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PLAINTIFFS WAITING FOR SETTLEMENT CASE

According to some trial bar veterans, the wait between settling their cases and getting payment for those settlements has been getting longer, particularly as the economy has roiled insurance companies.

"I feel lately like I have to work twice to get paid -- once to get the case settled and the second time to get the case funded," said Brian Kabateck, a Los Angeles lawyer who focuses on class actions. Kabateck cited one of his cases against Google, which was settled in June 2010. The settlement has yet to be paid.