

LEGAL NOTICE

**Are you receiving payments from the Teachers Retirement System of Georgia? Are you an heir or do you have an interest in the estate of someone who received payments from the Teachers Retirement System of Georgia before his or her death?**

*A court authorized this notice. This is not a solicitation from a lawyer.*

If so, you may be affected by a class action lawsuit in which the Courts have ruled that the Teachers Retirement System of Georgia ("TRS") miscalculated and underpaid retirement benefits.

The lawsuit is called *Plymel, et al. v. Teachers Retirement System of Georgia, et al.*, No. 2004-CV-84312, and is pending in the Superior Court of Fulton County, Georgia. The Court decided this lawsuit should be a class action on behalf of a "Class," or group of people, that could include you. This notice summarizes your rights and options before a final hearing on the issues in the case. For more information, you should obtain and review a copy of the detailed notice that is available on-line at the website at [www.TRSSuit.com](http://www.TRSSuit.com) or by calling 1-888-420-1664. If you're included in the Class, you have to decide whether to stay in the Class and be bound by whatever results, or ask to be excluded and keep your right to sue TRS. **There is no money available now. Any amounts to be paid will be determined later.**

**ARE YOU INCLUDED?**

Persons who retired as members of TRS during the period August 1, 1983 through February 1, 2003 who decided to take a reduced benefit when they retired so that someone else could also receive a benefit after their death (an "option-plan retirement") are affected by the lawsuit. In addition, the persons named to receive benefits after the deaths of these retirees, and the estates of both the retirees and of the persons named to receive benefits after their deaths, are affected.

**WHAT IS THIS CASE ABOUT?**

Plaintiffs contend in the lawsuit that TRS miscalculated payments to retirees who decided to take an option-plan retirement. The Georgia Supreme Court has already ruled in Plaintiffs' favor that TRS miscalculated and underpaid these benefits by failing to use the correct mortality tables when calculating option-plan retirement benefits beginning in 1983. As a result, those retirees who selected option-plan retirements have received lesser benefits than they are and were entitled to receive. The Court may restrict some of the money TRS would otherwise owe some Class Members based upon laws called statutes of limitations. The Court will soon rule on this issue.

**WHO REPRESENTS YOU?**

The Court approved Davis, Forehand, & Lawson of Cordele, Georgia; Cook & Connelly of Summerville, Georgia; and Rogers & Hardin of

Atlanta, Georgia to represent you as "Class Counsel." You don't have to pay Class Counsel, or anyone else, to participate. Regardless of what you elect to do, no fees or costs will be deducted from benefits you are currently receiving from TRS. Instead, Class Counsel have asked the Court for attorneys' fees and costs to be paid out of money determined to be owed to Class members as a result of this lawsuit, before that additional money is distributed to the Class. You may hire your own lawyer to appear in court for you; if you do, you have to pay that lawyer, in addition to having the fees and costs of Class Counsel deducted from additional money you may receive from TRS. Larrie Grant Plymel and Corinne Monroe are Class members like you, and the Court accepted them as the "Class Representatives." They will be asking the Court to pay them an appropriate award for their services.

**WHAT ARE YOUR OPTIONS?**

You have a choice of whether to stay in the Class or not, and **you must decide this by January 3, 2008**. If you stay in the Class, you will be legally bound by all of the Court's orders and judgments, and you won't be able to sue, or continue to sue, TRS – as part of any other lawsuit – to recover any payments owed you because of TRS' miscalculations of benefits that occurred since 1983. If it is determined that you are owed money, you will receive a check. To stay in the Class, you do not have to do anything now except that, if you believe you are an heir or have an interest in the estate of someone who has received benefits and who may have been a Class member if living, you should fill out and return the form that is part of the detailed notice available by **January 3, 2008**.

If you ask to be excluded from the Class, you cannot get any money or benefits from this case, but you will keep any right to sue TRS for these claims, now or in the future. Even if you ask to be excluded, the fees and costs of Class Counsel would be deducted from what you may receive. To ask to be excluded, send a letter to The Garden City Group, Inc. at PO Box 9212, Dublin, OH 43017-4612, postmarked by **January 3, 2008**, that says you want to be excluded from *Plymel, et al. v. TRS, et al.* Include your name, address, and telephone number.

**HOW CAN YOU GET MORE INFORMATION?**

If you have questions or want a detailed notice or other documents about this lawsuit and your rights, visit the website at [www.TRSSuit.com](http://www.TRSSuit.com); call 1-888-420-1664 or write to The Garden City Group, Inc. at PO Box 9212, Dublin, OH 43017-4612.

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