

Settlement Could Bring \$227 Million to State Retirement Coffers

Kentucky Attorney General Russell Coleman announced today the Commonwealth settled a long-running lawsuit with major hedge funds over the management of Kentucky pension systems. As a result of the settlement, the hedge funds KKR & Co., Prisma Capital Partners, The Blackstone Group and Pacific Alternative Asset Management agreed to pay \$227.5 million to the Commonwealth's pension funds.

The settlement recovery includes a distribution to the Commonwealth's pension funds of approximately \$145 million in assets that the Prisma-managed investment fund held in reserve. The settlement remains contingent upon the approval of the Franklin Circuit Court and the dismissal of other lawsuits not involving the Commonwealth.

Upon approval, the recovered funds will be distributed among

the Kentucky Public Pension Authority, the Kentucky Retirement System and the County Employee Retirement System, which unanimously approved the agreement on Friday, January 3. Today, the settlement terms were filed in the Franklin Circuit Court, which must approve the agreement. A hearing is set for February 26, 2025.

“As law enforcement, firefighters and other public servants, these Kentuckians dedicated their lives to our Commonwealth. It's our Office's responsibility to fight for them against those who put their pensions at risk,” said Coleman. “I'm proud of our team who delivered this long-awaited outcome, led by our talented Civil Chief Justin Clark. I look forward to fully resolving this case so Kentucky's retirees can enjoy the benefits they earned.”

The settling hedge funds continue to deny liability and maintain that the settlement is

to avoid the expense, distraction and inconvenience of further litigation.

The Attorney General's Civil Chief Justin Clark secured the settlement on behalf of the Commonwealth. Counsel for Special Litigation Vic Maddox, General Counsel Christopher Thacker, Division Chief for Consumer and Senior Protection Chris Lewis and Executive Director of the Office of Civil and Environmental Law Aaron Silletto also assisted in the matter.

The private attorneys representing the Commonwealth from the inception to the end of this litigation are: Ann Oldfather and Michael Hasken of the Oldfather Law Firm, PLLC; Abe Kuczaj and Casey Dobson of Scott, Douglass & McConnico, LLC; Vanessa Cantley of Bahe Cook Cantley & Nefzger, PLC; and Eric Lewis and Mark Leimkuhler of Lewis Baach Kaufman Middlemiss PLLC.

Brown Earns Dean's List Honor

In recognition of academic performance, the Office of Academic Affairs at University of the Cumberland has announced Jennifer Brown of Burkesville has been named to the Dean's List for the fall 2024 semester.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, students

must be enrolled in at least 12 credit hours (a full course load), maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.50 for the semester, and be in good academic standing.

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private universities in Kentucky. Located in Williamsburg, Kentucky, Cumberland is an institution of regional distinction offering quality undergraduate, graduate, doctoral, and online degree programs. Learn more at ucumberland.edu.

Gilbert Earns President's List Honor

In recognition of academic performance, the Office of Academic Affairs at University of the Cumberland has announced that Amy Gilbert of Burkesville, has been named to the President's List for the fall 2024 semester.

To be eligible for the President's List, students must be enrolled in at least 12 credit hours (a full course load), maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average of 4.0 for the semester, receive an “A” grade in UC Engage, and be in good academic standing. (Note: All students who are named to the President's List automatically

make the Dean's List, since the Dean's List requires a minimum semester GPA of 3.5; however, Cumberland only lists students on either the Dean's List or the President's List, to avoid overlap.)

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AA-NA Burkesville

“If you want to drink it's your business. — If you want to quit it's ours,” Burkesville AA Meetings held in Veterans Memorial Community Center, 213 Upper River Street. Fridays 7pm and Sundays 7pm

Weed Class

Cumberland County Gardeners will be having their next meeting at 10am January 23, with Weed Management Class to follow. Visitors are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Revival

Brother Danny Warren from Casey County will be holding a three-night revival at the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ at 958 North Main St. in Burkesville. The event begins January 16 and runs through the 18th at 6pm nightly, everyone is welcome. For information call Pastor Jones 606-688-5093 or sister Sandra Pace 270-576-3453.

County Water District Meetings

The Cumberland County Water District Board of Commissioners will hold their regular scheduled meetings every 2nd and 4th Monday night at 6pm Meetings will be at 133 Lower River Street and are open to the public. For any question please call (270) 864-3133.

Group Meetings

Narcotics Anonymous - Serenity Group meetings are held at Southern Cross Estates, 680 Galilee Rd., Tompkinsville every Thursday at 6pm. Food available at the meetings. Meetings are also held 6pm every Tuesday, Friday & Saturday at the Monroe county medical center, 529 Capp Harlan Rd., Tompkinsville. You can contact Amanda Branham @ 270-308-2881 or Jesse Headrick @ 270-407-1536 if you have any questions.

