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World Trade Center Disability Law

On June 14, 2005, the World Trade Center ("WTC") Disability Law was signed into law. The bill establishes a presumption that certain New York City employees who worked at one of four specified WTC sites for at least 40 hours during the period beginning on September 11, 2001 and ending on September 12, 2002 (or were unable to work 40 hours due to an injury incurred during WTC related work on September 11 or 12, 2001) and have developed, or develop in the future, certain enumerated physical conditions, will be deemed to have a work-related condition that can form the basis of an accidental disability retirement application. The enumerated conditions include, but are not limited to, certain pulmonary diseases, cancer, asbestos-related disease, certain skin diseases, and various psychological disorders. The presumption is available to Fire, Police, and Sanitation Department WTC workers and other City WTC workers who had a pre-employment physical exam that did not reveal the condition upon which the application for disability retirement is based.

The bill contains a mechanism by which retired workers can seek to have their retirement reclassified as an accident disability retirement. To be eligible, both active and retired employees must file a statement indicating the dates and locations of employment with the retirement system. **The deadline for filing statements is June 13, 2007.** For a fuller description of the bill and what it provides, please visit the NYC retirement system websites listed below, or contact your local union representative.

Retirement Systems and Centers

NYC Employees' Retirement System:

(347) 643-3000 (NYC residents)
(877) 669-2377 (toll free outside NYC)
(347) 643-3501 (TTY)
335 Adams St., Brooklyn, NY 11201
www.nycers.org

Police Pension Fund:

(212) 963-5100
233 Broadway, 18th Fl., NY, NY 10007
www.nyc.gov/nycppf

Fire Department Pension Fund:

(718) 999-7041 or (718) 999-0148;
9 Metrotech Center, Brooklyn, NY 11201

Teachers' Retirement Systems:

(888) 8-NYC-TRS
55 Water St., NY, NY 10041
www.trs.nyc.ny.us

Board of Education Retirement Systems:

(718) 935-5400
65 Court St. 18th Fl., Brooklyn, NY 11201
www.nycbers.org