

## **State Pension Lawsuit Update**

Shortly after Judge Taft-Carter issued her ruling denying the state's motion for summary judgment in September 2011, the State filed an appeal (known as a "Writ of Certiorari") of the case to the RI Supreme Court.

Additionally, on October 19, 2011 the State asked the Supreme Court for an "expedited review" of the matter. The Unions opposed both the Writ of Certiorari and the motion for expedited review.

On November 22, 2011 the Supreme Court denied the State's Writ of Certiorari outright, thereby setting the stage for the lawsuit to continue towards trial.

The most recent activity has been a modification to the scheduling order on January 3, 2012 regarding certain motions to be filed and the progress of discovery.

Union leaders and lawyers have ongoing meetings to strategize regarding the 2011 pension changes.