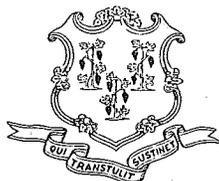


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February 10, 2014

The Honorable Members of the Connecticut General Assembly
c/o Judiciary Committee
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Re: 2014 Report of the Claims Commissioner

Dear Honorable Members of the General Assembly:

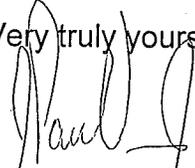
I provide for your review a report regarding the Office of the Claims Commissioner pursuant to the requirements of Connecticut General Statutes § 4-158(f). As you can see from the attached report, despite our small personnel numbers, the Claims Commission is a very active, busy and efficient state agency. We watch every allocated penny of our budget and do more with less. It has been my honor to serve in this position since my appointment on August 15, 2011 and I would like to emphasize that I am always available to meet with any member of the legislature regarding our work. I have had meetings with several members of the legislature over my term and am always willing to meet with anyone to explain the claims process.

It is an honor to serve as the Commissioner of a small, yet important agency that has been called the "conscience" of the State. With only 2 ½ employees, we process claims from inception to resolution, which may include formal hearings, akin to a civil trial. This process allows a Claimant the time and forum to have their claim heard and decided in a fair and timely manner. We are making every effort to continue to improve the operation of this Commission and will be working to update our technology to provide a more efficient process for the people that we serve.

It is not my custom and practice to comment on claims that are pending before your committee since each decision contains my legal analysis and opinion. I assure you that each and every claim that is filed against the State goes through the same process and each claimant given the same respect and consideration. The claims that are before you this session are no exception, I can attest that each of the claims were carefully considered and analyzed. I leave it to your committees' best judgment whether or not my conclusions should be upheld or reconsidered.

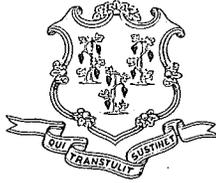
As always, I would like to thank the members of the legislature and both Governor Dannel P. Malloy and Lieutenant Governor Nancy Wyman for the opportunity to serve.

Very truly yours,



J. Paul Vance, Jr.
Commissioner

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CLAIMS COMMISSIONER'S ANNUAL REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

REPORTING PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2013 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2013

During the past year 331 claims were filed with the Office of the Claims Commissioner. As of December 31, 2013 there were 631 claims pending disposition. Since January 1, 2013 the Commissioner heard or otherwise adjudicated 309 claims. The following dispositions were entered:

THERE HAVE BEEN 45 AWARDS FOR A TOTAL OF \$52,721.89.

THERE ARE NO RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR AN AWARD IN EXCESS OF \$7,500.00 (C.G.S. 4-159)

PERMISSION TO SUE HAS BEEN GRANTED FOR 28 CLAIMS - C.G.S.4-160(a)(b)

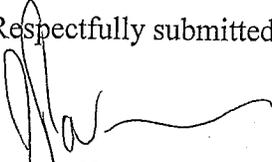
OTHER DISPOSITIONS

A total of 238 additional claims were disposed of by Denial on merits, Dismissal for lack of jurisdiction, Dismissal for Failure to prosecute, Dismissal for Failure to appear for a hearing or withdrawal.

Thirty-Six (36) claimants have filed notice of appeal of the Commissioner's decision and those files are hereby submitted to the General Assembly. (See list attached)

There are currently 43 claims on extension that involve the same claim made by 45 individual claimants represented by a single law firm. All extensions were granted at the request of the claimant or counsel for the claimant and a written waiver was received.

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Paul Vance Jr.', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

J. Paul Vance Jr.
Claims Commissioner

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2014 GENERAL ASSEMBLY LIST

<u>FILE</u>	<u>CLAIMANT</u>	<u>AD DAMNUM</u>	<u>AWARD</u>
1. 22910	Allen, Anthony	No Specific Amount	None
2. 23028	Bastian, Doreen and George	\$50,000.00	None
3. 22955	Berrios, Eddie	\$450,000.00 + PTS	None
4. 22464	Bozelko, Chandra	\$5,000,000.00 + PTS	None
5. 22803	Braswell, Velmon	Excess of \$5,000.00 +PTS	None
6. 22446	Coney, Marc	\$125,000.00 + PTS	None
7. 21750	Corcoran, Chase	\$1,500,000.00 + PTS	None
8. 23345	Garcia, Brandon	\$750,000.00 + PTS	None
9. 22648	Giacomazzi, Peter	\$2,600.00	None
10. 22715	Gulino, Jason P.	\$20,000.00 + PTS	None
11. 21974	Hargrove, Anthony	\$7,500.00 + PTS	None
12. 22664	Harnage, James A.	\$500,000.00 + PTS	None
13. 22665	Harnage, James A.	\$150,000.00 + PTS	None
14. 22693	Harnage, James A.	\$250,000.00 + PTS	None
15. 22963	Harnage, James A.	\$100,000.00 + PTS	None
16. 22964	Harnage, James A.	\$175,000.00 + PTS	None
17. 23275	Hatstat, Gary	\$65,000.00 + PTS	None
18. 22732	Holliday, Dean B.	\$27,270.11 + PTS	None
19. 23009	Holman, Michael	\$10,000,000.00 + PTS	None
20. 21842	Klemonski, Kevin	No Amount Specified	None
21. 22734	Mitchell, James	\$15,000.00 + PTS	None
22. 22735	Mitchell, James	\$15,000.00 + PTS	None
23. 22046	Nash, Stephen Successor Conservator of Charla Nash	\$150,000,000.00 + PTS	None
24. 22975	Norton, Deborah	\$5,000	None
25. 22748	Rogue, Richard	\$1,000,000.00 + PTS	None

26. 22880	Sadler, Gary	\$50,000.00 + PTS	None
27. 22847	Satchwell, Lloyd	\$10,000 – 15,000.00 + PTS	None
28. 22574	Shahid, Umar	\$33,000.00 + PTS	None
29. 22871	Shahid, Umar	\$50,000.00 + PTS	None
30. 22615	Thomas, Steven	\$75,000.00 + PTS	None
31. 23314	Tiezzi, Marty	\$100,000.00 + PTS	None
32. 23233	Tillman, Tyrone O. (Estate of)	\$10,000,000.00 + PTS	None
33. 22483	White, Antuan	\$100,000.00 + PTS	None
34. 23141	Williams, Stanley	\$10,000.00 + PTS	None
35. 23397	Wood, James P.	\$25,000.00 + PTS	None
36. 22900	Ziolkovski, Kevin M.	\$15,000 + PTS	None