# Arkansas Attorney General Quarterly Report Pursuant to Act 763 of 2013 Period 01/01/2023 to 03/31/2023

### CASE NAME AND BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF COURT ORDERS OR SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTS

#### Grand River Enterprises

State of Arkansas v. Grand River Enterprises - Counsel for the Attorney General worked with Grand River to obtain a Settlement Agreement for Arkansas Assurance of Voluntary Compliance for it's not complying with Arkansas's tobacco statutes.

#### • Jean Butler

Jean Butler facilitated a multi-million dollar international sweepstakes scheme. Ms. Butler received funds from victims of the scam and funneled money to operators of the scheme in Jamaica.

#### • Purdue Pharma, Janssen, Endo

Opioid manufacturers intentionally misled the medical community and public about the dangers of opioids. Manufacturers propagated use of opioids as a non-addictive treatment for chronic pain. Funds are restricted by the Janssen Settlement Agreement, MOU with Arkansas cities and counties. 86.5% of the funds must be used to remediate the harms caused to Arkansas and her citizens by the opioid epidemic and to prevent further damages and opioid abuse from occurring.

#### CSC Holdings LLC

The Arkansas Attorney General's Office began investigating CSC Holdings in 2020 concerning certain marketing and related practices in the state of Arkansas. The allegations made were that in some instances, CSC Holdings may have failed to provide the internet speed promised or advertised; allowed recurring and persistent billing and service issues to go unresolved for extended periods of time; and failed to provide adequate customer and technical support services.

#### • Matthews Construction, LLC

Eric Matthews, a contractor, operated under various company names including Matthews Construction, LLC, and Arkansas Decks and More. Mr. Matthews violated the Arkansas Deceptive Trade Practices Act by soliciting large deposits before failing to complete, or sometimes even begin, the work he promised.

#### Samuel Purvis

Samuel Purvis violated the Arkansas Deceptive Trade Practices Act by creating fake online listings of actual rental property listings in Arkansas. Mr. Purvis deceived consumers looking for homes and required payment of upfront rental costs.

#### Google, LLC

The State attorneys general opened the Google investigation following a 2018 Associated Press article that revealed Google "records your movements even when you explicitly tell it not to." As detailed in the settlement, the attorneys general found that Google violated state consumer protection laws by misleading consumers about its location tracking practices since at least 2014. Specifically, Google misled consumers about the scope of the Location History setting, the fact that the Web & App Activity setting existed and also collected location information, and the extent to which consumers who use Google products and services could limit Google's location tracking by adjusting their account and device settings. 40 states have reached a \$391.5 million multistate settlement with Google over its location tracking practices relating to Google account settings.

# Eastern Ozarks Health System

The suit alleges that the former Cherokee Village hospital violated the Personal Information Protection Act (PIPA) and the Arkansas Deceptive Trade Practices Act (ADTPA) when the hospital abruptly closed its doors, locking out employees and abandoning patient and employee files. The AG obtained a Consent Judgment on November 29, 2022, which permanently enjoins the Defendants from owning or operating any business in the State of Arkansas and requires the Defendants to reimburse the AG for costs incurred in the prosecution of the litigation.

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REPORT OF ALL CASH FUND BALANCES (as of March 31 2023)						
Clearing Account Inflows of cash through court ordered judgments against companies or assurances of voluntary compliance are initially	\$	3,081,861				
deposited into this account. Outflows of cash are mostly limited to intra-agency transfers to other cash accounts or the						
State treasury.						
Consumer Education and Enforcement Account	\$	17,635				
Account is funded through court ordered judgments against companies or assurances of voluntary compliance. These						
funds are utilized for consumer education and consumer enforcement initiatives.						
Restricted Account	\$	6,758,702				
Account where cash is deposited generally through court ordered judgments against companies or an assurance of						
voluntary compliance. Outflows of cash are primarily limited to intra-agency transfers to other cash accounts for						
restitution to consumers, for professional fees and services costs, or payments to the State treasury.						
Opioid Settlement Account	\$	21,735,412				
Funds from the opioid national settlement agreement for distributors and manufacturers are deposited into this account.						
MFC Settlement Account	\$	150,476				
Account is funded through restitution payments to recover expenses incurred during investigation						
and prosecution of Medicaid Fraud (Act 916 of 2019)						

All cash fund balances above do not take into account any outstanding checks. Actual balance may be less.

# OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL Cash Account Information January 1, 2023 to March 31, 2023

# **CASH FUNDS RECEIPTS**

Total

CASE	Amount	Uses	Date
CSC Holding, LLC	\$15,000.00 Unrestricted	Use	01/03/23
Eastern Ozarks Health System	\$7,085.86 Restricted U	se	03/17/23
Google LLC	\$11,368,923.47 Unrestricted	Use	01/06/23
Grand River Enterprises	\$40,010.00 Restricted U	se	01/18/23
Grand River Enterprises	\$40,010.00 Restricted U	se	02/10/23
Grand River Enterprises	\$40,010.00 Restricted U	se	03/10/23
anssen Pharmaceutical, Inc.	\$7,229,328.53 Restricted U	se	03/31/23
ean Butler	\$130.03 Restricted U	se	01/04/23
ean Butler	\$130.03 Restricted U	se	01/31/23
ean Butler	\$261.00 Restricted U	se	02/01/23
ean Butler	\$391.03 Restricted U	se	03/01/23
Mallinckrodt Opioid Distr NOAT II	\$1,426,289.40 Restricted U	se	01/31/23
Matthew Construction	\$500.00 Restricted U	se	01/13/23
Matthew Construction	\$500.00 Restricted U	se	02/09/23
Matthew Construction	\$500.00 Restricted U	se	03/08/23
Samuel A. Purvis	\$12,472.61 Restricted U	se	01/23/23

