrator confirming that the mailing or emailing was made as directed. You are entitled to reimbursement from the Settlement Fund of your reasonable out-of-pocket expenses actually incurred in connection with the foregoing, up to \$0.03 per name, address and email address provided to the Claims Administrator; up to a maximum of \$0.03 per Postcard Notice mailed by you, plus postage at the pre-sort rate used by the Claims Administrator; or \$0.03 per notice sent by email. Those expenses will be paid upon request and submission of appropriate supporting documentation. All communications regarding the foregoing should be addressed to the Claims Administrator at the address listed on page 3 above.

DATED: _____, 2025

BY ORDER OF THE UNITED STATES
DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN
DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

EXHIBIT A-2

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PROOF OF CLAIM AND RELEASE FORM

Deadline for Submission: _____, 2025

IF YOU PURCHASED PUBLICLY-TRADED BLUE RIDGE BANKSHARES, INC. ("BLUE RIDGE") COMMON STOCK OF BETWEEN FEBRUARY 3, 2023 AND OCTOBER 31, 2023 BOTH DATES INCLUSIVE (THE "CLASS PERIOD"), YOU ARE A "SETTLEMENT CLASS MEMBER" AND YOU MAY BE ENTITLED TO SHARE IN THE SETTLEMENT PROCEEDS. (EXCLUDED FROM THE SETTLEMENT CLASS ARE: (1) DEFENDANTS AND THEIR FAMILIES, THE OFFICERS, DIRECTORS AND AFFILIATES OF DEFENDANTS AT ALL RELEVANT TIMES, MEMBERS OF THEIR IMMEDIATE FAMILIES AND THEIR LEGAL REPRESENTATIVES, HEIRS, SUCCESSORS OR ASSIGNS, AND ANY ENTITY IN WHICH ANY DEFENDANT HAS OR HAD A CONTROLLING INTERESTING, (2) PERSONS WITH NO COMPENSABLE LOSSES, AND (3) PERSONS AND ENTITIES WHO SUBMIT VALID REQUESTS FOR EXCLUSION FROM THE SETTLEMENT CLASS.).

IF YOU ARE A SETTLEMENT CLASS MEMBER, YOU MUST COMPLETE AND SUBMIT THIS PROOF OF CLAIM AND RELEASE FORM ("PROOF OF CLAIM") TO BE ELIGIBLE TO SHARE IN THE SETTLEMENT BENEFITS. **YOU CAN COMPLETE AND SUBMIT THE ELECTRONIC VERSION OF THIS PROOF OF CLAIM BY 11:59 P.M. EST ON _____, 2025 AT WWW.STRATEGICCLAIMS.NET/BLUERIDGE/.**

IF YOU DO NOT COMPLETE AND SUBMIT AN ELECTRONIC VERSION OF THIS CLAIM FORM, YOU MUST COMPLETE AND SIGN THIS PROOF OF CLAIM AND MAIL IT BY FIRST CLASS MAIL, POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN _____, 2025 TO STRATEGIC CLAIMS SERVICES, THE CLAIMS ADMINISTRATOR, AT THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:

Blue Ridge Bankshares Inc. Securities Litigation
c/o Strategic Claims Services
600 N. Jackson Street, Suite 205
P.O. Box 230
Media, PA 19063
Tel.: 866-274-4004
info@strategicclaims.net

SUBMIT YOUR CLAIM ONLY TO THE CLAIMS ADMINISTRATOR. DO NOT MAIL OR DELIVER YOUR CLAIM TO THE COURT OR TO ANY OF THE PARTIES OR THEIR COUNSEL AS ANY SUCH CLAIM WILL BE DEEMED NOT TO HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED.

YOUR FAILURE TO SUBMIT YOUR CLAIM BY _____, 2025 WILL SUBJECT YOUR CLAIM TO REJECTION AND PRECLUDE YOU FROM RECEIVING ANY MONEY IN CONNECTION WITH THE SETTLEMENT OF THIS ACTION. IF YOU ARE A SETTLEMENT CLASS MEMBER AND DO NOT SUBMIT A PROPER CLAIM FORM, YOU WILL NOT SHARE IN THE SETTLEMENT BUT YOU NEVERTHELESS WILL BE BOUND BY THE COURT'S ORDER AND FINAL JUDGMENT UNLESS YOU EXCLUDE YOURSELF. SUBMISSION OF A PROOF OF CLAIM DOES NOT GUARANTEE THAT YOU WILL SHARE IN THE PROCEEDS OF THE SETTLEMENT.

