

# Legal Dispute over US Unions' Performer ER Fees Close to \$8 Million Settlement

"A dispute over the fees charged by American performer unions AFM and SAG-AFTRA in relation to the payment of equitable remuneration royalties to session musicians in the US is seemingly close to being settled. According to Law360, the judge overseeing the case Christina A Snyder gave preliminary approval," reports Chris Cooke in CMU.

"This all relates to a lawsuit filed in 2018 by songwriter and record producer Kevin Risto, which formally became a class action last year. Risto took issue with the management of the IP Rights Distribution Fund, an entity set up by AFM and SAG-AFTRA to administer royalties due to performers. That includes the so called Performer."

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