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This is an update on the Linda Call versus AT&T Pension Benefit Plan, previously the Ameritech Management Pension Plan lawsuit. In November 1999, Linda Call took early retirement and received a lump-sum distribution which was calculated in accordance with a new amendment to the Ameritech pension plan. Under the plan terms in effect before that amendment, however, Linda would have been entitled to a lump-sum of over \$36,000.00 more. Ameritech refused to pay her the greater amount, so she filed a class action lawsuit.

The United States District Court of Appeals Seventh Circuit granted judgment in Linda Call's favor. AT&T then requested the United States Supreme Court to reverse the lower court ruling. The U.S. Supreme Court invited the Solicitor General to weigh in.

The United States Solicitor General's brief in part states that AT&T's argument that the court of appeals erred in affirming the district court's award does not warrant review. The Solicitor General commented that the decision of the court of appeals does not conflict with any decision of the United States Supreme Court or another court of appeals.

Accordingly, the U.S. Solicitor General's brief recommends that the Supreme Court should deny AT&T's petition to review the decision of the lower court.