CLAIMANT'S STATEMENT

1. I (we) purchased publicly-traded Blue Ridge common stock during the Class Period. (Do not submit this Proof of Claim if you did not purchase Blue Ridge common stock during the Class Period.)
2. By submitting this Proof of Claim, I (we) state that I (we) believe in good faith that I am (we are) a Settlement Class Member(s) as defined above and in the Notice of Pendency and Proposed Settlement of Class Action (the "Long Notice"), or am (are) acting for such person(s); that I am (we are) not a Defendant in the Action or anyone excluded from the Settlement Class; that I (we) have read and understand the Long Notice; that I (we) believe that I am (we are) entitled to receive a share of the Net Settlement Fund, as defined in the Long Notice; that I (we) elect to participate in the proposed Settlement described in the Long Notice; and that I (we) have not filed a request for exclusion. (If you are acting in a representative capacity on behalf of a Settlement Class Member [e.g., as an executor, administrator, trustee, or other representative], you must submit evidence of your current authority to act on behalf of that Settlement Class Member. Such evidence would include, for example, letters testamentary, letters of administration, or a copy of the trust documents.)
3. I (we) consent to the jurisdiction of the Court with respect to all questions concerning the validity of this Proof of Claim. I (we) understand and agree that my (our) claim may be subject to investigation and discovery under the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, provided that such investigation and discovery shall be limited to my (our) status as a Settlement Class Member(s) and the validity and amount of my (our) claim. No discovery shall be allowed on the merits of the Action or Settlement in connection with processing of the Proof of Claim.
4. I (we) have set forth where requested below all relevant information with respect to each purchase of Blue Ridge common stock, and each sale, if any, of such common stock. I (we) agree to furnish additional information to the Claims Administrator to support this claim if requested to do so.
5. I (we) have enclosed photocopies of the stockbroker's confirmation slips, stockbroker's statements, or other documents evidencing each purchase and sale of publicly-traded Blue Ridge common stock beneficially owned and/or held and sale listed below in support of my (our) claim. (If any such documents are not in your possession, please obtain a copy or equivalent documents from your broker or tax advisor because these documents are necessary to prove and process your claim. **YOUR FAILURE TO SUBMIT COPIES OF OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS EVIDENCING YOUR PURCHASES AND/OR SALES WILL CAUSE THE CLAIMS ADMINISTRATOR TO REJECT YOUR CLAIM.**)
6. I (we) understand that the information contained in this Proof of Claim is subject to such verification as the Claims Administrator may request or as the Court may direct, and I (we) agree to cooperate in any such verification. (The information requested herein is designed to provide the minimum amount of information necessary to process most simple claims. The Claims Administrator may request additional information as required to calculate your Recognized Loss efficiently and reliably. In some cases, the Claims Administrator may condition acceptance of the claim based upon the production of additional information, including, where it could affect your Recognized Loss, information concerning transactions in any derivative securities such as options.)
7. Upon the occurrence of the Court's approval of the Settlement, as detailed in the Long Notice, I (we) agree and acknowledge that my (our) signature(s) hereto shall effect and constitute a full and complete release, remise and discharge by me (us) and my (our) heirs, joint tenants, tenants in common, beneficiaries, executors, administrators, predecessors, successors, attorneys, insurers and assigns (or, if I am (we are) submitting this Claim Form on behalf of a corporation, a partnership, estate or one or more other persons, by it, him, her or them, and by its, his, her or their heirs, executors, administrators, predecessors, successors, and assigns) of each of the "Released Parties" of all "Released Claims," as those terms are defined in the Stipulation of Settlement, dated February 4, 2025 ("Stipulation").

