

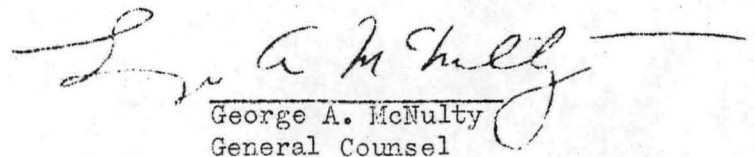
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR  
Wage and Hour Division

LEGAL FIELD LETTER

No. 1

Notification of Employee Suits

As you know, employee suits may often involve questions of interpretation, constitutionality, etc., which may be of great importance to the Wage and Hour Division. Our knowledge of such cases has depended, in the past, largely upon newspaper dispatches and information from attorneys representing the parties. We have thought that it may be possible in many cases to write the clerks of the various courts, particularly the state courts, asking them to cooperate by notifying us of employee suits. The attached letter was designed for this purpose.

  
George A. McNulty  
General Counsel

Attachment

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U. S. Department of Labor  
Wage and Hour Division

Dear Sir:

Under Section 16 (b) of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, it is possible that affected employees will from time to time institute actions in your court for their unpaid minimum wages or their unpaid overtime compensation, as provided in said Act.

This agency is interested in learning of the pendency of all such actions and possibly in intervening in some if the circumstances warrant.

We shall, therefore, greatly appreciate your advising this office of the institution of such actions as may be filed in your court, giving us the names of the parties and the attorneys. Will you also please write us now, giving us a list of any such cases which may have been filed up to the present time.

Thanking you for your attention to this matter, we are,

Very truly yours,

Regional Attorney

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