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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Retirement Boards

FROM: Joseph E. Connarton, Executive Director

RE: Decisions of the Division of Administrative Law Appeals and the
Contributory Retirement Appeal Board

DATE: February 2, 2000

In order to assure that the Commission is aware of important legal issues dealing with matters under its authority that are decided by the Division of Administrative Law Appeals (DALA) and the Contributory Retirement Appeal Board (CRAB), the Commission is now requiring relevant DALA and CRAB decisions be faxed to the Commission's Legal Unit. This will allow the Commission to request that the Contributory Retirement Appeal Board or the Superior Court review any decisions which it believes are legally incorrect. The following DALA and CRAB decisions are those which must be faxed:

- Decisions which deal with disabilities or accidental deaths that have been remanded by the Commission (G.L. c. 32, § 21(1)(d) and (4)).
- Decisions which deal with the composition or adequacy of a Regional Medical Panel (G.L. c. 32, § 6 and 7).
- Decisions which deal with the Comprehensive Medical Evaluation process or the Restoration to Service process (G.L. c. 32, § 8).
- Decisions which deal with the § 91A Annual Statement process (G.L. c. 32, § 91A).
- Any other decision which the board believes would be necessary for the Commission to review.

Copies of these decisions should be faxed to the Legal Unit at (617) 628-4002. These decisions should be faxed as soon as they are received and must be faxed before the fifteen (15) day appeal deadline has passed. Members of the Commission's Legal Unit are available to help boards determine which decisions should be included.

We trust the foregoing is of assistance. If you have further questions or concerns, please contact this office.