

Lawyers Who Asked for Fees 40x the Settlement they Negotiated Dealt \$280K Blow

“Plaintiffs lawyers shouldn’t have been awarded \$280,000 for negotiating a \$15,000 settlement, a Los Angeles appeals court has ruled,” reports John O’Brien in Legal Newsline *Stories*.

“The California Court of Appeal, Second Appellate District issued its ruling on May 21 in a blow to lawyers who claimed to spend more than 800 hours on the lawsuit and initially requested close to \$600,000 in fees and expenses.”

“The decision comes in a former server’s lawsuit against Fleming’s Steakhouse & Wine Bar’s. She alleged she was deprived her 10-minute breaks, but her lawyers claimed the settlement included wage and hour claims that entitled them to recover fees.”

“Afterwards, attorneys at Felahy Employment Lawyers and Yash Law Group sought \$580,794 in fees and more than \$16,000 in costs, claiming they spent 869.6 hours were incurred. They said the wage and hour claims were ‘closely intertwined’ with retaliation and wrongful termination claims.”

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