

ZADROGA COMPENSATION CLAIMS INFORMATION

The Zadroga Compensation Act was created to ensure that the heroes of the 9/11 tragedy get their due and no such tragedy ever occurs again where the children of the heroes of this country are left to fend for themselves. Congress has designated \$2.775 billion dollars for the Zadroga Compensation Act Fund. The final version of the Zadroga Act will take effect on October 3, 2011 – when claims will first be accepted.

Zadroga Claim Eligibility:

A Zadroga Claim can be filed by (i) the people who were involved in the rescue effort at Ground Zero between September 11, 2001 and May 30, 2002; (ii) the people who reside in the area in and around Ground Zero; (iii) personal representatives of deceased individuals aboard American Airlines flights 11 or 77 and United Airlines flights 93 or 175; and (iv) personal representatives of individuals who were present at Ground Zero at the time of or in the immediate aftermath of the crashes and who died as a direct result of the terrorist-related aircraft crash.

The timeframe for filing a Zadroga Claim is either (i) within two years of discovering your physical injury or death resulting from the attacks; or (ii) within two years of October 3, 2011, the date that the regulations are finally updated (if you already knew of your physical injury or death). Zadroga Claims will be accepted for five years and payments will be completed during 2016-17.

Information you will need:

- Detailed list of dates and duration of time spend at Ground Zero, as well as what you were doing when you were on site;
- List of hospital visits, doctors, and medical treatments you have received in relation to any illnesses connected with 9/11;
 - o Certified medical records pertaining to any treatment you have received in relation to your injury or illness
- Detailed economic impact you experience as a result of lost wages and uninsured medical expenses related to your claim;
 - o Documents proving your presence on or near Ground Zero

The Zadroga Fund disbursements take into consideration (i) economic loss (i.e. estimate of loss of earnings, medical expenses loss, or business opportunity losses); and (ii) non-economic loss (i.e. physical and emotional pain or suffering, loss of enjoyment of life, mental anguish, and other non-pecuniary losses). The amount of recovery for each claim will depend on the amount of economic loss (if any), the non-economic loss, the offsets applied and the number of claimants and the aggregate amount of eligible awards. The Special Master, when determining compensation, shall take into account the harm to the claimant, the facts of the claim, and the individual circumstances of the claimant – may include the financial needs or financial resources of the claimant or the victim's dependents and beneficiaries.

For additional information with regard to filing a Zadroga Claim and the fees we charge, please contact the Law Office of Lee & Miao, PLLC: office (646) 559-2321, 24/7 Cantonese (646) 881-4533; 24/7 Mandarin (205) 578-8883.