NA Meetings

Narcotics Anonymous meetings are held from 5pm to 6 at two churches in Tompkinsville: Mondays at Milltown Baptist on Madison St., and Wednesdays at Southern Cross Estates on Gallilee Rd. For more information call Amanda Branham, 270-834-5536.

Meals On A Mission

The Burkesville First Christian Church, North Main St., Burkesville, is working with Burkesville Baptist Church to serve a free meal the 2nd Friday of every other month. Those dates are, Jan 12, Mar 08, May 10, Jul 12, Sep 13, and Nov 08. Those days the meals are scheduled starting at 6pm and will continue until all food is gone. All dates and times are subject to change, so please watch for updates. Those planning this service to the community said, “We hope to see you all there!”

Looking for Vets

Information is sought by the Cumberland County Quilt Guild looking for names and addresses of any Cumberland County service members who have not received a quilt. Please provide their name, address, cell phone or home number as well as dates of service and what branch. Other information such as rank, duty stations and number of years they've lived in Cumberland County will assist in the process. Include your contact information and mail it all to: Cumberland County Extension Office, 90 Smiths Grove Road, Burkesville, KY 42717 ATTN: CCQG or email to cumberlandccqy.edu.

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Twin Treasures with Love Living in the Center of God's Perfect Will

The potter knows the clay. He also knows the potter's wheel. The center of the wheel is the preferred spot where perfection takes shape.
Some clay is not suitable to be placed on the potter's wheel. Such clay might be too stiff, crumble easily, or not hold shape during manipulation.
Nor can it stand the pressure or the preferred heat that brings the finished product to perfection.
Ro 9:21 Hath not the potter power over the clay, of the same lump to make one vessel unto honour, and another unto dishonour?
Is 64:8 But now, O LORD, thou art our father; we are the clay, and thou our potter; and we all are the work of thy hand.
It takes the hand of the Father to bring us to honour or dishonour.
Just as the differences in clay, so also are the differences in the ground that grows fruit.
Spiritually we are the clay and the ground.
Mt 13:3-8 And he spake many things unto them in parables, saying, Behold, a sower went forth to sow; And when he sowed, some seeds fell by the way side, and the fowls came and devoured them up: Some fell upon stony places, where they had not much earth: and forthwith they sprung up, because they had no deepness of earth: And when the sun was up, they were scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprung up, and choked them: But other fell into good ground, and brought forth fruit, some an hundredfold, some sixtyfold, some thirtyfold.
SS 2:1 I am the rose of Sharon, and the lily of the valleys.
Jesus Christ is the lily of every spiritual valley we must go through. He said, “I am the Rose of Sharon,” the Plain of Sharon located at the foot of Mt. Carmel where the lilies grow in fruitful soil.
Through Jesus Christ we can be the good soil that brings forth fruit. Only through Jesus Christ we have the ability to thrive in extreme, harsh conditions.
When we look back and see only one set of footprints in the sand, we realize Christ Jesus is carrying us, for he is the lily in every valley we go through, in the arms of Christ.

**Living in the Center of God's Perfect Will By Mike Willen with Love. Thee Plain of Sharon a Symbol of God's Church.
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Twin Treasures Hinged to the World

Talking to two church goers at Albany that voted to have alcohol sales legalized in Clinton County, they justified their votes by the tax revenue coming from alcohol sales.
A religious society having 54% of church people viewing pornography.
Mt 22:14 For many are called, but few are chosen.
The culprits stand behind pulpits every Sunday morning teaching a sugar coated version of the gospel, thus counting their fixed income more valuable than the truth of God's word.
Ja 4:4 Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.
1Co 3:3 For ye are yet carnal; for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men.
Thirty to thirty-three percent of church people attend church less since the Covid-19 pandemic. Paul spoke of a great falling away in the end time scenario, not only in the attendance, but also in sanctification.
2Ti 3:5 Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.
Satan used fear of Covid-19 to weaken the faith of church people. Satan is using TV and internet to destroy the minds of church people through pornography.
There is only few ministers of faith, whereas there are many so-called ministers that lead a catastrophic number of church people away from the strait gate and the narrow way.
Prosperity preachers more concerned about prosperity than Almighty God.
Mt 7:15 Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.
A wolf is a predator, an animal that naturally preys on others, or a person who ruthlessly exploits others, at the top of their organizations are people living high on worldly possessions.
The title Hinged to the World is not focused on sinners, but church people established on riches and worldly pleasure that separate them from God.
1Jn 2:16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

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