Smartphone AI — Settlement Summary

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Landsheft v. Apple Inc. — Smartphone AI (Apple Intelligence) Settlement

Summary

A $250 million class action settlement has been reached with Apple Inc. in *Landsheft, et al. v. Apple Inc.*, Case No. 5:25-cv-02668 (N.D. Cal.). Plaintiffs allege that purchasers of iPhone 15 Pro, iPhone 15 Pro Max, and all iPhone 16 models were misled when Apple failed to timely deliver promised Siri Apple Intelligence features. Apple denies all wrongdoing, but has agreed to pay into the settlement fund to resolve the claims.

Announcements

- **Preliminary Approval Granted (July 17, 2026):** The Court granted preliminary approval of the class action settlement.
- **Notice Campaign and Claim Period Began (September 21, 2026):** Settlement Class Members may submit claims beginning September 21, 2026.
- **Claim Filing Deadline — December 21, 2026:** All claims must be submitted online or postmarked by December 21, 2026 to be eligible for payment.
- **Exclusion and Objection Deadline — December 21, 2026:** The final day to opt out of or object to the settlement is December 21, 2026.
- **Final Approval Hearing — February 24, 2027:** The Court will hold a hearing at 9:00 a.m. to determine whether the settlement is fair, reasonable, and adequate.
- **Attorneys' Fees Motion:** Plaintiffs' Counsel's Motion for Attorneys' Fees and Expenses was to be posted on the settlement website by November 17, 2026. As of the last updated date of this article, that deadline has passed — FRS staff should verify whether the motion has been posted to the settlement website.

Settlement Amount

Apple will pay **$250 million** into a settlement fund. After deductions for notice and administration costs, taxes, attorneys' fees, litigation expenses, and Service Awards for Class Representatives, remaining funds will be distributed to Settlement Class Members who submit valid claims.

Eligible claimants will receive a base payment of **$25 per Eligible Device**, subject to pro-rata adjustment. The payment may be increased up to a **maximum of $95 per device**, or decreased, depending on the total number of valid claims submitted, applicable deductions, and other factors. Final per-claimant amounts will not be known until all claims are evaluated.

Class Period

June 10, 2024 through March 29, 2025.

Filing Deadline

December 21, 2026. Claims must be submitted online or postmarked by this date. Claims submitted after this deadline will not be eligible for payment.

Who Qualifies

The Settlement Class includes all individuals and entities who meet *all* of the following criteria:

- Purchased one or more of the following **Eligible Devices**: iPhone 16, iPhone 16e, iPhone 16 Plus, iPhone 16 Pro, iPhone 16 Pro Max, iPhone 15 Pro, or iPhone 15 Pro Max.
- Purchased the Eligible Device **in the United States** between **June 10, 2024, and March 29, 2025**.
- Currently **reside in the United States**.
- Purchased the device for **personal or business use — not for resale**.
- Are the **original purchaser** of the device.

A separate Claim Form must be submitted for each Eligible Device if more than one device was purchased.

Who Is Excluded

- Apple Inc. itself.
- Any entity in which Apple has a controlling interest.
- Apple's directors, officers, and employees.
- Apple's legal representatives, successors, and assigns.
- All judicial officers assigned to this case, as well as their staff and immediate family members.
- Persons who purchased Eligible Devices solely for resale.

How to File

1. **Visit the settlement website** at www.smartphoneaisettlement.com and click "File A Claim."
2. **Select your claimant type:** Individual (personal use) or Business/Entity (business use).
3. **Complete the Claim Form**, providing:
    - Your current contact information (name, mailing address, telephone number, email).
    - Confirmation that you purchased an Eligible Device between June 10, 2024, and March 29, 2025 in the United States.
    - Confirmation that you expected to receive certain Siri Apple Intelligence features on the device but did not.
    - Information sufficient to confirm your purchase and/or ownership of the Eligible Device (e.g., serial number, original receipt, or packaging barcode).
4. **Locate your device serial number** if needed: Go to *Settings* → *General* → *About* on your iPhone. The serial number is listed in the first block of information. You may also find it on the device's original packaging or receipt.
5. **Submit a separate Claim Form for each Eligible Device** if you purchased more than one.
6. **Select your payment method:** Physical check or digital check.
7. **Submit by December 21, 2026** (online submission or postmark deadline).

