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Cincinnati Firm Serves September 11th Victims

Shortly after the attack by terrorists on September 11, 2001, the U.S. Congress created legislation to compensate those killed or physically injured as a result of the attack. The Victims' Compensation Fund (VCF) is in effect a mass tort settlement fund administered by Special Master, Kenneth Feinberg, operating under the auspices of the Department of Justice. The congressional intent in establishing the fund was to provide compensation on an expedited, "no fault" basis – i.e., without having to prove negligence or causation. (STRUCTURED SETTLEMENTS ARE EXPRESSLY PERMITTED UNDER THE VCF, GRANTING THE SPECIAL MASTER THE DISCRETION TO PROVIDE CLAIMANTS WITH INFORMATION REGARDING ANNUITIES AND STRUCTURED AWARDS WITH PERIODIC PAYMENTS.)

According to several sources, the Cincinnati based firm of Little, Meyers and Associates (LMA) facilitated the majority of structured awards granted under the guidelines of the VCF and was the first in the country to utilize a "468 B Qualified Settlement Fund" with the VCF.

LMA is a multi-disciplinary settlement advisory firm which provides structured settlement and litigation and claims support to insurers, government entities, self insureds, personal injury litigators, courts, and trust officers. Thomas Little, Esquire, is a former President of the National Structured Settlement Trade Association (NSSTA), Washington, D.C. Karen Meyers, MBA/JD, MEd, CPCU, CLU, FLMI, CSSC, is a former member of the board of directors for NSSTA. Ms. Meyers also wrote the credentialing curriculum with University of Notre Dame for the structured settlement industry.

The challenges and timelines established by the VCF prompted many attorneys to consult with LMA regarding victims that opted to avail themselves of the VCF, and to also comply with appropriate sections of the Internal Revenue Code in perfecting their claims.

Karen Meyers led the response from LMA and worked diligently with the Special Master's staff, Department of Justice attorneys, and individual firms representing different victims and their families.

Little, Meyers and Associates provides a full array of settlement advisory and dispute resolution services including structured settlements, economic loss analysis, 468 B Fund Administration, information on the protection of government benefits, expert testimony, and the taxation of personal injury and employment awards. For further information contact Thomas Little or Karen Meyers at 513-871-8900.