

## NOTICE

**IF YOU HAVE MADE A CLAIM FOR YOUR UNCLAIMED PROPERTY, OR IF YOU PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED A REFUND OF YOUR UNCLAIMED PROPERTY, PLEASE READ THIS NOTICE.**

**YOU MAY BE ENTITLED TO AN ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF MONEY.**

On April 8, 2009, the Ohio Supreme Court, in a class action lawsuit called Sogg v. Zurz, ruled that the part of the Ohio Unclaimed Funds Act that ended the statutory requirement that the Ohio Department of Commerce Division of Unclaimed Funds pay interest earned on unclaimed funds claims is unconstitutional. As a result of that decision, the Division will now have to return interest to persons who make successful claims for the return of their unclaimed money, and those who previously received their unclaimed funds back may be entitled to an additional amount.

The Ohio Supreme Court has returned the case to the Franklin County Common Pleas Court to decide issues related to payment of the interest, including those persons who are eligible for payment, the amount of interest owed to those persons, and how that interest should be calculated and paid.

**THERE IS NOTHING YOU NEED TO DO AT THIS TIME**, other than update your address, if necessary, as requested below. If you are eligible to recover money from the judgment, you will be contacted in the manner and at the time instructed by the Franklin County Common Pleas Court. Please **DO NOT** contact the Common Pleas Court about this case.

The Division will continue to process and make payment of unclaimed funds to qualifying claimants. Although the Division will be revising its procedures to facilitate the payment of interest, it cannot begin to calculate and pay interest on those claims at this time until it receives further instructions from the Court. All eligible claimants receiving payment of unclaimed funds from April 8, 2009 forward will be notified regarding payment of any interest due as ordered by the Court.

## UPDATE YOUR ADDRESS

It is important that the Division have your current address information. If you have moved since your claim for unclaimed funds was paid, please provide an updated address to the Ohio Division of Unclaimed Funds. To do this, please mail any change of address to the **Ohio Department of Commerce, Division of Unclaimed Funds, 77 South High Street, 20<sup>th</sup> Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215-6108**. Include your full name, the name of the original owner of the unclaimed funds or the unclaimed funds claim number, former address, current address, and daytime telephone number.

You can obtain a copy of the Ohio Supreme Court's decision, entitled Sogg v. Zurz, Slip Opinion No. 2009-Ohio-1526, from the Ohio Supreme Court's website at <http://www.supremecourt.ohio.gov/rod/docs/pdf/0/2009/2009-Ohio-1526.pdf>.