

**Progress Report in the Young Case  
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**The Claim Process Continues**

1. Rulings from the Circuit Court:

In my last progress report I indicated that we were awaiting rulings from the Court as to whether or not additional plaintiffs will be allowed to file late claims and for a ruling on the issue as to whether plaintiffs who earned compensatory time can recover anything at this point in the case. Please see last month's progress report for a description of those issues.

For most of this last month, the Judge was on vacation or otherwise out of the office. We have had indications that around the first of May the Judge returned, and we are awaiting rulings on those issues. The ruling could come tomorrow or next month.

2. The Claims Review Process

It is still going slowly. There are approximately 2,200 claims that have been made by plaintiffs. About 1,200 of those claims have been submitted from OSRL to the State in final form. The State is still accepting about 1 out of 5 claims and is contesting the others. To date, we have received 683 contested claims from the State. Of those, approximately 558 have been resolved. In other words, this office is approximately one quarter through, while OSRL is about half through.

We have reduced 4 different lists of plaintiffs to judgment when the claims have been accepted and the Court has signed 4 different judgment orders for a total of 130 plaintiffs. We are checking a new judgment order for another 49 plaintiff which showed up recently, as we have to verify that the plaintiffs' amount and the percentage of attorney's fees are correct in all cases. In 2 of the judgments, there has been a payment by the State so 75 plaintiffs have received their compensation. Checks recently showed up for the rest of the 130 plaintiffs.

3. Appeals

The Court of Appeals has not yet ruled on whether it will allow an interlocutory or pre-final judgment appeal. However, this is becoming somewhat moot, as every time a judgment becomes final, I have to appeal that judgment within 30 days to protect every plaintiff's interest in the case. The State and this office are cooperating in asking the Court to accept the interlocutory appeals so we don't have to appeal what may be as many as 20 or 30 different judgments.

In any event, a final ruling on the “half time” versus “time and one half” issue and the other issues on appeal, penalty pay and pre-judgment interest, are 1 to 3 years away. I am reminding all plaintiffs that should they move during that time period, to let me know.

#### 4. Our Office Move

Happily, the remodeling of the building that we’re in has been postponed for months. If we are lucky, the office will not have to move this year.

Sincerely,

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