

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF CONNECTICUT**

OSHONYA SPENCER, CHARLES
STRICKLAND, and DOUGLAS
MCDUFFIE, on behalf of themselves
and others similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

v.

THE HARTFORD FINANCIAL
SERVICES GROUP, INC., HARTFORD
LIFE, INC., HARTFORD LIFE
INSURANCE COMPANY, HARTFORD
ACCIDENT AND INDEMNITY
COMPANY, HARTFORD CASUALTY
INSURANCE COMPANY, HARTFORD
INSURANCE COMPANY OF THE
MIDWEST, and HARTFORD FIRE
INSURANCE COMPANY,

Defendants.

CIVIL ACTION NO.
3:05-cv-1681 (JCH)

MARCH 10, 2009

ORDER CERTIFYING CLASS ACTION PURSUANT TO FED. R. CIV. P. 23(c)

In a separate Ruling dated today, for the reasons stated therein, the court grants the plaintiffs' Motion for Class Certification and Appointment of Class Counsel (Doc. No. 121).

The Court having fully considered the arguments of the parties, and it appearing that joinder of the class members would be impracticable, that there are common questions of law and fact, that the claims of the named plaintiffs are typical of the claims of the class members, that the class members will fairly and adequately protect the interests of the class members, and that the defendant has acted on grounds generally applicable to the class as whole, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED,

AND DECREED that a class of RICO and state law fraud claims is certified pursuant to Rules 23(a) and (b)(3) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, with named plaintiff Oshonya Spencer as class representative of a "Cost" Subclass, and named plaintiffs Charles Strickland and Douglas McDuffie as class representatives of a "Value" Subclass, defined as follows:

"Cost" Subclass: All persons who entered into a settlement with any of The Hartford Property & Casualty Companies between 1997 and the present in which some or all of the settlement amount was to be paid as a structured settlement funded with an annuity from one of The Hartford Life Companies, who had a written contract that, or before entering into the written contract had received a written representation that, made explicit or implicit reference to the "cost" of the settlement or portion of the settlement being structured or the "cost" of an annuity being used to fund the structure. Excluded from this class are persons who were represented by a plaintiffs' broker in connection with the settlement.

"Value" Subclass: All persons who entered into a settlement with any of The Hartford Property & Casualty Companies between 1997 and the present in which some or all of the settlement amount was to be paid as a structured settlement funded with an annuity from one of The Hartford Life Companies, who had a written contract that, or before entering into the written contract had received a written representation that, made explicit or implicit reference to the "value" of the settlement or portion of the settlement being structured or the "value" of an annuity being used to fund the structure. Excluded from this class are persons who were represented by a plaintiffs' broker in connection with the settlement.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that, as plaintiffs' counsel David S. Golub, Jonathan M. Levine, Peter R. Kahana, Steven L. Bloch, Carl S. Kravitz, Ellen D. Marcus, and Richard B. Risk, Jr., satisfy the requirements of Rule 23(g)(1), they are appointed class counsel pursuant to Rule 23(g) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

SO ORDERED.

Dated at Bridgeport, Connecticut this 10th day of March, 2009.

/s/ Janet C. Hall

Janet C. Hall

United States District Judge