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RE: Update Regarding Equity Distribution Litigation

TWU's attorneys filed a brief in opposition to the appellate brief in *Demetrius et. al. v. TWU* (commonly known as the Equity Distribution Case) on Monday, July 27, 2015, in the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals. The plaintiffs are seeking to overturn the decisions of the District Court dismissing the *Demetrius* and *Letbetter* cases (*Letbetter* is a similar case that was originally filed in state court in Oklahoma but was removed to federal court and transferred to San Francisco on motions by TWU). TWU's brief presents the Union's arguments supporting the decision of the District Court and rebutting the arguments of the plaintiffs/appellants in support of their lawsuit. Plaintiffs will have 14 days from the filing of TWU's brief to submit their reply to it, though it is likely that they will ask for and secure an additional 30 days. Following the filing of plaintiffs' final brief, the Court of Appeals will probably schedule oral argument in the case.

If the 9th Circuit affirms the ruling of the District Court, it would mean that TWU could begin to make arrangements for the distribution of the Fund kept in reserve pending the outcome of this litigation.

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