8. Upon the occurrence of the Court's approval of the Settlement, as detailed in the Long Notice, I (we) agree and acknowledge that my (our) signature(s) hereto shall effect and constitute a covenant by me (us) and my (our) heirs, joint tenants, tenants in common, beneficiaries, executors, administrators, predecessors, successors, attorneys, insurers and assigns (or, if I am (we are) submitting this Claim Form on behalf of a corporation, a partnership, estate or one or more other persons, by it, him, her or them, and by its, his, her or their heirs, executors, administrators, predecessors, successors, and assigns) to permanently refrain from prosecuting or attempting to prosecute any Released Claims against any of the Released Parties.
9. I acknowledge that "Released Parties" has the meaning laid out in the Stipulation.
10. I acknowledge that "Released Claims" has the meaning laid out in the Stipulation.
11. I acknowledge that "Unknown Claims" has the meaning laid out in the Stipulation.
12. I (We) acknowledge that the inclusion of "Unknown Claims" in the definition of claims released pursuant to the Stipulation was separately bargained for and is a material element of the Settlement of which this release is a part.
13. NOTICE REGARDING INSTITUTIONAL FILERS: Representatives with authority to file on behalf of (a) accounts of multiple Settlement Class Members and/or (b) institutional accounts with large numbers of transactions ("Representative Filers") must submit information regarding their transactions in an electronic spreadsheet format. If you are a Representative Filer, you must contact the Claims Administrator at efile@strategicclaims.net or visit their website at www.strategicclaims.net to obtain the required file layout. Claims which are not submitted in electronic spreadsheet format and in accordance with the Claims Administrator's instructions may be subject to rejection. All Representative Filers MUST also submit a manually signed Claim Form for each Settlement Class Member, as well as proof of authority to file (see Item 2 of the Claimant's Statement), along with the electronic spreadsheet format. No claims submitted in electronic spreadsheet format will be considered to have been properly submitted unless the Claims Administrator issues to the Claimant a written acknowledgment of receipt and acceptance of electronically submitted data.
14. NOTICE REGARDING ONLINE FILING: Claimants who are not Representative Filers may submit their claims online using the electronic version of the Claim Form hosted at www.strategicclaims.net/BlueRidge/. If you are not acting as a Representative Filer, you do not need to contact the Claims Administrator prior to filing; you will receive an automated e-mail confirming receipt once your Claim Form has been submitted. If you are unsure if you should submit your claim as a Representative Filer, please contact the Claims Administrator at info@strategicclaims.net or (866) 274-4004. If you are not a Representative Filer, but your claim contains a large number of transactions, the Claims Administrator may request that you also submit an electronic spreadsheet showing your transactions to accompany your Claim.

I. CLAIMANT INFORMATION

Beneficial Owner Name		
Address		
City	State	Zip Code
Foreign Province	Foreign Country	
Day Phone	Evening Phone	
Email		
Social Security Number (for individuals):	OR	Taxpayer Identification Number (for estates, trusts, corporations, etc.):

II. SCHEDULE OF TRANSACTIONS IN BLUE RIDGE BANKSHARES INC. ("BLUE RIDGE") COMMON STOCK**Beginning Holdings:**

- A. State the total number of shares of Blue Ridge common stock held at the close of trading on February 2, 2023 (must be documented). If none, write "zero" or "0."

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Purchases:

- B. Separately list each and every purchase of publicly-traded Blue Ridge common stock between February 3, 2023 and October 31, 2023, both dates inclusive, and provide the following information (must be documented):

Trade Date (List Chronologically) (Month/Day/Year)	Number of Shares Purchased	Price per Share	Total Costs (Excluding Commissions, Taxes, and Fees)

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Sales:

C. Separately list each and every sale of publicly-traded Blue Ridge common stock between February 3, 2023 and October 31, 2023 both dates inclusive, and provide the following information (must be documented):

Ending Holdings:

D. State the total number of shares of publicly-traded Blue Ridge common stock held at the close of trading on October 31, 2023 (must be documented). If none, write "zero" or "0."

