

**Trustee Note re Expedited Claims Ruling**  
**Feb. 9, 2024**

On Monday, Feb. 5, U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Laurie Selber Silverstein ruled that Claimants who opted to take an Expedited Distribution from the Scouting Settlement Trust cannot change their election. (You can read news coverage of the decision [here](#) and Judge Silverstein's full ruling [here](#).) As such, the Claimants affected by the decision must abide by their original election.

Judge Silverstein's ruling is another reminder that the Trust and all of its staff – including me – are bound by strict rules and oversight. Although the Trust operates independently, issues within the bankruptcy process – such as appeals, rulings and delays in ongoing litigation - very much impact how we work.

We can expect other rulings in the months ahead and I am committed to sharing how they impact the Trust and Survivors. In the meantime, please know that Trust staff is working to evaluate and complete claims as quickly, thoroughly, and fairly, as possible.

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