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Providence Retired Police and Firefighter's Association v. City of Providence by and through Lombardi

Supreme Court of Rhode Island - February 4, 2025 - A.3d - 2025 WL 378972

Retired police and firefighters association brought action against city seeking declaratory judgment that city must process applications for occupational cancer disability benefits under state cancer benefits act for firefighters rather than under city ordinance.

The Superior Court granted association's motion for partial summary judgment and denied city's cross-motion for summary judgment. City appealed.

The Supreme Court held that general state statute providing benefits for firefighters with occupational cancer did not supersede special statute that established pension system for city firefighters and had different requirements for qualifying for cancer benefits.

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