

Settlement Recovery Center Convinces Court to Cancel Deadline.

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Howard Yellen, ESQ, CEO of Settlement Recovery Center (www.settlementrecovery.com), the leader in fund recovery from class actions, convinced Judge Alvarado of California Superior Court to allow consumers and businesses more time to file claims against Microsoft in a \$1.1b anti-trust settlement. The court responded favorably to Yellen's plea that the deadline, originally set for March 15th, and later changed to April 28th, be voided. The court determined the earliest possible dates that claim forms would be due is June 11, 2004, but that still more time may be provided.

In March, Yellen petitioned the court to cancel the final deadline. The argument from Yellen detailed inadequate notice to consumers, complicated claim procedures and obstructionist conduct by Microsoft. At that time, less than 5 percent of the 14 million eligible claims had been filed. Microsoft stands to save millions of dollars from unfilled claims.

Yellen declared the extension a victory, stating: "This is exactly what we were hoping to achieve for California businesses and consumers. Microsoft has consistently erected barriers to suppress claims rates. This extension reaffirms that the purpose of this settlement is to return to Californians the money that Microsoft overcharged them from 1995-2001. California businesses and consumers should be given every possible opportunity to participate in this historic settlement."

In a related development, Settlement Recovery Center announced the launch of MyMSClaim.com, a web site that simplifies and automates claims filing. MyMSClaim.com claim filing wizard assists individuals in completing claim forms for up to \$100 without having to provide evidence of qualifying purchases.

"MyMSClaim supports our crusade to make sure that all of the \$1.1b settlement goes back to its rightful owners -- the businesses and consumers of California, rather than back to Microsoft," said Scott Hunter, SVP of Marketing at Settlement Recovery Center.

About Settlement Recovery Center

Settlement Recovery Center specializes in filing claims in class action settlements for consumers affected by Microsoft's alleged anti-competitive business practices. To date, Microsoft has settled suits with a combined value in excess of \$1.5 billion. SRC's website www.settlementrecovery.com is the most complete resource on these class-action settlements. SRC provides services to businesses, nonprofits and individuals and is dedicated to helping their clients recover the maximum amount entitled to under the settlements. SRC maintains a staff of technical experts and software licensing professionals that have dozens of years of experience researching, purchasing, and documenting software, including all Microsoft products.