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Trade Date (List Chronologically) (Month/Day/Year)	Number of Shares Sold	Price per Share	Amount Received (Excluding Commissions, Taxes, and Fees)

If additional space is needed, attach separate, numbered sheets, giving all required information, substantially in the same format, and print your name and Social Security or Taxpayer Identification number at the top of each sheet.

IV. SUBSTITUTE FORM W-9

Request for Taxpayer Identification Number:

Enter taxpayer identification number below for the Beneficial Owner(s). For most individuals, this is your Social Security Number. The Internal Revenue Service ("I.R.S.") requires such taxpayer identification number. If you fail to provide this information, your claim may be rejected.

Social Security Number (for individuals)	or	Taxpayer Identification Number (for estates, trusts, corporations, etc.)

V. CERTIFICATION

I (We) submit this Claim Form under the terms of the Stipulation described in the Long Notice. I (We) also submit to the jurisdiction of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York with respect to my (our) claim as a Settlement Class Member(s) and for purposes of enforcing the release and covenant not to sue set forth herein. I (We) further acknowledge that I am (we are) bound by and subject to the terms of any judgment that may be entered in this Action. I (We) have not submitted any other claim covering the same purchases or sales of Blue Ridge common stock and know of no other Person having done so on my (our) behalf.

I (We) certify that I am (we are) NOT subject to backup withholding under the provisions of Section 3406 (a)(1)(c) of the Internal Revenue Code because: (a) I am (We are) exempt from backup withholding; or (b) I (We) have not been notified by the I.R.S. that I am (we are) subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends; or (c) the I.R.S. has notified me (us) that I am (we are) no longer subject to backup withholding.

NOTE: If you have been notified by the I.R.S. that you are subject to backup withholding, please strike out the language that you are not subject to backup withholding in the certification above.

UNDER THE PENALTIES OF PERJURY UNDER THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES, I (WE) CERTIFY THAT ALL OF THE INFORMATION I (WE) PROVIDED ON THIS CLAIM FORM IS TRUE, CORRECT AND COMPLETE.

Signature of Claimant (If this claim is being made
on behalf of Joint Claimants, then each must sign):

(Signature)

(Signature)

(Capacity of person(s) signing, e.g. beneficial
purchaser(s), executor, administrator, trustee, etc.)
☐ Check here if proof of authority to file is enclosed.
(See Item 2 under Claimant's Statement)

Date: _____

THIS PROOF OF CLAIM MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN _____, 2025 AND MUST BE MAILED TO:

Blue Ridge Bankshares, Inc. Securities Litigation
c/o Strategic Claims Services
600 N. Jackson Street, Suite 205
P.O. Box 230
Media, PA 19063
Fax: (610) 565-7985
info@strategicclaims.net

A Proof of Claim received by the Claims Administrator shall be deemed to have been submitted when posted, if mailed by _____, 2025 and if a postmark is indicated on the envelope and it is mailed first class and addressed in accordance with the above instructions. In all other cases, a Proof of Claim shall be deemed to have been submitted when actually received by the Claims Administrator.

The Claims Administrator will acknowledge receipt of your Proof of Claim by mail or email within 45 days of receipt. Your claim is not deemed filed until you receive such an acknowledgement. If you do not receive an acknowledgement within 45 days, please contact the Claims Administrator by telephone toll-free at 866-274-4004 or by email at info@strategicclaims.net.

You should be aware that it will take a significant amount of time to process fully all of the Proof of Claims and to administer the Settlement. This work will be completed as promptly as time permits, given the need to investigate and tabulate each Proof of Claim. Please notify the Claims Administrator of any change of address.

REMINDER CHECKLIST

- Please be sure to sign this Proof of Claim on page _____. If this Proof of Claim is submitted on behalf of joint claimants, each claimant must sign.
- Please remember to attach supporting documents. Do NOT send any stock certificates. Keep copies of everything you submit.
- Do NOT use highlighter on the Proof of Claim or any supporting documents.
- If you move or change your address, telephone number or email address, please submit the new information to the Claims Administrator, as well as any other information that will assist us in contacting you. NOTE: Failure to submit updated information to the Claims Administrator may result in the Claims Administrator's inability to contact you regarding issues with your claim or deliver payment to you.

