

RISE Delaware™ LITIGATION PART I: RISE HAS FULLY PAID ITS LITIGATION ATTORNEYS!

Now that the RISE Delaware litigation is over and victory secured for State retirees, we are very happy to report that, with all invoices having come in and accounts reconciled, the litigation attorneys have been fully paid. Full payment has been possible because of the contributions from many, many RISE supporters over 22 months. **Thank you to everyone – individuals, unions and other groups – who contributed for the fees of our exceptional attorneys. The litigation has made it possible for the Medicare Supplement benefit of State retirees to be assured into the future.**

PAYMENTS

The total amount incurred for the attorneys to litigate the RISE Delaware case, which RISE has fully paid, was **\$470,675**, broken out as follows:

New York law firms (Sep – Nov 2022)

Pollock Cohen \$209,897

Walden Macht \$76,903 (firm brought in by Pollock Cohen)

Delaware law firm acting as local counsel (Sep 2022 – March 2023)

Bailey Glasser \$63,683 (with \$52,374 incurred as of November 2022)

TOTAL Superior Court Case fees: \$350,483 (with \$339,174 for the stay)

Delaware law firm acting as lead counsel (April 2023 – April 2024)

Fox Rothschild \$120,192

TOTAL Supreme Court case/appellate related fees: \$120,192

FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

The total amount contributed for litigation attorneys' fees was **\$470,675**, broken out as follows:

(a) \$7,500 was paid by Elisa Diller, Mary Graham, Karen Peterson and AnRea MacDonald directly to the attorneys in September 2022 for their initial retainers;

(b) \$444,987 was contributed by countless individuals and a few organizations via GoFundMe and checks over 22 months starting in September 2022; and

(c) the balance of \$18,188 was paid by the four current RISE Board members and a family member.

Thus, every dollar owed the attorneys for litigating the case has been paid and every dollar contributed for the attorneys to litigate the case has gone for that purpose.

KUDOS TO EVERYONE!

From the RISE Delaware Board -

Elisa Diller, President

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Elisa Diller, President

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