

## Opioid Settlement Update

### December 7, 2021

**January 2, 2022** is the deadline for municipalities and other political subdivisions to decide whether to participate in the opioid settlements. Based upon receipt of a slew of e-mails, snail mail, and media about the topic, many questions are being asked about which participation agreements municipalities should be signing.

Detailed information about the settlements may be found at [the national opioid settlement website](#). Information from the Plaintiffs' Executive Committee recommending participation is found on Mass.gov [here](#). The AG describes the settlement [here](#). The MMA's recommendation can be found [here](#). Long story short, the way the settlement is crafted, if the state has joined the settlement, which Massachusetts has, the more municipalities that participate the better the state's recovery under the settlement agreement.

To summarize:

- 1) If unrepresented in the opioid litigation, the municipality is being encouraged by the AG's office to sign and return the forms that have been sent. Information as to how to request such forms to be sent can be found on the AG's website [here](#) or on [the national opioid settlement site](#).
- 2) If represented by another firm or firms, immediately confirm with them next steps, but remember that **January 2, 2022** is the deadline for participation.
- 3) If represented in the opioid litigation by KP Law, Sandman and Sandman, and Sweeney Merrigan (associated with Levin Law), sign the forms e-mailed most recently with the e-mail titled "Opioid Settlement - Very Important".

If for any reason a municipality is confused about the participation agreements, but wants to participate, in my opinion anyway, it would be appropriate to sign and submit the agreements forwarded by the Attorney General.

Please contact your KP Law attorney if you have further questions. In the meantime, from all of the staff and attorneys at KP Law, take good care.

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## Status of National Opioid Settlement

### October 5, 2021

Municipalities in Massachusetts may be receiving information relative to the ongoing settlement negotiations. In addition to negotiating with the defendants as to a settlement amount and terms of settlement, negotiations are ongoing on a state by state basis concerning the allocation of settlement funds between the states and municipalities. In Massachusetts, we understand that negotiations are ongoing between national litigation attorneys and the Office of the Attorney General as to the percentage of settlement funds to be distributed directly to the municipalities. For those of you who have received information directly from national attorneys, they are likely in the best position to advise as to the status of these negotiations and to provide any additional information regarding this settlement effort. ***Regardless of whether you are a member of a national or local litigation consortium, if you receive correspondence containing a unique ID number you may use that number to register as part of this settlement process.***

We will provide additional information as it becomes available.

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