EXHIBIT A-3

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

RUSSELL HUNTER, Individually and on behalf of
all others similarly situated,

Plaintiff,

v.

BLUE RIDGE BANKSHARES, INC., BRIAN K.
PLUM, JUDY C. GAVANT, AND ANDREW H.
MOSER,

Defendants.

Case No. 1:23-cv-08944-DG-JAM

**SUMMARY NOTICE OF PENDENCY AND
PROPOSED CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT**

TO: ALL PERSONS WHO (A) PURCHASED THE PUBLICLY-TRADED COMMON STOCK OF BLUE RIDGE BANKSHARES, INC. (“BLUE RIDGE”) BETWEEN FEBRUARY 3, 2023 AND OCTOBER 31, 2023, BOTH DATES INCLUSIVE (THE “CLASS PERIOD”).

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED, pursuant to an Order of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York, that a hearing will be held on _____, 2025, at _____m. before the Honorable Diane Gujarati, United States District Judge of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York, Courtroom 4B South, 225 Cadman Plaza East Brooklyn, NY 11201, for the purpose of determining: (1) whether the proposed Settlement of the claims in the above-captioned Action for consideration including the sum of \$2,500,000 should be approved by the Court as fair, reasonable, and adequate; (2) whether the proposed plan of allocation to distribute the Settlement proceeds is fair, reasonable, and adequate; (3) whether the application of Lead Counsel for an award of attorneys’ fees of up to one-third of the Settlement

Amount plus interest, reimbursement of expenses of not more than \$80,000, and a service payment of no more than \$3,500 to Plaintiff, should be approved; and (4) whether this Action should be dismissed with prejudice as set forth in the Stipulation of Settlement, dated February 4, 2025 (the “Stipulation”). The Court reserves the right to hold the Settlement Fairness Hearing telephonically or by other virtual means.

If you purchased the publicly traded common stock of Blue Ridge between February 3, 2023 and October 31, 2023, both dates inclusive, your rights may be affected by this Settlement, including the release and extinguishment of claims you may possess relating to your ownership interest in publicly-traded Blue Ridge common stock. If you need assistance obtaining a detailed Notice of Pendency and Proposed Settlement of Class Action (“Long Notice”) and a copy of the Proof of Claim and Release Form (“Proof of Claim”), you may write to, call, or contact the Claims Administrator: Blue Ridge Bankshares, Inc. Securities Litigation, c/o Strategic Claims Services, P.O. Box 230, 600 N. Jackson St., Ste. 205, Media, PA 19063; (Toll-Free) (866) 274-4004; (Fax) (610) 565-7985; info@strategicclaims.net. You can also download copies of the Long Notice and submit your Proof of Claim online at www.strategicclaims.net/BlueRidge/. If you are a member of the Settlement Class, to share in the distribution of the Net Settlement Fund, you must submit a Proof of Claim electronically or postmarked no later than _____, 2025 to the Claims Administrator, establishing that you are entitled to share in the recovery. Unless you submit a written exclusion request, you will be bound by any judgment rendered in the Action whether or not you make a claim.

If you desire to be excluded from the Settlement Class, you must submit to the Claims Administrator a request for exclusion so that it is received no later than _____, 2025, in the manner and form explained in the Long Notice. All members of the Settlement Class who have

not requested exclusion from the Settlement Class will be bound by any judgment entered in the Action pursuant to the Stipulation.

Any objection to the Settlement, Plan of Allocation, or Lead Counsel's request for an award of attorneys' fees and reimbursement of expenses and awards to Plaintiff must be in the manner and form explained in the detailed Long Notice and received no later than _____, 2025, by each of the following:

Clerk of the Court United States District Court Eastern District of New York 225 Cadman Plaza East Brooklyn, NY 11201,	Jonathan Horne The Rosen Law Firm, P.A. 275 Madison Avenue 40 th Floor New York, NY 10016 <i>Lead Counsel for Plaintiff</i>	Jeffrey J. Chapman McGuireWoods LLP 1251 Avenue of the Americas, 20 th Floor New York, NY 10020 <i>Counsel for Defendants</i>
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If you have any questions about the Settlement, you may call or write to Lead Counsel:

Jonathan Horne
THE ROSEN LAW FIRM, P.A.
275 Madison Ave
40th Floor
New York, NY 10016
Tel: (212) 686-1060
Email: jhorne@rosenlegal.com

PLEASE DO NOT CONTACT THE COURT OR THE CLERK'S OFFICE REGARDING THIS NOTICE.

