

## **Kalima Lawsuit Settlement Update**

### **Settlement Payments to Deceased Class Members' Heirs**

Probate Special Master Emily Kawashima and Probate Special Counsel Scott Suzuki are filing Petitions in Probate Court to seek approval for settlement payments to the heirs of Deceased Class Members.

As of November 15, 2024, the Probate Court has heard thirteen petitions. These Petitions have collectively requested probate court approval for payments to approximately 330 families. Payments relating to claims of deceased class members have begun and will continue periodically throughout the probate process as the Probate Court approves the probate petitions.

Whenever a new petition is filed and set for hearing, it is uploaded to the [www.kalima-lawsuit.com](http://www.kalima-lawsuit.com) website under the "Documents" link. Each petition contains details on hearing dates and the parties involved. This information is also published in the Legal Notices section of the *Honolulu Star Advertiser*.

### **More Information About Probate Process**

More information about the probate process and how Deceased Class Members' claims will be handled can be found on [www.kalima-lawsuit.com](http://www.kalima-lawsuit.com). The Probate Plan notice that was mailed out by the Claims Administrator on December 4, 2023 is available under the "Documents" link on the website.

This Probate Process is expected to take about two years to complete. Estates of Deceased Class Members with the most accurate and complete information about possible heirs will likely be processed first. Those with incomplete information will take longer. The process is complex as some potential heirs of Deceased Class members also have passed and their potential heirs must be identified and notified, where possible. Class Counsel have requested and the state has agreed to use data sources available to the state to assist this search.

**Monday December 16, 2024 Talk Story, 5 pm to 6 pm**

Probate Special Master Emily Kawashima and Probate Special Counsel Scott Suzuki will be conducting a Talk Story to answer questions about the probate process. Please visit [www.kalima-lawsuit.com](http://www.kalima-lawsuit.com) for information on how to join the discussion by Zoom or telephone.

### **Deceased Class Member and Family Information Forms**

To advance the process of distributing payment to heirs, Deceased Class Member and Family Information Forms should be completed by family members. If you have submitted these forms already, you do not need to submit them again unless the information has changed.

The Claims Administrator still has not received Deceased Class Member and Family Information forms for approximately 249 deceased Class Members. Both forms can be found at the Kalima website. Any family member can fill them in online or print and e-mail them to [info@kalima-lawsuit.com](mailto:info@kalima-lawsuit.com) or mail them to Kalima Claims Administrator P.O. Box 135035 Honolulu, Hawai'i 96801.

**IT IS CRITICAL THAT THESE FORMS BE COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED TO THE CLAIMS ADMINISTRATOR TO ENSURE PROMPT PAYMENTS TO DECEASED CLASS MEMBERS' HEIRS.**

### **Settlement Payments to Living Class Members**

Settlement checks have been mailed to approximately 1,300 living Class Members. Settlement checks must be cashed within 120 days after issuance.

The Special Master extended the date by which checks must be cashed. If you have not cashed your check within 150 days after the check was issued, the old check will be voided and a replacement check will have to be issued. This will cause further delays. There are approximately 30 Class Members who have not cashed their checks. **Please contact the Claims Administrator if you have not cashed your check.**

A small number of checks have been returned as undeliverable. **Please contact the Claims Administrator if you have not received your check to update your address.**

Living Class Members should continue to update their contact information in case there is an additional payment after the probate period is completed. **Please continue to update your contact information even after you receive your check.**

**Questions?**

Please contact the Claims Administrator at [info@kalima-lawsuit.com](mailto:info@kalima-lawsuit.com) or at 1-808-650-5551 or 1-833-639-1308 (Toll-Free) if you have questions. If you are available at limited times, please include that information in your message. Mahalo!