

The News Register

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“Intra-organization Communication is the Life-Blood of our organization.”

Good news! AASBCR_{SM} has been informed that the Out of Area Telephone Concession lawsuit will proceed. The lawsuit was divided into two parts. Part one has been decided in favor of retirees. Telephone concession is considered a defined benefit. The attorney, Joseph Barton explained as follows:

“SBC (AT&T) sought to take an appeal following Phase I and before proceeding to Phase II. We opposed that for a variety of reasons, including because it would delay these proceedings. Today (Friday, August 1), the Court denied SBC's (AT&T's) request. This means we will proceed immediately to Phase II, which will determine, among other things, relief (i.e. damages).”

Retirees who live out-of-region are included in the class regardless of whether they receive the 600 Minutes. This is useful information for us -- particularly for this phase of the case. If a few of these people are willing to talk to us about this, I'd like to find out more information about this situation. Please have them contact my paralegal Abby Scott toll-free at 1-888-240-0775.”

If you received telephone concession when you retired outside of the five state region of Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin, then had it denied and replaced by 600 minutes of long distance service or replaced with nothing at all, your story could significantly contribute to Joseph Barton's efforts. If you would like to assist recovering this earned benefit, please call Joseph Barton or his assistant, Abby Scott.

The more support we lend to this effort, the more all retirees will benefit – if not directly, the message of our being an effective force to treat fairly, will be sent.