DATED: _____, 2025

BY ORDER OF THE UNITED STATES
DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN
DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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Court-Ordered Legal Notice**Forwarding Service Requested**

A federal court authorized this notice. This is not a solicitation from a lawyer.

You may be entitled to a payment. This notice may affect your legal rights.

Please read it carefully.

Blue Ridge Bankshares Inc. Securities Litigation
d/b/o Strategic Claims Services
600 N. Jackson St.
Suite 205
Media, PA 19063

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Court for the Eastern District of New
York

[NAME 1]
[NAME 2]
[NAME 3]
[ADDRESS 1]
[ADDRESS 2]

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THIS CARD PROVIDES ONLY LIMITED INFORMATION ABOUT THE SETTLEMENT.

PLEASE VISIT WWW.STRATEGICCLAIMS.NET/BLUERIDGE OR CALL 1-866-274-4004 FOR MORE INFORMATION.

The United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York (the “Court”) has preliminarily approved a proposed Settlement of claims against defendants Blue Ridge Bankshares, Inc. (“Blue Ridge”), Brian K. Plum, Judy C. Gavant, and Andrew Moser (“Defendants”). The proposed Settlement would resolve a class action lawsuit alleging that, in violation of the federal securities laws, Defendants made false and misleading statements concerning Blue Ridge’s financials, causing damage to Settlement Class Members. Defendants deny any wrongdoing.

You received this notice because you may have purchased publicly-traded Blue Ridge common stock between February 3, 2023 and October 31, 2023, both dates inclusive and were damaged thereby. The Settlement dismisses and releases claims against Defendants and creates a fund consisting of \$2,500,000, less attorneys’ fees and expenses, which will be divided among Settlement Class Members who timely submit valid Proof of Claim and Release Forms (“Proof of Claim”). For a full description of the Settlement and your rights and to make a claim, please view the Stipulation of Settlement and obtain a copy of the Notice of Pendency and Proposed Settlement of Class Action (“Long Notice”) and Proof of Claim by visiting the website: www.strategicclaims.net/BlueRidge/. You may also request copies of the Long Notice and Proof of Claim from the Claims Administrator by: (1) mail: Blue Ridge Bankshares Inc. Securities Litigation c/o Strategic Claims Services, P.O. Box 230, 600 N. Jackson St., Ste. 205, Media, PA 19063; (2) toll-free phone: (866) 274-4004; (3) fax: (610) 565-7985; or (4) email: info@strategicclaims.net.

To qualify for payment, you must submit a Proof of Claim, which can be found on the website www.strategicclaims.net/BlueRidge/. PROOFS OF CLAIM MUST BE POSTMARKED BY _____, 2025 TO: BLUE RIDGE BANKSHARES INC. SECURITIES LITIGATION C/O STRATEGIC CLAIMS SERVICES, P.O. BOX 230, 600 N. JACKSON ST., STE. 205, MEDIA, PA 19063 or submitted electronically by _____, 2025 at www.strategicclaims.net/BlueRidge/. If you do not want to be legally bound by the Settlement, you must exclude yourself by _____, 2025. If you exclude yourself, you cannot get money from this Settlement. If you stay in the Settlement, you may object to it by _____, 2025. The Long Notice explains how to exclude yourself or to object.

The Court will hold a hearing in this case on ____, 2025 at ____m. at the Court, 225 Cadman Plaza East, Courtroom 4B South, Brooklyn, NY 11201, to consider whether to approve the Settlement, the Plan of Allocation, and a request by Lead Counsel for up to one-third of the Settlement Fund in attorneys’ fees, plus up to \$80,000 in expenses, and an award to Plaintiff of up to \$3,500 for litigating the case and negotiating the Settlement. You may, but do not have to, attend the hearing and ask to be heard by the Court. The Court reserves the right to hold the Settlement Hearing telephonically or by other virtual means.