Claims must be personally completed and submitted — third-party submissions are not permitted. For assistance, contact the Settlement Administrator toll-free at **1-888-988-8945** or by mail at:

Landsheft, et al. v. Apple Inc. Settlement Administrator
P.O. Box 301132
Los Angeles, CA 90030-1132

Defendants

- **Apple Inc.** — Plaintiffs allege that Apple marketed iPhone 15 Pro, iPhone 15 Pro Max, and iPhone 16 models with promises of certain Siri Apple Intelligence features that were not timely delivered to purchasers. Claims include alleged violations of various states' consumer protection laws. Apple denies all allegations and asserts that it did nothing improper or unlawful. The proposed settlement is not an admission of guilt or wrongdoing.

Case History

- **June 10, 2024:** Start of the Class Period (earliest eligible device purchase date).
- **March 29, 2025:** End of the Class Period (latest eligible device purchase date).
- **Case filed:** *Landsheft, et al. v. Apple Inc.*, Case No. 5:25-cv-02668, filed in the United States District Court for the Northern District of California before Judge Noël Wise.
- **July 17, 2026:** Court grants preliminary approval of the settlement.
- **September 21, 2026:** Notice campaign launched; claim period opens.
- **By November 17, 2026:** Plaintiffs' Counsel to file Motion for Attorneys' Fees and Expenses and for Class Representative Service Awards (to be posted on the settlement website).
- **December 21, 2026:** Deadline for claims, opt-outs, and objections.
- **February 24, 2027, 9:00 a.m.:** Final Approval Hearing at the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California, San Jose Courthouse, 280 South 1st Street, Courtroom 3 – 5th Floor, San Jose, CA 95113.

Class Counsel: Clarkson Law Firm, P.C.; Kaplan Fox & Kilsheimer LLP; and Cotchett, Pitre & McCarthy, LLP. Class Representatives may receive Service Awards of up to $2,000 each, subject to Court approval.

Source

- https://www.smartphoneaisettlement.com (Homepage)
- https://www.smartphoneaisettlement.com/frequently-asked-questions (FAQs)
- https://www.smartphoneaisettlement.com/case-documents (Case Documents — page not found at time of review)

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Reviewer Flags

- **Version:** Second draft — update pass. No substantive changes from the first draft. All source pages returned the same content as the prior review cycle; the Case Documents page continues to return a "Page Not Found" error.
- **What changed from previous version:**
  - The Announcements section note regarding the Attorneys' Fees Motion has been updated to reflect that the November 17, 2026 posting deadline has now passed, and flags that FRS staff should verify

whether the motion has been posted. Previously this was flagged only in the reviewer-flags section; it is now surfaced in the Announcements section itself for visibility.
    - No other fields were changed. All other content is preserved from the first draft.
- **Source mapping:**
    - *Homepage:* Provided settlement overview, eligibility criteria, Eligible Device list, class period, settlement amount, per-claim payment range, announcement/key dates timeline, and instructions for locating serial numbers.
    - *FAQs:* Provided detailed class definition and exclusions, opt-out and objection procedures, filing instructions, payment method options, attorneys' fees information, Class Counsel identities, Service Award amounts, Final Approval Hearing details, and case name/number/judge.
    - *Case Documents:* Page continues to return a "Page Not Found" error. The Settlement Agreement referenced in the FAQs (§§ III.B.4 and III.H) remains unavailable for review.
- **Ongoing flag — Attorneys' Fees Motion:** The November 17, 2026 deadline for Plaintiffs' Counsel to post the Motion for Attorneys' Fees and Expenses has now passed as of this article's Last Updated date (2026-11-24). The Case Documents page is still returning a "Page Not Found" error, making it impossible to confirm whether the motion was posted. FRS staff should attempt to access the Case Documents page directly or contact the Settlement Administrator to confirm whether the motion is available and whether it contains any material information (e.g., fee percentage requested, unusual terms).
- **Ongoing flag — "Original purchaser" requirement:** The Homepage states the claimant "must be the original purchaser of the device," but the FAQs do not explicitly use this language. This minor inconsistency persists from the first draft. FRS staff should confirm whether secondary or gifted purchases are categorically ineligible before advising clients accordingly.
- **Ongoing flag — Business claimants:** The Homepage indicates a separate claim pathway for businesses/entities. The FAQs do not separately address business claimants in detail. FRS staff with institutional clients holding eligible device purchases should monitor for any additional business-claim documentation requirements.