

Judge Paul G. Mast (Ret.)



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RE: Matter of Application for Retirement from JRS of Paul G. Mast, [REDACTED]

Dear Ms. Reilly:

I am faxing you and mailing you two signed copies of the Settlement Agreement with three additions or changes for clarification).

I believe that the proposed agreement you have sent me and the one I am sending you state the same thing, however, in order to avoid any questions or misunderstandings, I believe it is better to be more specific in these three areas.

The first merely changes the date from the last day the law was in effect to the date my last term began, which is the date to be looked at, even though there is no difference in the law between those two dates.

The second relates to the base salary in 1979 from which the calculations start. Olson v. Cory determined that at that time, there were three classes of judges for pay purposes, determined by the date they assumed their respective terms of office. The Controller had elected to pay all judges at what later became the lowest paid class. After Olson v. Cory, the salaries of the other two classes of judges was re-calculated to reflect the compensation that said judges were entitled to.

As to the date the recalculated compensation begins, I am certain that we do not have a disagreement. The last paragraph of the agreement, which I understand is not part of the agreement itself, contains the phrase "effective November 1, 1996". This phrase could be misunderstood to indicate the date of the beginning of the recalculated compensation.

Thank you for your courtesy.

Very truly yours,

Paul G. Mast

