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Re: *City Bar, Inc., et al. v. John Bel Edwards, in his official capacity as Governor of the State of Louisiana*
Civil Docket No. C-703353 – Section 22 – 19th Judicial District Court
Our File No. 0120020

Dear Class Members:

We regret to report that the legislature did not fund the Settlement this session. This failure was primarily the result of two circumstances beyond our control: (1) timing, and (2) the downward revenue forecast in the late stage of the session.

The Louisiana Constitutional prohibits contingent (uncertain) appropriations. The Settlement was entered in late January, and preliminarily approved February. The legislative session began March 9. At that time, the Governor could not include the Settlement in his budget request or by amendment in the House (HB-1) because the Settlement was not final. Final Approval was not entered until May 15, 2026, two weeks before the end of the session. By that time, HB-1 was in the Senate, where we had hoped to add an amendment. Unfortunately, in early May, the Revenue Estimating Committee adjusted the 2026-27 revenue forecast downward by \$100 million, reducing the pool of unrestricted funds for appropriations. Then, to make matters worse, the constitutional amendment providing for teacher pay raises failed. This placed our funding request in direct competition with many others. The good news is that being passed over in 2026 probably increases our chances for success in 2027.

The claims application process will close June 30, 2026. Soon thereafter, the Claims Administrator will be able to roughly calculate the net recovery for each applicant. In other words, you will know your personal stake in helping to encourage legislators to provide Settlement funding in 2027. We encourage you to contact legislators and secure their support.

With kind regards,

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