

United Technicians Pension and Profit Sharing Case Update

On Thursday July 25th United Airlines Technicians were in Federal Court for the Initial Case Management Conference held at the Phillip Burton Federal Building in downtown San Francisco. We would like to thank all the United Technicians who showed up to support our case and the fight for our right to additional Pension Benefits outlined in LOA 05-03M negotiated by United Technicians during Bankruptcy Negotiations in 2005.

As stated above, on July 25th there were two matters for the court – the Motions to Dismiss filed by the Defendants and the Initial Case Management Conference – as part of the ongoing litigation. The following explains what happened regarding those matters.

Document #58 - Joint Case Management Statement Pursuant to Local Rule 16-9.

The parties must submit to the court a Joint Case Management Statement which provides the parties positions on a number of matters. This is required by rule and is normally what is addressed at the Initial Case Management Conference. This document was completed and submitted to the court on July 18, 2019, as required, and is referenced as Docket #58. The joint statement is attached below.

Docket #59 - The July 23rd Minute Order.

On Tuesday, July 23rd, the court issued a “minute order,” a short statement entered into the docket, Docket #59, stating oral argument was not necessary regarding the Motions to Dismiss, the matter was under submission to the court, and the court would make its ruling on the documents at a future date. The court, however, in the same minute order, stated the Initial Case Management Conference would occur as scheduled on July 25th. This statement by the court is attached below.

Docket #60 - The July 25th Hearing.

The parties were all present on July 25th and were briefly before the court. The court stated holding off on actually going through the detailed process of the Initial Case Management Conference addressing each item in the Joint Case Management Statement was best held off until the court ruled on the Motions to Dismiss. The court stated, however, the caption of the case could be changed to reflect the name change of United Airlines parent company from United Continental Holdings to United Airline Holdings; this was one of the items in the Joint Case Management Statement. The court later issued a "Civil Minutes" from the hearing, filed as Docket #60, to document the proceedings. This document is attached below.

We are aware of the confusion the results of these proceedings may have caused to those of you who are not involved in the day to day litigation; however, we want to assure you, these are the normal developments and goings on in a lawsuit. The process is complicated, often inter-dependent upon many factors, some often beyond the control of the parties themselves, and are regularly evolving. That being said, our case is moving forward. Please be patient and know we are working as hard as ever to bring forward your causes of action.