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Lawsuit Accusing Clark County Education Association (CCEA) and its Leaders of Theft and Unjust Enrichment Moves Forward

Victory for CCEA members unaware their dues are being illegally withheld

(Las Vegas, NV) -- A Las Vegas District Court Judge cleared the path Tuesday, January 16, 2018, for a lawsuit to bring justice to thousands of Clark County teachers and education professionals. The judge dealt a blow to CCEA's illegal attempt to withhold dues, moving five counts against CCEA, its Executive Director and president to proceed to trial. The multi-count suit accuses CCEA, its Executive Director, and President of theft, unjust enrichment, and breach of contract. The judge also granted leave to amend the fraud count against CCEA.

For months, CCEA members paid for membership to the state and national union. CCEA leaders promised members that their dues entitled them to state and national membership and its benefits. Unbeknownst to CCEA members, membership and the valued benefits that come along with it have been denied through non-payment of dues by CCEA to both the Nevada State Education Association (NSEA) and the National Education Association (NEA).

"CCEA leaders made a promise to its members, that their voice would be stronger because they belong to a local, state, and national professional unions. CCEA's Executive Director, President, and Vice President have no excuse for breaking this promise and showing their members such little respect," said NSEA President Ruben Murillo, Jr.

A majority of members contacted by NSEA had no idea their dues are being illegally withheld by CCEA. CCEA members asked their state and national Union why the CCEA Executive Director, President, and Vice President made this decision without member input or approval. The lack of respect from its leaders and CCEA's arrogance, resulting in benefits policies being terminated, motivated this lawsuit brought forth on behalf of members by NSEA. CCEA members were further outraged to discover there is no accounting for the money CCEA collected, and that each month of non-payment to NSEA and NEA results in penalty fees CCEA must pay.

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