

**PROGRESS REPORT IN THE YOUNG CASE
EFFECTIVE 8-29-01**

1. SETTLEMENTS AND PAYMENTS CONTINUE BUT REMAIN BACKED UP.

As of the end of last week, we had approximately 1,890 open plaintiff files. This number will probably shrink as plaintiffs decide not to pursue their claim.

To date, 1,593 affidavits have been completed, leaving approximately 300 still missing. **If you have not received an affidavit from OSRL to sign, immediately contact this office.** We have a list of those plaintiffs who have not completed affidavits and will be sending letters to them during the next month. We have found a number of cases where OSRL has said it has sent an affidavit to a plaintiff who never received it. Therefore, it is important for those of you have not received your affidavits from OSRL to immediately contact this office.

We have settled 1,483 claims. Of those 677 were paid, 411 are awaiting payment and 341 have been settled but the State has not yet placed them on a list to be reduced to judgment. I have discussed this matter with the Assistant Attorney General in charge of the case and he assures me that the effort to speed up the processing of settled claims will continue. However, for those of you who have not received a check three months after your claim has settled, continue to contact our office.

2. CLAIMS PENDING ARBITRATION

In the past, with the cooperative work of an Assistant Attorney General, we were able to settle virtually all claims that were pending arbitration. In many cases the Attorney General's office helped the agency's representatives understand that they would have to accept a plaintiff's claim. In a number of cases, the plaintiffs decided not continue to push for the full amount of the claim they had been requesting, and one case we settled by simply splitting the difference. However, that Assistant Attorney General transferred to another section in the office and a new one has taken over handling claims pending arbitrations. This particular Assistant Attorney General is dragging out the process. He is requesting mediation in numerous claims and is starting to talk about requesting depositions in some claims. It is my anticipation that the time to resolve claims pending arbitration, instead of being about two months, will be four to six months. For those of you whose claims are pending, if you have questions about this, do not hesitate to contact me. 23 claims are pending arbitration.

3. Please note our new E-mail address. Our E-mail address has been changed to loojh@bossig.com. This was necessary due to problems with our server.

Sincerely,

John Hoag,
Attorney