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RE: Lane/Crawford, et al. v. Police Retirement System of St. Louis, et al., (Case No. 2122-CC00751)

Dear Members:

The Board of Trustees is writing to update you on the lawsuit pending in the Circuit Court of the City of St. Louis concerning certain retirement benefits provided to members of the System. Before sharing the latest details, we want to acknowledge the stress, frustration, and financial anxiety this prolonged legal battle has caused you and your families. You have dedicated your careers to protecting and serving our community, and your retirement security should never feel uncertain. Please know that we are doing everything in our power to protect your retirement plan and safeguard the benefits you have earned through your years of service. We sincerely appreciate your continued patience, trust, support, and resilience as we continue to navigate the legal process

Where the Case Stands

Discovery in the case (exchange of documents, information and depositions) is over. Plaintiff's position appears to be that the benefits enacted after 1980 are unconstitutional under the Hancock Amendment but that the benefits should remain in place and be funded by the State. The City's position is that it does not want to pay for these benefits. The State opposes funding the benefits. The PRS's position is that the benefits are not unconstitutional and should remain in place. The case is set for a 1-day bench trial to occur on March 9, 2027, before the Honorable Thomas A. McCarthy.

Staying Informed

We understand how important this issue is to our members and wish we could provide more information, but because the matter is currently in litigation, the Board is legally restricted from sharing further details. Please stay informed by viewing the petitions, motions, answers, and Court orders in this case that are posted on the System's website, www.stlouisprs.org, under the lawsuit on retirement benefits. We will update members as significant developments occur. If you have questions, please contact the System's office at (314) 241-0800. Please understand that staff cannot provide legal advice or comment on pending litigation beyond the information in this letter.

Respectfully,
The Board of Trustees