

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA
ALEXANDRIA DIVISION

DANA BASS

CIVIL DOCKET NO. 1:22-cv-00550

VERSUS

JUDGE DAVID C. JOSEPH

IMPERIAL FIRE & CASUALTY
INSURANCE COMPANY

MAGISTRATE JUDGE JOSEPH H.L.
PEREZ-MONTES

ORDER

In conjunction with the Court's Order on June 12, 2025, [Doc. 56], the parties in the above-captioned matter submitted supplemental Class notices for Court approval which are attached hereto as Exhibit A and Exhibit B.

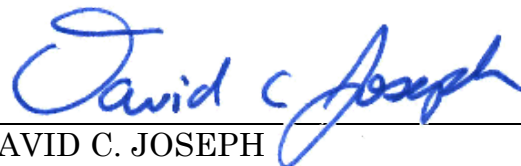
Upon review, the Court finds that these supplemental notices conform with this Court's prior Order, satisfy the requirements of due process, and constitute the best notice practicable under the circumstances. The supplemental notices adequately advise the Class Members of their rights and clearly and concisely present all aspects of the Action and Settlement in plain, easily understood language.

Accordingly,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that these notices be disseminated to the Class Members by **June 20, 2025**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that by **August 7, 2025**, the parties shall submit updated amounts for: (i) cash benefits paid to Class Members, (ii) notice and administration costs, and (iii) Plaintiffs' litigation costs. Additionally, the parties must also submit an updated count of claimants.

THUS, DONE AND SIGNED in Chambers on this 13th day of June 2025.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David C. Joseph". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D".

DAVID C. JOSEPH
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Bass v. Imperial Settlement Administrator
PO BOX 2810
Portland, OR 97208-2810



COURT ORDERED LEGAL NOTICE

If you suffered a total-loss while insured by Imperial during the period commencing February 24, 2020, through April 18, 2024, you may be entitled to a cash payment.

Complete and return the enclosed form by August 1, 2025 to potentially receive a cash payment.

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<<NAME2>>
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Notice of Class Action Settlement

You may be a class member in a class action against Imperial Property and Casualty Insurance Company (“Imperial”). The Parties have agreed to settle the case. The case is *Bass v. Imperial Fire and Cas. Ins. Co.*, Case No. 1:22-cv-00550, United States District Court for the Western District of Louisiana.

Why am I getting this Notice? You have been identified as a “Settlement Class Member” from Imperial’s claims data, because you were a Louisiana policyholder and insured by an applicable Imperial entity and submitted a car damage claim with respect to a covered vehicle that resulted in a total loss claim payment during the period commencing February 24, 2020, through April 18, 2024.

What is this lawsuit about? The Settlement resolves a lawsuit claiming that Imperial breached its auto insurance policies by improperly failing to pay Sales Tax and Transfer Fees to insureds who submitted Louisiana first-party total loss auto claims.

Settlement Terms. Imperial will pay unpaid Sales Tax and Transfer Fees to eligible Settlement Class Members who submit a claim. The payment is the full amount sought in the case. Imperial also will not contest an application for payment of attorneys’ fees and costs of up to \$795,000, and \$5,000 as a service award to the Class Representative. These payments will not reduce the amount of money available to Settlement Class Members. The fees are paid by Imperial.

How do I Receive Payment? To receive a payment, you must complete and mail the attached Claim Form (no stamp needed—return postage has been prepaid) or submit a Claim Form online at www.BassAutoLossSettlement.com. You also may make a claim online by visiting www.BassAutoLossSettlement.com, clicking “Make a Claim” and entering the Claim ID Number that is on the attached claim form. Claim forms must be postmarked or submitted online by **August 1, 2025**.

Do I have any other options? Unless you submit a Claim Form, you will **not** be eligible to get a Settlement payment, and your rights will be affected: **If you do not submit a claim, you will release Imperial and forfeit any opportunity for recovery.** The original claims deadline was December 26, 2024, but at the final approval hearing referred to in the prior notice you received, the Court extended the deadline to January 17, 2025; and at a subsequent hearing the Court extended the deadline again to **August 1, 2025**.

