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SEANC PUBLIC RECORDS LAWSUIT DISMISSED

Judge Rules No Basis for Lawsuit Against Department

RALEIGH – Superior Court Judge James Hardin, Jr. has dismissed the public records lawsuit filed by the State Employees Association of North Carolina (SEANC) against State Treasurer Richard Moore and the Department of State Treasurer. In issuing the dismissal, the court ruled that there was no basis for the lawsuit and that the evidence presented was insufficient to warrant the case.

“This ruling is an affirmation of our efforts day in and day out on behalf of 820,000 state employees, teachers, police officers and other members of the pension fund,” said State Treasurer Richard Moore. “It is unfortunate that SEANC’s tactics scared retirees about the security of the second best pension fund in the nation. North Carolinians can rest assured that our pension fund remains strong and secure.”

More than 2,000 pages of documents were provided in response to SEANC’s numerous public records requests, including 700 pages of documents hand-delivered less than a month after their initial request. In total, three motions were heard on the case, and all three rulings were in favor of the Department.

SEANC sued the Department on February 1, 2008, in the middle of a competitive primary race for the Democratic nomination for governor. The organization launched a public relations campaign about the lawsuit, including spending at least \$30,000 on full-page newspaper advertisements.

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