

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**If you settled a personal injury or worker's compensation claim with Hartford Accident And Indemnity Company, Hartford Casualty Insurance Company, Hartford Insurance Company Of The Midwest, Hartford Fire Insurance Company, or some other Hartford property & casualty insurance company, and some or all of your settlement was paid with a structured settlement,**

**YOU COULD GET A PAYMENT FROM A PROPOSED CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT.**

The United States District Court for the District of Connecticut has given preliminary approval for settlement of a class action lawsuit against The Hartford Financial Services Group, Inc. ("HFSG"); Hartford Life, Inc. and Hartford Life Insurance Company (together, "Hartford Life"); Hartford Accident and Indemnity Company, Hartford Casualty Insurance Company, Hartford Insurance Company of the Midwest and Hartford Fire Insurance Company (together, "Hartford P&C" companies). The lawsuit is known as *Spencer, et al. v. The Hartford Financial Services Group, Inc., et al., Civ. No. 3:05-cv-1681 (JCH)*. The Proposed Settlement, if finally approved by the Court, will provide for payment of \$72.5 million into an escrow account to be distributed to Settlement Class Members, as discussed below and with the approval of the Court. This notice summarizes your rights and options in connection with the Proposed Settlement.

**Are You Affected?**

You are a Settlement Class Member if you entered into a settlement with a Hartford P&C company between 1997 and the present in which some or all of the settlement amount was to be paid as a structured settlement funded with an annuity from Hartford Life AND you received a written representation that made explicit or implicit reference to the "cost" or "value" of the settlement or portion of the settlement being structured or the "cost" or "value" of an annuity being used to fund the structure.

**What is the Case About?**

The lawsuit alleges that the Defendants defrauded class members out of the full amount of the structured settlements the Hartford P&C companies agreed to pay by providing class members with structured settlements worth 15% less than their promised cost or value, and fraudulently retaining the 15% for themselves. The lawsuit alleges that Defendants violated the federal Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act ("RICO"), 18 U.S.C. §§ 1962(c) and 1962(d), and committed fraud under state laws, and seeks damages representing three times the amount that the Defendants wrongfully retained as a result of the alleged conduct, plus interest, attorneys' fees and costs.

The Defendants deny that they did anything wrong and deny that they are liable for damages to any plaintiff or member of the class. Defendants contend that all persons who accepted structured settlements received all the benefits they were promised, that the cost and value of those benefits were accurately represented, and that Defendants did not wrongfully retain 15% or any other amounts owed to the plaintiffs. The Court has not determined that the Defendants violated any laws or are liable for any damages. But, The Hartford has agreed to settle the lawsuit in order to avoid the expense and inconvenience of litigation.

**What are the Terms of the Settlement?**

Under the terms of the Proposed Settlement, the Defendants will pay \$72.5 million into a Gross Settlement Fund. The costs of administering the settlement, plus attorneys' fees and litigation expenses, and Court-approved payments to the Class Representatives, will be paid out of the Gross Settlement Fund. The remainder, the Net Settlement Fund, will be distributed on a "pro rata" basis to all Settlement Class Members. A "pro rata" distribution means that each Settlement Class Member will receive a share of the Net Settlement Fund that is proportional to the size of his or her structured settlement annuity, as measured by the premium paid for the annuity. Each Settlement Class Member's proportional, pro rata

recovery will be determined using a Court-approved Plan of Allocation.

**Who Represents You?**

The Court has appointed the following law firms as "Class Counsel": Silver Golub & Teitell LLP, Zuckerman Spaeder LLP, Berger & Montague, P.C. and the Risk Law Firm. You do not have to pay any fees or expenses to Class Counsel. Class Counsel will be making an application for an award of attorneys' fees and expenses from the Settlement Fund. If the Court grants Class Counsel's requests, the fees and expenses will be paid from the Settlement Fund. You may hire your own attorney, if you wish. However, you will be responsible for that attorney's fees and expenses.

**What Further Proceedings Are Scheduled?**

The Court has not yet decided whether to give Final Approval to the Proposed Settlement. The Court will hold a Fairness Hearing at 10:00 a.m. on September 21, 2010 at the Brien McMahon Federal Building at 915 Lafayette Boulevard in Bridgeport, Connecticut. At this hearing, the Court will consider: (1) whether the Proposed Settlement is fair, reasonable, and adequate, and if it should be approved; (2) the proposed allocation of the Net Settlement Fund to Settlement Class Members; (3) Class Counsel's application for an award of attorneys' fees and expenses; and (4) any payments to the Class Representatives for their Services. If there are objections, the Court will also consider them.

Settlement Class Members who have followed certain procedures may appear and be heard by the Court at the Fairness Hearing. After the hearing, the Court will decide whether to approve the Proposed Settlement.

**What Are Your Legal Rights?**

If the Proposed Settlement is approved and you are a Settlement Class Member as defined in this Notice, you do not need to do anything in order to receive your proportional share of the Net Settlement Fund.

If the Proposed Settlement is approved, the lawsuit will be dismissed with prejudice. This means that the lawsuit cannot be re-filed. As a result, all Settlement Class Members will give up all the claims covered in this lawsuit and settlement against the Defendants. All Settlement Class Members are releasing the Defendants and will be bound by that release. No Settlement Class Member will be able to sue any of the Defendants for the same claims. If you are a member of the Settlement Class, you may object to any aspect of the Proposed Settlement, including: (1) Final certification of the Settlement Class; (2) the fairness, reasonableness or adequacy of the Proposed Settlement; (3) the adequacy of the representation by the Class Representatives or by Class Counsel; or (4) the request of Class Counsel for attorneys' fees, costs and expenses and awards to the Class Representatives. Your objection must be in writing, sent to the Clerk of the United States District Court, 915 Lafayette Boulevard, Bridgeport, CT 06604 and must be postmarked no later than September 7, 2010.

**How Can You Get More Information?**

If you have questions or want a full, detailed notice or other documents about this lawsuit and your rights, write to Spencer v. The Hartford Financial Services Group, Inc., c/o The Garden City Group, Inc., Claims Administrator, PO Box 9349, Dublin, OH 43017-4249, call toll-free: 1-800-951-2135 or visit the website: [www.HartfordStructuredSettlementClassAction.com](http://www.HartfordStructuredSettlementClassAction.com). If you want or need to update your current address and contact information, you can do so on the website or by calling or writing to the Claims Administrator.