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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

RUSSELL HUNTER, Individually and on behalf of
all others similarly situated,

Plaintiff,

v.

BLUE RIDGE BANKSHARES, INC., BRIAN K.
PLUM, JUDY C. GAVANT, AND ANDREW H.
MOSER,

Defendants.

Case No. 1:23-cv-08944-DG-JAM

[PROPOSED] ORDER AND FINAL JUDGMENT

On the ____ day of _____, 2025, a hearing having been held before this Court to determine whether the terms and conditions of the Stipulation of Settlement dated February 4, 2025 (the “Stipulation”) are fair, reasonable and adequate for the settlement of all claims asserted by the Settlement Class against Defendants; and

The Court having considered all matters submitted to it at the hearing and otherwise; and

It appearing that the Notice substantially in the form approved by the Court in the Court’s Order Granting Plaintiff’s Motion for Preliminary Approval of Class Action Settlement (“Preliminary Approval Order”) was provided to all reasonably identifiable Settlement Class Members and posted to the website of the Claims Administrator; and

It appearing that the Summary Notice substantially in the form approved by the Court in the Preliminary Approval Order was published in accordance with that Order and the specifications of the Court;

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NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED THAT:

1. All capitalized terms used herein have the same meanings as set forth and defined in the Stipulation.

2. The Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of the Action, Plaintiff, all Settlement Class Members, and Defendants.

3. The Court hereby finally certifies this action as a class action for purposes of the Settlement, pursuant to Rule 23(a) and (b)(3) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, on behalf of all persons and entities who purchased publicly-traded Blue Ridge common stock between February 3, 2023 and October 31, 2023, both dates inclusive. Excluded from the Settlement Class are: (a) Defendants and their families, the officers, directors and affiliates of Defendants at all relevant times, members of their immediate families and their legal representatives, heirs, successors or assigns, and any entity in which any Defendant has or had a controlling interest; (b) persons and entities who suffered no compensable losses; and (c) persons and entities who submit valid requests for exclusion from the Settlement Class.

4. Pursuant to Rule 23 of the Federal Rule of Civil Procedure, for purposes of this Settlement, Plaintiff is certified as the class representative on behalf of the Settlement Class (“Class Representative”) and Lead Counsel is hereby appointed as Class Counsel for the Settlement Class (“Class Counsel”).

5. The Court hereby finds that the forms and methods of notifying the Settlement Class of the Settlement and its terms and conditions meet the requirements of due process, Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and Section 21D(a)(7) of the Exchange Act, 15 U.S.C. § 78u-4(a)(7), as amended by the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995; constitute the

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best notice practicable under the circumstances; and constitute due and sufficient notice to all persons and entities entitled thereto of these proceedings and the matters set forth herein. No Settlement Class Member is relieved from the terms of the Settlement, including the releases provided for therein, based upon the contention or proof that such Settlement Class Member failed to receive actual or adequate notice. A full opportunity has been offered to the Settlement Class Members to object to the proposed Settlement and to participate in the hearing thereon. The Court further finds that the notice provisions of the Class Action Fairness Act, 28 U.S.C. § 1715, were fully discharged. Thus, it is hereby determined that all members of the Settlement Class are bound by this Order and Final Judgment.

6. Pursuant to Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the Court finds that the Stipulation and Settlement are, in all respects, fair, reasonable, and adequate and in the best interests of the Settlement Class and each of the Settlement Class Members. This Court further finds the Settlement set forth in the Stipulation is the result of arm's-length negotiations between experienced counsel representing the interests of Plaintiff, Settlement Class Members, and Defendants. Accordingly, the Settlement embodied in the Stipulation is hereby finally approved in all respects, and shall be consummated in accordance with its terms and provisions. The Parties are hereby directed to perform the terms of the Stipulation.

7. The Complaint is hereby dismissed with prejudice as to Defendants. The Parties shall bear their own costs and expenses, except as and to the extent provided in the Stipulation and herein.