\$20,181,541.96

COST CATEGORY	PAYEE	REASON FOR EXPENSE	AMOUNT
4049003000 - Interest Earned	Simmons Bank	Interest	\$71
		Simmons-Opioid Interest	\$81
		Simmons-Restricted: Interest	\$6,613
	_	Simmons-Opioid: Interest	\$13,451
4050003000 - Oth Refunds/Reimb	Springdale Water Utilities	NWA Office - Water Deposit Refund	\$114
	North Lane Technologies, Inc.	NWA Office - Electric refund	\$231
5030003000 - Advertise Clip Svc	Arkansas Newspaper Clipping Service	Clipping Service	-\$771
5030017000 - Software Mtnc	Legal Files Software, Inc.	Software	-\$50,150
5040013000 - Satellite/Cable Se	Sirius XM Radio Inc.	On-Star Service	-\$16
5060001000 - Prof Adm Fees	Acadian Consulting Group	Professional Services Contract	-\$390
	Brubaker & Associates, Inc.	Professional Services Contract	-\$21,136
	University of AR for Medical Services	Elder Abuse Conference	-\$185
	Baker & Hostetler, LLP	Professional Services Contract	-\$415
	Deloitte Trans. & Business Analytics LLP	Professional Services Contract	-\$33,745
5060003000 - Legal Fees	Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Inc.	Legal Ad - Notification	-\$986
	State of Tennessee	Arkansas portion of Cost Share Agreement	-\$5,000
5080002100 - Bank Check Charges	Deluxe Business Systems	Reorder checks	-\$317
5080009000 - 02 Janitorial Serv	Executive Enterprise Services	NWA Office - Final cleaning	-\$120
5080013000 Security Services	Fleming Network & Security Services, Inc.	Donation_State Capitol Weapon Detection System	-\$102,398
5080034000 - Audio & Visual Pro	Bank of America	Film Processing	-\$15
		Portrait prints	-\$386
		Staff photos, ARSC photos, photos for AG wall	-\$690
	Rachel Ellis	Event Smart	-\$25
5080035000 - 02 Process Service	Myers Attorney's Service	Process Server	-\$1,087
	Gibbs Process Service	Process Server	-\$100
	Brandywine Process Servers, Ltd.	Process Server	-\$178
5090003000 - Special Purpose Su	Bank of America	LE Officer of the year	-\$831
		Letter, picture & pen: Framing matting glass and mounting	-\$235
		Rutledge Official Portrait	-\$275
	Brenda L. Chambers	1098-F window envelopes	-\$59
	Velocity Graphics	Table cover for events	-\$536
5090006000 - Office Supplies	Bank of America	Journal refills	-\$24
5090011100 - 02 Audio & Visual	Learfield IMG College, LLC	Consumer Protection Education Activities & Media	-\$97,788
5090013000 -02 Pub Safe, Mil Su	Motorola Solutions	Radios for Special Investigation Division	-\$3,140
5090018000 - Subscriptions/Pub	Bank of America	Book	-\$130
		Portrait prints	-\$600
5090019000 - Food Purchases	Criminal Justice Institute	2022 RX Drug Abuse Summit	-\$26,980
6060002000 - IntraAgency In	Simmons Bank	Intra-Agency Transfer into CE&E	\$10,000,000
		Bosch	\$737,100
		Standard & Poor's	\$35,714
		ExxonMobile Pipeline Company	\$280,000
		DRAM Rust Commonwealth of PA	\$290,061
		LENOVO	\$82,567
		Encore Capital Group	\$94,601
		Equifax	\$2,521,481
		Johnson & Johnson Service, Inc Mesh	\$1,855,302
		America Honda	\$2,291,025
		C.R.Bard	\$49,246
	Simmons - Restricted Settlement Funds	Transfer to SMNS Restricted from SMNS Clearing: Grand River Enterprises	\$380,060
	McKinsey & Company, Inc Opioid	Simmons-Opioid McKinsey & Company, Inc.	\$3,379,886
6061002000 - IntraAgency Out	SIMMONS - CE&E	Intra-Agency Transfer to Opioid	-\$375,000
	McKinsey & Company, Inc Opioid	Simmons-Restricted: McKinsey & Company, Inc Transfer to Simmons-Opioid	-\$3,379,886
	Treasurer State of Arkansas	AR Economic Development ComLEO Emergency Vehicles Training Center & Officer's driving	
		course*	-\$7,500,000
		Donation_Dyslexia Testing Program*	-\$250,000

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6061003000 - InterAgency Out	Treasurer State of Arkansas	Google LLC**	-\$10,000,000.00
		Simmons-Opioid: Opioid Funds Donation**	-\$10,000,000.00
		Simmons Restricted: Transfer to Civil Penalties:Samuel A. Purvis	-\$30,000.00
		Simmons-Restricted: Jean Butler: Civil Penalties	-\$5,046.29
	Office of the Prosecutor Coordinator	Coordinate 30+ Victims of Rape*	-\$50,000.00
6990002500-Prior Year Voided Ck	Deloitte Trans. & Business Analytics LLP	Professional Services Contract - check reissued	\$33,745.00
4042007000 - Dmg Settle > 1,000	Gentle Turner & Benson LLC	Simmons-Opioid Mallinckrodt PLC: Reimbursement Proceeds to Counties and Cities	-\$475,429.80
6060030600 - Intra Xfer In CI04	Office of the Attorney General	Return of Opioid Settlement Funds	\$10.000.000.00

<sup>\*</sup>These donations were made before the current administration took office. Arkansas Code Ann. § 4-88-105(f)(4)(C)(i)(c) requires this report to include a rationale for these donations. We believe the prior administration made these donations because the prior administration believed in the mission behind these causes.

<sup>\*\*</sup>These donations were made before the current administration took office. Arkansas Code Ann. § 4-88-105(f)(4)(C)(i)(c) requires this report to include a a rationale for these donations. We have determined that these donations were not made in accordance with the terms of the settlement agreement (in the case of the opioid monies) or in accordance with the appropriations bill for this office (in the case of the Google monies); therefore, we have received a return of most of these monies.