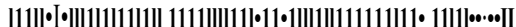
Final Hearing. The Second Fairness Hearing will take place on August 15, 2025, at 10:00 a.m., at the John H. Shaw United States Courthouse: 800 Lafayette Street, Courtroom 1, Lafayette, LA 70501.

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IF MAILED
IN THE
UNITED STATES

BUSINESS REPLY MAIL
FIRST-CLASS MAIL PERMIT NO. 581 PORTLAND, OR

POSTAGE WILL BE PAID BY ADDRESSEE

**BASS V. IMPERIAL FIRE
SETTLEMENT ADMINISTRATOR
C/O EPIQ
PO BOX 2810
PORTLAND OR 97208-9722**



REMINDER NOTICE – OUR RECORDS INDICATE THAT YOU HAVE NOT YET FILED A CLAIM

Imperial Insurance Company’s records show you suffered a total loss of your car while insured with them. As a result, you may be entitled to payment for Sales Tax and Transfer Fees from the class action settlement in the case:

Bass v. Imperial Fire and Cas. Ins. Co., Case No. 1:22-cv-00550
United States District Court for the Western District of Louisiana

This is a Reminder Notice to claim your **potential cash payment** from the Settlement. The Court has extended the original deadline for making a claim to **August 1, 2025**. After all claims and payment determinations have been made, the Court will rule on final approval and Class Counsel’s request for attorneys’ fees at the Second Fairness Hearing.

This is your last chance to claim your insurance proceeds. If you do not submit a claim, you will release Imperial and forfeit any opportunity for recovery.

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| <p style="text-align: center;"><u>TO MAKE A CLAIM:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sign and mail the prepaid postage attached claim form you received.• Or go to www.BassAutoLossSettlement.com and enter this Unique ID Number: <p style="text-align: center;">Unique ID: <<Unique ID>></p> |
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You have been identified as a “Settlement Class Member” from Imperial’s claims data, because you were a Louisiana policyholder and insured by Imperial and submitted a car damage claim with respect to a covered vehicle that resulted in a total loss claim payment during the period commencing February 24, 2020, through April 18, 2024.

The Settlement resolves a lawsuit claiming that Imperial breached its auto insurance policies by improperly failing to pay Sales Tax and Transfer Fees to insureds who submitted Louisiana first-party total loss auto claims. For example, if your car was worth \$20,000.00, you may be entitled to over \$1,800 in unpaid sales tax and tag and title fees. Louisiana also has a 4.45 percent state sales tax rate and an average combined state and local sales tax rate of 9.56 percent.

Imperial will pay for unpaid Sales Tax and Transfer Fees to eligible Settlement Class Members who submit a claim. This payment is the full amount sought in the case. Claim payments will be the full amount of Sales Tax based on the garage location and date of loss or the average tax rate for the state, and all applicable Transfer Fees (i.e., title, handling, plate) reasonably necessary to be paid upon the purchase of a replacement vehicle in Louisiana, less any Sales Tax and Transfer Fees previously paid to you by Imperial. Imperial has also agreed not to oppose attorneys’ fees and costs up to \$795,000 and \$5,000 as a service award to the Class Representative. The attorneys’ fees, costs and service award will not reduce the amount of money available to Settlement Class Members.

To be eligible for payment, you must complete and mail the Claim Form attached to this postcard, or submit a Claim Form online at www.BassAutoLossSettlement.com and use the Unique ID information. The original claims deadline was December 26, 2024, but at the final approval hearing referred to in the prior notice you received, the Court extended the deadline to January 17, 2025; and at a subsequent hearing the Court extended the deadline again to **August 1, 2025**. Claim Forms must be postmarked or submitted online by **August 1, 2025**.

Unless you timely file a Claim Form, you will not get a Settlement payment, and your rights will be affected.

The Second Fairness Hearing will take place on August 15, 2025, at 10:00 a.m., at the John H. Shaw United States Courthouse: 800 Lafayette Street, Courtroom 1, Lafayette, LA 70501.

More details and the full terms of the Proposed Settlement are available at www.BassAutoLossSettlement.com. You may also contact Class Counsel at:

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This is a court approved settlement and is not a scam. You do not need to do anything to claim the money except sign and fill out the attached claims form, or go to www.BassAutoLossSettlement.com and insert your Unique Claim I.D.