

HOW TO NOTIFY THE CLAIMS ADMINISTRATOR OF AN ATTORNEY'S LIEN

We have received questions about how lawyers may notify the Claims Administrator about a claim for attorney's fees and costs if discharged by a client who is a possible claimant in the NFL Concussion Settlement program. The Parties to the Settlement Agreement have adopted the following process for lawyers to provide such notice to the Claims Administrator of the assertion of an attorney's lien.

On December 12, 2016, the United States Supreme Court denied the two petitions for certiorari seeking review of the April 22, 2015 Final Order and Judgment entered by the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania approving the Settlement. However, the petitioners have 25 days to request reconsideration. The Settlement will not become effective until after all possible appeals are resolved in favor of the Settlement or the time to appeal has run out. The date on which the Settlement goes into effect, should that occur, is called the "Effective Date." At that time, the Claims Administrator will announce the full process for submitting and resolving liens of all types, including those for attorney's fees and costs.

A lawyer who wishes to note and preserve a lien for attorney's fees and costs with the Claims Administrator now may do so by providing the Claims Administrator the following:

- (a) The name and date of birth (or Notice ID number) of the Retired NFL Football Player or Derivative Claimant against whose payment the lien is asserted;
- (b) The date the lawyer was discharged; and
- (c) A copy of the lawyer's retainer agreement signed by that Retired NFL Football Player or Derivative Claimant.

Send this information to ClaimsAdministrator@NFLConcussionSettlement.com. The Claims Administrator may require certain additional information after the Effective Date and will provide notice then of any further necessary steps. Persons with questions may send them to that same email address or call 1-855-887-3485. For the avoidance of any doubt, state law applicable to the lien may impose its own set of requirements in order for you to preserve the lien, and you should consult and comply with any such applicable state law beyond providing notice to the Claims Administrator.

Even if you have already filed a notice of lien in the MDL court or in any other federal or state court, you must send the Claims Administrator the above information to ensure your lien is on record with the Settlement program. The Claims Administrator will keep track of all lien assertions it receives and will address them at the appropriate time after the Effective Date if the applicable Retired NFL Football Player or Derivative Claimant submits a claim for a Monetary Award in the program.