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LAW ENFORCEMENT FATALITIES DECREASE 44% IN THE FIRST HALF OF 2012



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FIGHTING FOR THE RIGHTS OF PUBLIC SERVICE WORKERS

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In 2000, I seized the opportunity to join one of the nation's largest plaintiffs' litigation firms, Motley Rice LLC, where I felt I could do my part to better serve the community after having previously worked in the world of commercial banking. Now, 12 years later and a partner at the firm, I, along with my colleagues take pride in fighting for the rights of our country's hard-working citizens, including law enforcement officials like you through various avenues.

Attorneys at Motley Rice have the support that enables us to help protect you through our work—advocating for the rights of unions, state and municipality pension funds and other institutional investors that are victims of corporate misconduct.

Following the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, Motley Rice attorneys represented numerous victims' families, including those of 9/11 first responders, that needed help filing claims through the federal September 11th Victim Compensation Fund (VCF). Additionally, our attorneys spent nearly a decade representing 56 of the 96 families that opted out of the Fund in search of greater answers and accountability, settling the last claim in September 2011.

Motley Rice continues to actively support our communities' public servants, currently accepting claims of first responders and others who suffered certain physical injuries/illnesses or death resulting from exposure to environmental toxins (such as asbestos) that the 9/11 attacks and debris removal efforts caused.

In addition, Motley Rice represents a group of more than 6,600 family members of those killed in the attacks of 9/11 and those injured as well, including law enforcement officials, in the case *In re Thomas E. Burnett, Sr., et al. v. Al Baraka Investment & Development Corp., et al.* The 9/11 Families United to Bankrupt Terrorism are united in the cause of pursuing justice and deterring future terrorist attacks. To do so, they are using the civil legal system to pursue those who allegedly financed and provided support for the cowardly terrorist attacks.

So where does a securities attorney like me fit into this picture? Through its litigation work and advocacy efforts, my firm is continually seeking to find new ways to fight for reform that helps protect the American worker and securities litigation is among the ways we do this.

Please know how vitally important it is for you, the shareholder, to pay attention to the conduct and behavior of companies you own in your portfolio. As we have all learned through national media coverage the past few years, corporate fraud and misconduct is commonplace these days. Recent scandals by corporate management including Barclays, Chesapeake Energy, and J. P. Morgan, are just a few examples that have cost investors hundreds of millions of dollars. If you are a decision-maker for your public pension fund, I encourage you to take advantage of available resources, including retaining a firm **to monitor your fund's investment portfolio for securities fraud.**

Most experienced securities litigation firms offer a portfolio monitoring service at no cost to the institutional or individual investor. This service can play a key role in helping investors identify and respond to instances of securities fraud and, more importantly, evaluate litigation options to recover losses where merited. Last year, there were 188 securities fraud class action complaints filed in federal courts across the country. Collectively, these complaints alleged more than \$100 billion in fraud-related damages. There are a growing number of cases alleging breach of fiduciary duty in connection with mergers and acquisitions, as well as cases involving Chinese companies listed on exchanges in the United States.

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Through our Portfolio Monitoring Service, we advise investors of filings of securities class actions nationwide and keep them apprised of newsworthy events at publicly traded companies. If an investor has sustained material losses as a result of a recent disclosure, we conduct a more detailed analysis of potential claims. If we believe the plan should consider direct involvement in a particular case, we will discuss possible litigation strategies and provide a detailed written analysis of the merits of the case, the **plan's losses and the reasons behind our recommendations upon request.**

At Motley Rice, we are honored to work for law enforcement officers and union members such as you through our litigation efforts to ensure that those of you who have invested your hard-earned money into a public pension fund reap the benefits upon retirement. Thank you again for your dedication and commitment to ensuring that we all live in safer communities.

*Marlon E. Kimpson was recognized in the inaugural edition of Benchmark Plaintiff: The Definitive Guide to **America's Leading Plaintiff Firms & Attorneys in its national and local rankings as a "litigation star."** As a plaintiffs' attorney at Motley Rice, Kimpson has represented victims of corporate malfeasance, including investors in securities and consumer fraud cases as well as those injured or killed in aviation disasters and other catastrophic incidents. He assists unions, institutional and individual investors better identify potential securities fraud and improve corporate governance through litigation. Kimpson is a lifetime member of the NAACP, and he is also a member of the American Association for Justice, American Bar Association, National Bar Association, South Carolina Association for Justice, Sigma Pi Phi Boulé and Omega Psi Phi fraternity. He received a B.A. from Morehouse College and a J.D. from the University of South Carolina School of Law and is licensed in the state of South Carolina.*