IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF KANSAS

IN RE: SYNGENTA AG MIR162) MDL No. 2591
CORN LITIGATION	
) Case No. 14-MD-02591-JWL-JPO
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Louis Dreyfus Co. Grains)
Merchandising LLC v. Syngenta AG,)
No. 16-2788)
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Trans Coastal Supply Co., Inc. v.)
<i>Syngenta AG</i> , No. 14-2637)
The Delong Co., Inc. v. Syngenta AG,)
No. 17-2614)
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Agribase Int'l Inc. v. Syngenta AG,)
No. 15-2279)
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NOTICE OF FEE INTEREST

1. Pursuant to the Agrisure Viptera/Duracade Class Settlement Agreement (the "Settlement Agreement") [Doc. No. 3507-2] (particularly sections 2.25–2.26, 3.7.2.1, and 7.2) and the Order Preliminarily Approving the Settlement Between Class Plaintiffs and the Syngenta Defendants, Provisionally Certifying the Settlement Class, Appointing Settlement Class Counsel Subclass Counsel, and Class Representatives, Approving the Notice Plan, and Authorizing Dissemination of Notice, Appointing the Notice Administrator and Claims Administrator and Special Masters, and Setting a Schedule for the Final Approval Process [Doc. No. 3532] in *In Re: Syngenta AG MIR 162 Corn Litigation*, a multi-district litigation consolidated in the United States District Court for the District of Kansas before Hon. John W. Lungstrum (MDL-2591), the undersigned counsel files this Notice of Fee Interest.

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2. The undersigned counsel and lawyers in Exhibit A are unclear about this Court's

orders referenced above. Out of abundance of caution and to avoid a waiver of fees argument,

counsel respectfully submits this Notice of Fee Interest.

3. In this litigation, both the undersigned and the firms listed in Exhibit A have an

agreement to undertake joint representation of clients exclusively with Clark, Love & Hutson, G.P.

and Phipps Anderson Deacon, L.L.P. See Exh. A, Declaration of Justin Demerath with attached

list of law firms.

4. The undersigned, in conjunction with the law firms listed in Exhibit A, represents

clients in this litigation on a contingency basis. See Exh. A. The undersigned and the lawyers

listed in Exhibit A have spent a considerable amount of time and resources advising and advocating

for clients in relation to this litigation, and will continue to do so through the claim submissions

process.

5. Should any Court or Special Master require or request more detailed information

related to these matters, it will be diligently gathered and provided upon request.

Date: July 10, 2018

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Justin Demerath

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on July 10, 2018, the foregoing document was electronically filed with the Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF system, which will send notification of such filing to all counsel of record.

/s/ Justin Demerath
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Exhibit A

Declaration of Justin Demerath and List of Additional Lawyers with a Fee Interest

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DECLARATION OF JUSTIN DEMERATH

- I, Justin Demerath, declare as follows:
- 1. I am a shareholder in the Texas-based law firm O'Hanlon Demerath & Castillo, (formerly O'Hanlon McCollom & Demerath hereinafter "the Firm"). I am authorized to submit this declaration on the Firm's behalf.
- 2. I am over the age of eighteen, have never been convicted of a felony, and make this declaration based on personal knowledge.
- 3. I am an attorney residing in Austin, Texas and licensed and practicing in Texas, Nebraska, and Colorado. I am a second-generation lawyer and third-generation Nebraska corn farmer. In addition to being a member of the Firm, I, as well as my father, Larry Demerath, are members of the Nebraska based organization, Demerath Law Office. I serve as the managing partner of the

contingent fee litigation department of O'Hanlon, Demerath & Castillo. Demerath Law Office has been in operation in Nebraska is some form since 1972 and has significant longstanding contacts in the farming community.

