

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF CONNECTICUT

**If you settled a personal injury or
worker's compensation claim with
Hartford Accident and Indemnity Company,
Hartford Casualty Insurance Company,
Hartford Insurance Company of The Midwest, or
Hartford Fire Insurance Company, or some other Hartford property &
casualty insurance company and some or all of your
settlement was paid with a structured settlement,
your rights could be affected by a lawsuit.**

A federal court authorized this notice. It is not a solicitation from a lawyer.

- Individuals who settled personal injury and worker's compensation claims with Hartford Accident and Indemnity Company, Hartford Casualty Insurance Company, Hartford Insurance Company of The Midwest or Hartford Fire Insurance Company, or other Hartford property and casualty insurance companies (collectively, "Hartford P&C" companies), have sued the Hartford P&C companies, and Hartford Life, Inc. and Hartford Life Insurance Company (together, "Hartford Life"), and their parent corporation, The Hartford Financial Services Group, Inc. ("HFSG") for fraud and for violations of federal racketeering laws.
- The individuals who are suing these companies are referred to as the "Plaintiffs" and the companies being sued are referred to as the "Defendants." The Plaintiffs have brought these claims on behalf of themselves and others who Plaintiffs say were defrauded in the same way by the Defendants.
- The Plaintiffs' personal injury and worker's compensation settlements each involved a promise by one of the Hartford P&C companies to pay all or part of the agreed settlement amounts over time in what are called "structured settlements." The Plaintiffs say that Defendants defrauded them out of the full amount of their settlements by secretly providing them with structured settlements worth 15% less than their promised cost or value and by fraudulently retaining the 15% for themselves.
- The Defendants deny that they did anything wrong and deny that they are liable for damages to anyone.
- This Court has allowed the lawsuit to be brought as a class action on behalf of persons, as described below, who settled personal injury or worker's compensation claims with one of the Hartford P&C companies between January 1, 1997 and the present, and who were paid, in whole or in part, with a structured settlement.
- Your legal rights are affected whether you act or don't act. Please read this notice carefully.

Your Legal Rights And Options In This Lawsuit	
Do Nothing	The final outcome of the lawsuit, whether favorable or unfavorable, will apply to you if you are a member of the class. You will give up any rights to sue the Defendants separately about the same legal claims in this lawsuit.
Exclude Yourself	The final outcome of this lawsuit, whether favorable or unfavorable, will not apply to you. You will give up the right to share in any recovery that might be paid to the Class as a result of trial or settlement of this lawsuit. You will be free to be part of any other lawsuit against the Defendants relating to the legal claims in this case.

- These rights and options - **and the deadlines to exercise them** - are explained in this notice.
- The lawyers for the Class must prove the claims against the Defendants at trial. The Court hearing this case has set aside the period of September 20-October 7, 2010 for a trial on all issues in the case except the particular amount of damages, if any, to be awarded each Class Member in the event that the Class wins at trial.
- If a recovery of damages is obtained for the Class after the claims and any appeals are resolved, you will be notified about how to ask for a share.

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BASIC INFORMATION

1. Why did I get this notice

You received this notice because you settled a personal injury or worker's compensation claim with a Hartford P&C company between January 1, 1997 and the present and some or all of your settlement was paid with a structured settlement.

This notice explains that the Court has allowed, or "certified," a class action lawsuit that may affect you. This notice explains the lawsuit and the legal rights and options that you may exercise before the Court holds a trial.

2. What is this lawsuit about?

The lawsuit alleges that Defendants committed fraud in connection with the payment of structured settlements that were part of settlements of personal injury and worker's compensation claims brought against persons or entities insured by Hartford P&C companies. The lawsuit alleges that the Defendants defrauded class members out of the full amount of the structured settlements the Hartford P&C companies agreed to pay by providing class members with structured settlements worth 15% less than their promised cost or value, and fraudulently retaining the 15% for themselves. The lawsuit alleges that Defendants violated the federal Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act ("RICO"), 18 U.S.C. §§ 1962(c) and 1962(d), and committed fraud under state laws, and seeks damages representing three times the amount that the Defendants wrongfully retained as a result of the alleged conduct, plus interest, attorneys' fees and costs.

