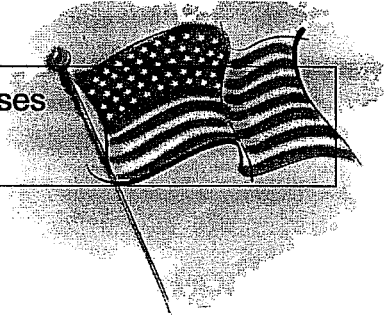


Atlantic JIF Lessons Learned From Losses

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The MEL Corner

Each quarter the MEL provides a summary of all claims that resolved in the prior quarter.

For the first quarter of 2009, 36 cases across 12 MEL funds resolved for a total of \$1,821,632.00 in MEL payments.

On behalf of the Atlantic JIF, 3 claims resolved for a total payment by the MEL of \$247,085.

In a case filed against Hammonton, an employee alleged that he was served with disciplinary charges as a result of his refusal to investigate an alleged criminal activity. The employee alleged violation of CEPA amongst other allegations. Ultimately, the case settled for \$60,000.00.

Another allegation of a CEPA, as well as LAD violations was alleged against Galloway. In that case, the employee alleged a hostile work environment and gender discrimination. Fortunately, the Court sided with Galloway and the case was dismissed on Summary Judgment. The Appellate Division upheld the decision. The file is now closed without payment to the plaintiff.

It should be pointed out that A. Michael Barker was the assigned defense attorney on both of the above-mentioned cases.

Finally, in another claim filed against Galloway, a tow truck company alleged its name was removed from the City's approved list and that action violated its civil rights. The company was added to the list; as a result, the case was dismissed with prejudice and the file is now closed.

