

Idearc/Super Media - “Involuntarily Transferred Retirees”
Answers to Frequently Asked Questions from Members

- Q. I received an 8 page letter from Verizon denying my claim. What should I do?
- A. While you are encouraged to go ahead and respond to the denial letter, don't expect to receive anything but another denial letter. All of the issues are adequately argued and addressed in the pending Amended Complaint which you should take time to read. If you respond to the denial letter you should state that you adopt the arguments raised in the *Murphy* proposed class action and you should demand to be returned to Verizon's pension plans.
- Q. Does the fact that I received the form denial letter mean that we lost our case?
- A. No, the denial letter is the same letter sent to all complaining retirees. The actual lawsuit filed in the Dallas Federal Court is moving along as expected. No legal issue has been ruled upon by the Dallas Federal Judge, and it will be months, perhaps a year, before there are rulings. Both Verizon and Idearc/SuperMedia hired several large law firms and every step of this case may encounter some delays. The legal issues are unique and complicated.
- Q. Do I need to get my own attorney?
- A. Certainly, you have that option. But, it may prove to be an unnecessary expenditure. The *Murphy* case is being pursued with the goal of addressing the problems for all former Verizon retirees who were involuntarily transferred into Idearc/SuperMedia pension plans.
- Q. Does the fact that Idearc changed its name to SuperMedia affect our case?
- A. No, that fact has absolutely no effect on the lawsuit.
- Q. What is the status of the case?
- A. In mid-March 2010, defense counsel for both Verizon and Idearc/SuperMedia will respond to the pending Amended Complaint and argue to have certain claims dismissed. Our attorneys will file a response in opposition. The court filings will await a decision by the federal judge. Meanwhile, the next big fight will be over whether or not the case should be class certified. All of this will take some time. All significant court filings will be posted at the retiree website.
- Q. Where can I find updates on the case?
- A. The Association of BellTel Retirees posts updates: www.belltelretirees.org Please read the Amending Complaint filed on January 6, 2010 which thoroughly explains the proposed class action case and is posted at the website. Also, when required, important email bulletins will be sent and USPS letters will be mailed to those not on the Internet. Email is the best way to stay informed. Meanwhile, if you receive any letters from Verizon or Idearc regarding the suit, please call the Association office: 1-800-261-9222 or email us on: association@belltelretirees.org and register your name and address