8. In accordance with the terms of the Stipulation, each of the Released Plaintiff Parties hereby forever releases, relinquishes, and discharges all Released Defendant Parties from all Settlement Class Claims. The Released Plaintiff Parties, and anyone acting or purporting to

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act for any of them, are hereby permanently barred and enjoined from asserting, commencing, prosecuting, instituting, assisting, instigating, or in any way participating in the commencement or prosecution of any action or other proceeding, in any forum, asserting any Settlement Class Claims against any of the Released Defendant Parties.

9. In accordance with the terms of the Stipulation, each of the Released Defendant Parties hereby forever releases, relinquishes, and discharges all Released Plaintiff Parties from all Defendant Claims. The Released Defendant Parties, and anyone acting or purporting to act for any of them, are hereby permanently barred and enjoined from asserting, commencing, prosecuting, instituting, assisting, instigating, or in any way participating in the commencement or prosecution of any action or other proceeding, in any forum, asserting any Defendant Claims against any of the Released Plaintiff Parties.

10. Paragraphs 8 and 9 above do not, however, bar any of the Released Parties from bringing an action or claim to enforce the terms of the Stipulation or this Order and Final Judgment.

11. The Parties may file the Stipulation and/or this Order and Final Judgment in any proceedings that may be necessary to consummate or enforce the Stipulation, the Settlement, or this Order and Final Judgment.

12. In accordance with 15 U.S.C. § 78u-4(f)(7) and any other applicable law or regulation, any and all claims which are brought by any Person or entity against Defendants (a) for contribution or indemnification arising out of any Released Claim, or (b) where the damage to the claimant is measured by reference to the claimant's liability to Plaintiff or the Settlement Class, are hereby permanently barred and discharged. Any such claims brought by Defendants against any Person or entity (other than Persons or entities whose liability to Plaintiff or the

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Settlement Class is extinguished by this Order and Final Judgment) are likewise permanently barred and discharged. However, nothing in this Order and Final Judgment shall apply to bar any claim for insurance coverage by any Defendant.

13. The Court finds that the Settling Parties and their counsel have complied with each requirement of Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure as to all proceedings herein.

14. Neither this Order and Final Judgment, the Stipulation, nor any of the negotiations, documents or proceedings connected with them shall be:

(a) referred to or used against the Defendants or against Plaintiff or the Settlement Class as evidence of wrongdoing by anyone;

(b) construed against Defendants or against Plaintiff or the Settlement Class as an admission or concession that the consideration to be given hereunder represents the amount which could be or would have been recovered after trial;

(c) construed as, or received in evidence as, an admission, concession or presumption against the Settlement Class or any of them, that any of their claims are without merit or that damages recoverable under the Complaint would not have exceeded the Settlement Fund; or

(d) used or construed as an admission of any fault, liability or wrongdoing by any person or entity, or offered or received in evidence as an admission, concession, presumption or inference against Defendants in any proceeding other than such proceedings as may be necessary to consummate or enforce the Stipulation.

15. Exclusive jurisdiction is hereby retained over Defendants and the Settlement Class Members for all matters relating to the Action, including the administration, interpretation, effectuation or enforcement of the Stipulation and this Order and Final Judgment, and including

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any application for fees and expenses incurred in connection with administering and distributing the settlement proceeds to the Settlement Class Members.

16. Without further order of the Court, the Parties may agree to reasonable extensions of time to carry out any of the provisions of the Stipulation.

17. There is no just reason for delay in the entry of this Order and Final Judgment and immediate entry by the Clerk of the Court is directed pursuant to Rule 54(b) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

18. The finality of this Order and Final Judgment shall not be affected, in any manner, by rulings that the Court may make with respect to the proposed Plan of Allocation or on Lead Counsel's application for an award of attorneys' fees and expenses and/or case contribution award to Plaintiff.

19. In the event that the Settlement does not become final and effective in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the Stipulation, then this Order and Final Judgment shall be rendered null and void and be vacated. The terms and conditions of the Stipulation shall govern any termination or the effect of any termination thereof.

Dated: _____, 2025

HONORABLE DIANE GUJARATI
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE