

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS, FAYETTEVILLE DIVISION**

**IN RE GLOBAL TEL*LINK
CORPORATION LITIGATION**

CASE NO. 5:14-CV-5275

NOTICE OF CLASS ACTION LAWSUIT AGAINST GLOBAL TEL*LINK CORP.

This Notice is to advise you of a class action lawsuit in the United States District Court, Western District of Arkansas, titled *In re Global Tel*Link Corporation Litigation*, Case No. 5:14-cv-5275 (the “Lawsuit”), which might affect your rights.

1. What This Lawsuit is About

Plaintiffs allege that Global Tel*Link Corporation (“GTL”) obtained exclusive contracts to provide inmate calling services (“ICS”) to inmates at correctional facilities throughout the United States in exchange for the payment of “kickbacks” or “site commissions” to the facilities. Plaintiffs claim that GTL then charged unjust and unreasonable interstate rates and deposit fees to ICS users in violation of the Federal Communications Act as well as state unjust enrichment law. Plaintiffs seek to recover these allegedly unjust charges for themselves and all Class members. GTL denies any wrongdoing, denies that it paid “kickbacks” or that it obtained exclusive contacts in exchange for “kickbacks” or “commissions.” GTL also contends that its interstate rates and deposit fees are lawful, just and reasonable. GTL asserts that payment of site commissions often is required by state and local contracts, those commissions are part of the cost of providing interstate calling services, and that its deposit fees are reasonable and comparable to those of other companies providing similar services. GTL also contends that users had the option to deposit funds without paying any deposit fees and asserts several additional defenses.

By Order dated February 3, 2017, the Court ruled that the Lawsuit may proceed as a class action on behalf of a nationwide class and state subclasses (together referred to as the “Class”) and has authorized the issuance of this Notice.

2. Who is Included in the Class

a. All persons in the United States¹ who, at any time from April 24, 2012 to the present: (1) paid to use inmate calling services provided by Global Tel*Link (including its operating subsidiaries) to make or receive one or more interstate phone calls from a correctional facility during a period of time when Global Tel*Link paid the facility a commission of any type in connection with the interstate calls; and/or (2) paid deposit fees to Global Tel*Link in order to fund a prepaid account used to pay for any interstate calls.²

b. All persons who, while in Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Mexico, Nevada, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia or Wisconsin, at any time from April 24, 2011 to the present, paid to use inmate calling services provided by GTL (including its operating subsidiaries) to make or receive one or more interstate phone calls from a correctional facility during a period of time when GTL paid the facility a commission of any type in connection with the interstate calls.

3. Your Rights and Options in Response to This Notice

a. You can remain a member of the Class

¹ Excluded from the proposed Class are any persons who paid to use GTL’s inmate calling services in order to make or receive telephone calls from a correctional facility in New Jersey.

² “Deposit fees” are fees GTL charged to AdvancePay account holders for depositing money into AdvancePay accounts for purposes of paying to use GTL’s interstate inmate calling services.

If you would like to remain a member of the Class, you do not need to do anything at this time. If you remain a Class member, you will be bound by the result of this Lawsuit. If the Class is successful, you will share in any money that is recovered. If the Class is unsuccessful, you will not receive anything and you will be foreclosed from seeking other relief for the claims asserted by the Class in the Lawsuit. There is no guarantee that money will ever be obtained. However, if money is obtained, you will be notified about how to obtain your share (if any) if you are a member of the Class and do not exclude yourself from the Class.

The Court has appointed the following law firms to serve as Class counsel:

Kessler Topaz Meltzer & Check, LLP
280 King of Prussia Road
Radnor, PA 19087

Berger Montague, P.C.
1622 Locust Street
Philadelphia, PA 19103

Cohen Milstein Sellers & Toll, PLLC
1100 New York Avenue, NW
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Saltz, Mongeluzzi, Barrett
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1650 Market Street, 52nd Floor
Philadelphia, PA 19103

Amy C. Martin, P.A.
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Fayetteville, AR 72702
Liaison Counsel

You also have the right to enter an appearance through an attorney of your choice, at your own expense. If you make such an appearance, you will be bound by the result of the Lawsuit to the same extent that you will be bound if you do not appear.

b. You can exclude yourself from the Class

If you do not want to be a member of the Class, you have the right to exclude yourself from the Lawsuit. If you exclude yourself, and the Class recovers money, whether by settlement or trial, you will not share in the recovery. If you exclude yourself from the Class, you will not be bound by any judgment that the Court may enter in the case. You will have the right to hire your own attorney and pursue any individual claims you may have against GTL.

If you wish to be excluded, you must send a letter that states: 1) your name; 2) your address; and 3) the following statement: "Please exclude me from the In re Global Tel*Link Corporation class action lawsuit." You must send your letter to GTL ICS Litigation Notice Administrator, c/o JND Class Action Administration, P.O. Box 91304, Seattle, WA 98111. In order to be valid, your letter must be postmarked on or before August 4, 2017.

4. Questions About This Notice or About This Lawsuit

If you have any questions, you may contact the Notice Administrator, JND Class Action Administration, at this toll-free number: 1-844-632-0309 or visit www.InterstateICSLitigation-GTL.com. Please do not contact the Court or GTL concerning this case. You may review the documents filed in this litigation at the office of the Clerk of the Court, United States District Court, Western District of Arkansas, 35 East Mountain Street, Fayetteville, Arkansas 72701-5354.

PLEASE DO NOT CONTACT THE CLERK OF THE COURT REGARDING THIS NOTICE.

Dated: July 5, 2017

BY ORDER OF COURT
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS