

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS**

LOUISIANA FIREFIGHTERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS' PENSION AND RETIREMENT FUND OF CHICAGO, THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CITY OF PONTIAC POLICE & FIRE RETIREMENT SYSTEM, and THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CITY OF PONTIAC GENERAL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM, on behalf of themselves and all others similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

v.

NORTHERN TRUST INVESTMENTS, N.A., and THE NORTHERN TRUST COMPANY,

Defendants.

Case No. 09-7203

Hon. Jorge L. Alonso

DECLARATION OF AVI JOSEFSON REGARDING OBJECTIONS TO THE SETTLEMENT, THE PROPOSED PLAN OF ALLOCATION, AND CO-LEAD COUNSEL'S MOTION FOR AN AWARD OF ATTORNEY'S FEES AND REIMBURSEMENT OF LITIGATION EXPENSES

I, Avi Josefson, declare as follows:

1. I am a partner in the law firm of Bernstein Litowitz Berger & Grossmann LLP, Co-Lead Counsel for the Class in the above-captioned action.
2. My firm and I were designated in paragraph 39 of the Notice of (I) Certification of Class and Proposed Settlement of Class Action; (II) Settlement Hearing; and (III) Motion for an Award of Attorneys' Fees and Reimbursement of Litigation Expenses (the "Settlement Notice") (Doc. 601-2, Ex. A), as the representative Co-Lead Counsel for receipt of any objections to the Settlement, the proposed Plan of Allocation, or Co-Lead Counsel's motion for an award of attorneys' fees and reimbursement of Litigation Expenses.

3. The Settlement Notice required that all objections be made in writing, and filed with the Clerk's Office at the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois on or before December 21, 2016. The Settlement Notice also required that the papers be served on representative Co-Lead Counsel and Defendants' Counsel so that they would be received on or before December 21, 2016.

4. The Settlement Notice also provided in paragraphs 42-43 that any person wishing to be heard orally at the hearing who had filed and served a timely written objection must also file a notice of appearance with the Clerk's Office and serve it on representative Co-Lead Counsel and Defendants' Counsel on or before December 21, 2016.

5. To date, neither I nor my firm have received service of any papers objecting to the Settlement, the proposed Plan of Allocation or Co-Lead Counsel's motion for an award of attorneys' fees and reimbursement of Litigation Expenses, nor have we received service of any notice of appearance of anyone intending to be heard orally at the hearing.

6. Counsel for Defendants informed Co-Lead Counsel on January 3, 2017 via email that they have not received service of any papers objecting to the Settlement, the proposed Plan of Allocation or Co-Lead Counsel's motion for an award of attorneys' fees and reimbursement of Litigation Expenses, nor have they received service of any notice of appearance of anyone intending to be heard orally at the hearing.


7. My firm has also checked the public docket via PACER and no such notices of appearance or objections have been filed to date.

8. My firm and I were designated in paragraph 47 of the Settlement Notice as a contact for Class Member inquiries concerning the Settlement Notice. In response to the Settlement Notice, several Class Members have contacted me with questions about the proposed Settlement

and none of those Class Members have voiced any objection or criticism of any aspect of the Settlement, the Plan of Allocation, or the fee and expense application.

I declare, under penalty of perjury, that the foregoing facts are true and correct.

Dated this 4th day of January, 2017.

By: 
Avi Josefson

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