The Defendants deny that they did anything wrong and deny that they are liable for damages to any Plaintiff or member of the class. The Defendants contend that all persons who accepted structured settlements received all the benefits they

were promised, that the cost and value of those benefits were accurately represented, and that Defendants did not wrongfully retain 15% or any other amounts owed to the Plaintiffs.

The Court has not yet decided whether the Defendants violated any laws or are liable for any damages.

The class action is known as *Spencer, et al. v. The Hartford Financial Services Group, Inc., et al.*, Civ. No. 3:05-cv-1681 (JCH). Judge Janet C. Hall of the United States District Court for the District of Connecticut is overseeing this class action.

3. What is a class action?

In a class action, one or more persons called “Class Representatives” sue on behalf of other persons with similar claims. In this case, there are three Class Representatives: Oshonya Spencer, Charles Strickland, and Douglas McDuffie. The Class Representatives and the persons on whose behalf they have sued are together a “Class” or “Class Members.” They are also called the Plaintiffs.

The companies that have been sued are called the Defendants. In this case, there are seven Defendants: The Hartford Financial Services Group, Inc.; Hartford Life, Inc.; Hartford Life Insurance Company; Hartford Accident and Indemnity Company; Hartford Casualty Insurance Company; Hartford Insurance Company of the Midwest; and Hartford Fire Insurance Company.

In a class action lawsuit, one court resolves the issues for everyone in the Class - except for those who exclude themselves from the Class, as described in questions 9-11 below.

4. Why is this lawsuit a class action?

The Court has decided that this lawsuit can be a class action because it meets the requirements of Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23, which governs class actions in federal courts.

Specifically, the Court has found that:

- There are likely thousands of members of the Class with common legal or factual issues relating to the claims in this case.
- The claims of the Class Representatives are typical of the claims of the rest of the Class.
- The Class Representatives and the lawyers representing the Class will fairly and adequately protect the Class's interests.
- The common legal questions and facts are more important than questions affecting only individual members of the Class, and this class action will be more efficient than individual lawsuits.

5. Has the Court identified class claims, issues or defenses?

Yes. Judge Hall in her Order that certified the Class identified at least one class-wide question, namely: whether Defendants' alleged practice of deducting fees from the amounts structured violates RICO or constitutes fraud.

6. What has happened in the case so far?

The Court denied the Defendants' motion to dismiss the complaint on October 24, 2006, ruling that the Plaintiffs had properly pleaded claims for fraud and RICO, among other claims. The parties then conducted fact discovery during which they exchanged documents, answered written questions, and deposed a number of witnesses. Expert discovery is ongoing and is scheduled to be completed by April 9, 2010. Motions for summary judgment, if any, are due by May 7, 2010.

The Court has set aside September 20-October 7, 2010 for a trial on all issues except individual damages. Should Plaintiffs succeed at the trial, there will be a separate procedure for determining the amount of damages the Defendants must pay, if any, to particular Class Members and to determine who is in the Class.

WHO IS IN THE CLASS?

To see if you are in the Class, you first have to determine if you meet the requirements set by the Court to be a Class Member.

7. Am I part of the Class?

Judge Hall has decided that people who entered into settlements with one of the Hartford P&C companies between 1997 and the present, in which some or all of the settlement amount was to be paid as a structured settlement funded with an annuity from Hartford Life, are Class Members if they:

- Had a written contract with a Hartford P&C company that made explicit or implicit reference to the “cost” or “value” of the settlement or portion of the settlement being structured or the “cost” or “value” of an annuity being used to fund the structure;

or

- Before entering into the written contract, had received a writing that made explicit or implicit reference to the “cost” or “value” of the settlement or portion of the settlement being structured or the “cost” or “value” of an annuity being used to fund the structure.

Judge Hall excluded from the class anyone who was represented by a plaintiffs’ broker in connection with the settlement.

If you are not sure whether you are included, you may call or write to the lawyers in this case at the telephone numbers or addresses listed in question 14 below.

IF YOU DO NOTHING

8. What happens if I do nothing at all?

If you are a member of the Class and do nothing, you remain in the Class. You will keep the right to get a share of any recovery that may come from a trial or settlement with the Defendants. If the Class wins at trial, there will be a separate procedure for determining the amount of damages the Defendants must pay, if any, to particular Class Members, and for determining who is a member of the Class. You will not be able to start a lawsuit, continue with a lawsuit, or be part of any other lawsuit against the Defendants about the legal issues in this case. All of the Court’s orders will apply to you and legally bind you.

