NEW CASE REPORT

Name of Case (full name):	**David Dowswell and Linda Samson v. Board of Administration of the California Public Employees' Retirement System; Case No. CGC-26-640849 (San Francisco Superior Court)**
Date Received By Legal Office:	September 18, 2026
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Plaintiff(s):	David Dowswell, Linda Samson
Defendant(s):	CalPERS
Other Parties:	None

Issues/Status:	This class action was filed by retired members David Dowswell and Linda Samson (Plaintiffs), on behalf of themselves and other similarly situated members, and concerns CalPERS' administration of the statutory provisions regarding post-retirement employment. The action seeks a writ of mandate and declaratory relief against CalPERS based on the Plaintiffs' contention that CalPERS, in requiring reimbursement of all pension benefits received during the Plaintiffs' periods of unlawful post-retirement employment (pursuant to Government Code section 21220), failed to abide by the statute of limitations codified in Government Code sections 20164(b) and (b)(l) and seeks to impose excessive and non-proportional penalties.

Potential Monetary Impact:	Unknown at this time.