- 4. At an early age, I began participating in all aspects of my family's irrigated corn and soybean farming operation in northeastern Nebraska with my father, Larry Demerath. From planting, through harvest and crop marketing, I have actively participated in every aspect and level of a corn farming operation. I am intimately familiar with the traditional agricultural communication channels and logistics of the types of businesses at issue in this litigation, and I am personally passionate about the role of the American Farmer in society. As an attorney licensed in Texas since 2002 and Nebraska since 2009, I have almost exclusively participated in contingent-fee litigation in various mass torts and single-event cases. This background has afforded me a unique ability to engage in an effective professional relationship with the characteristically bright but non-litigious client group at issue in this case. The Firm has done so over the past 4 years.
- 5. In this litigation, the Firm as well as numerous other law firms, which are listed in the attached document, have agreed to undertake joint responsibility for Clients in the Litigation exclusively with Clark, Love & Hutson, G.P., and Phipps Anderson Deacon, L.L.P. A true and correct list of these law firms is attached to this declaration.
- 6. The Firm acknowledges that Clayton Clark was appointed to be Settlement Negotiation Counsel by all relevant judges presiding over the Litigation and fully supports his efforts on behalf of our mutual clients and the Settlement Class.
- 7. The law firms referenced in the attached list and the Firm, in conjunction with the law firms referenced in paragraph 5 above, represent clients in the Agrisure/Viptera litigation against Syngenta. This representation is on a contingency basis and relates to any and all causes of action

resulting from the rejection of U.S. corn shipments to any location in 2013 and beyond arising out of the introduction of Viptera and Duracade corn seed in the U.S. which, in turn, resulted in a series of lower market prices for U.S. corn (herein "the Litigation").

- 8. The Firm has spent considerable time and resources advising clients and working with counsel in paragraph 5 and the attached list. The Firm has kept abreast of the Litigation by communicating with other counsel, planning and attending multiple CLE presentations related to the Litigation, reading court pleadings and public reports, attending and hosting in person meetings, telephonically attending relevant hearings and participating in status calls. The Firm routinely consulted ethics counsel to ensure all activity of the Firm and the law firms in the attached list adhered to the highest ethical standards.
- 9. Using this information, the Firm regularly keeps attorneys in the attached list and clients alike advised on the status of the Litigation and routinely answers questions related to the Litigation. The Firm always remained available for consultation on the Litigation, and was consulted. The Firm accepted joint responsibility for these cases with the law firms listed in paragraph 5 and in the attached list, and has a written agreement with each client that discloses the respective fee interest of each party. The Firm created and maintained a database of all clients. Since first becoming involved in this litigation in 2014, members of the Firm have traveled extensively in furtherance of its responsibilities to this client group. The extensive time and resources the Firm has expended on this matter has kept the Firm from taking on other legal work.
- 10. I, along with other counsel in the attached list, spent considerable time advising the clients on the complex nuances of the Litigation, understanding various farming entity roles and whether they may present claims, assisting them in evaluating opt out rights, risks and benefits, obtaining wet signatures on the opt out forms, and collecting data related to their farming operations. The

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Firm and other counsel in the attached list continue to advise clients on their claim form

submissions, ensure they understand the workings of the Settlement Agreement and their

associated rights, and will continue to do so through the Claim Form Submission Deadline.

11. This Litigation and settlement has been a unique animal. Never before in the undersigned's

knowledge has litigation proceeded on this scale as both multiple class actions and thousands of

individual claims to ultimately be resolved as a Settlement Class. Never before has such an

accomplished group of unique attorneys from across the country represented such a wide-ranging

cadre of interested parties who were members of one of our nation's most important industries and

participated in the herculean effort to right a wrong of epic proportions. The efforts of all involved,

large and small, are commendable.

12. Should any Court or Special Master require or request more detailed information related to

these matters, it will be diligently gathered and provided upon request.

I declare under penalty of perjury pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746 that the foregoing is true and

correct.

Executed on this 10th day of July, 2018.

/S Justin Demerath

Justin Demerath

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List of Additional Lawyers with Fee Interest

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Bauch & Lechtenberg Law Office

Berkland & Brown

Billings & Mensen

Bixby Law Office

Bloethe, Elwood, Buchanan, Elwood, Elwood, Buchanan

CARR & CARR ATTORNEYS

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Rodak Law Office

Schall Law Office

Schiller Law Office

Staff & Staff, Attorneys at Law

Stein Law Office LLC

STONEBERG, GILES & STROUP, P.A.,

Strahl & Apple

STUMME & EPLEY LAW OFFICE, PLLC

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