EXCLUDING YOURSELF FROM THE CLASS

9. Why would I ask to be excluded?

If you do not want to be bound by any judgment, whether favorable or unfavorable, that may be made in this case, do not want a payment from any settlement or recovery that may come from a trial or settlement, and you instead want to keep the right to sue the Defendants about the legal issues in this case, then you must take steps to exclude yourself from the class. This is sometimes referred to as “opting out” of the Class.

If you start your own lawsuit against the Defendants after you exclude yourself, you may want to hire your own lawyer for that lawsuit, and you’ll have to prove your claims. If you do exclude yourself so you can start or continue your own lawsuit against the Defendants, you should talk to a lawyer soon, because your claims may be subject to a statute of limitations.

10. How do I get out of the Class?

To exclude yourself from the Class, you must send a letter by first class U.S. mail simply saying that you want to be excluded from *Spencer, et al. v. The Hartford Financial Services Group, Inc., et al.* Be sure to include your name, address, telephone number, and your signature. You must mail your exclusion request postmarked on or before MAY 3, 2010 to *Spencer v. The Hartford Financial Services Group, Inc., c/o The Garden City Group, Inc., Notice Administrator, PO Box 9349, Dublin, OH 43017-4249.*

You cannot exclude yourself by telephone or by e-mail. The Court shall automatically grant all timely requests for exclusion.

If you ask to be excluded, you will not get any recovery that may come from a trial or settlement with the Defendants. You will not be legally bound by anything that happens in this lawsuit, and you may be able to sue (or continue to sue) the Defendants in the future about the legal issues in this case.

11. If I don't exclude myself, can I sue the Defendants for the same thing later?

No. Unless you exclude yourself, you give up any right to sue the Defendants for the claims presented in this lawsuit. If you have a pending lawsuit, speak to your lawyer in that case immediately, because you must exclude yourself from this Class to continue your own lawsuit. Remember, the exclusion deadline is MAY 3, 2010.

THE TRIAL

12. How and when will the Court decide who is right?

If the claims against the Defendants are not resolved by a settlement or otherwise, Class Counsel will have to prove the Plaintiffs' claims against the Defendants at a trial. The Court has set a trial date for September 20-October 7, 2010 on all issues in the case but damages. During the trial, a judge or jury will hear all of the evidence to help them reach a decision about whether the Plaintiffs' claims or the Defendants' defenses are valid. There is no guarantee that the Plaintiffs will win, or that Plaintiffs will eventually get a recovery for the Class in any subsequent trial to determine the amount of damages owed to Plaintiffs, if any.

13. Do I have to come to the trial?

Generally, you do not need to attend the trial. Class Counsel will present the case for the Plaintiffs, and the Defendants will present their defenses. You or your own lawyer are welcome to attend the trial at your own expense.

THE LAWYERS REPRESENTING YOU

14. Do I have lawyers in this case?

Judge Hall has decided that the lawyers listed below are qualified to represent you and all Class Members. Together the law firms are called "Class Counsel." They are experienced in handling similar cases against other companies. The lawyers are:

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15. Should I get my own lawyer?

You do not need to hire your own lawyer because Class Counsel is working on your behalf. However, if you wish to do so, you may retain your own lawyer at your own expense.

16. How will the lawyers be paid?

If Class Counsel gets a recovery for the Class from the Defendants, the Court will be asked to approve a fee to the lawyers and reimbursement for the expenses they have paid. You will not have to pay these fees and expenses. If the Court grants Class Counsel's requests, the fees and expenses would either be deducted from any money obtained for the Class or paid separately by the Defendants.

GETTING MORE INFORMATION

17. How do I get more information?

If you have questions about this case or want to get additional information, you may call the Notice Administrator toll-free at 1-800-951-2135. You may also write to any of the lawyers listed in question 14 or visit the Notice Administrator's website at www.gardencitygroup.com and then select the "Spencer v. Hartford" case.

**PLEASE DO NOT WRITE OR CALL THE COURT
OR THE CLERK'S OFFICE FOR INFORMATION.**

DATE: MARCH 1, 2010

BY ORDER OF THE COURT

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