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BLACK U.S. MARSHALS FILE \$3 BILLION LAWSUIT IN DC FEDERAL COURT- "Claiming Our Check: Justice Now"

March 25, 2024, Washington D.C., Matthew Fogg, a retired Chief Deputy in the U.S. Marshals Service (USMS), and 1994 named Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) Class Complainant [Matthew Fogg et al. v. Merrick Garland] stated that due to decades of silence, inaction, and neglect by USMS and EEOC officials, on March 19, 2024, Fogg filed the Complaint in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia [[1:24-cv-00792](#)] seeking leave to obtain new counsel.

This Federal Court Complaint marks an unprecedented U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) law enforcement civil rights journey in the nation's "Justice Integrity Agency" that 11 presidential-appointed U.S. Attorney Generals didn't resolve.

This lawsuit, born out of necessity to protect the civil rights of approximately 10,000 USMS current, retired, and USMS job applicant claimants covering three decades, seeks \$3 billion in compensatory damages. This is a significant increase from the [2008 lawyer estimate of \\$300 million](#) with 1,000 claimants, multiplied today by 10,000 = \$3 Billion, and an inextricably low amount of \$15 million in a 2023 DOJ/USMS preliminary settlement proposal.

This filing underscores a profound disillusionment with an EEOC and DOJ process that has repeatedly failed to hold the principles of equity and justice it was designed to protect. Ironically, amongst thousands of civil rights violations alleged in this case, over 30 years, a 1997 New York Post featured headline calling the USMS "*Bigots With Badges*" reported incidents of [white deputy U.S. marshals shooting at pictures](#) of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on a federal gun range.

"Now, we are coming to Washington, DC. to get our check," Fogg declares, echoing the timeless words of Dr. King and with a renewed commitment to securing justice for all class members.¹

This case comes to the Federal Court after several EEOC settlement discussions have been less than satisfactory, with unjust compensatory damage offers and without necessary changes in USMS programs used in many ways to retaliate against claimants and White witnesses. According to Fogg, the class incorporates undue duress due to the extraordinary passage of time and its racially disparate impact on America's Black judicial personnel and the [Black public](#) now described as justice delayed is justice denied. As this DOJ/USMS systemic discrimination saga unfolds, Fogg marches forward with a hopeful message: "Long-suffering is redemptive." Dr. King's legacy and the enduring spirit of the civil rights movement are rooted in the word of GOD. This belief guides our actions not toward victory for its own sake but toward justice for the sake of all.

"Claiming Our Check: Justice Now" is not just a slogan but a solemn pledge to persevere until the light of justice shines upon every class member. "We move forward not in anger but with the solemn assurance that the longest night will yield to dawn, and from the crucible of trial, the steel of conviction will emerge, tempered but shining brightly for all to see." (Press Conference – US/DOJ Building TBA)

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