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July 22, 2011

Ms. Diane Scott  
Chief Accountant & Financial Officer  
Retirement Systems of Alabama  
201 South Union Street  
Montgomery, AL 36104

Dear Ms. Scott:

We are enclosing 5 bound and 1 unbound copy of the "Report of the Actuary on the Annual Valuation of the Alabama Judicial Retirement Fund Prepared as of September 30, 2010".

Please let us know if you have any questions concerning the report.

Sincerely yours,

Edward A. Macdonald, ASA, FCA, MAAA  
President

Cathy Turcot  
Principal and Managing Director

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Dr. David G. Bronner  
Chief Executive Officer  
Retirement Systems of Alabama  
201 South Union Street  
Montgomery, AL 36104

Dear Dr. Bronner:

We are enclosing 30 bound copies and one unbound copy of the "Report of the Actuary on the Annual Valuation of the Alabama Judicial Retirement Fund Prepared as of September 30, 2010".

We have determined an employer contribution rate of 28.22% of payroll based on a 30-year amortization period for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013.

Please let us know if you have any questions concerning the report.

Sincerely yours,

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September 30, 2010**





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Board of Control  
Alabama Judicial Retirement Fund  
Montgomery, Alabama

Members of the Board:

In this report are submitted the results of the annual valuation of the assets and liabilities of the Alabama Judicial Retirement Fund, prepared as of September 30, 2010 in accordance with Section 36-27-23(p) of the act governing the operation of the Fund.

The purpose of this report is to provide a summary of the funded status of the Fund as of September 30, 2010, to recommend rates of contribution and to provide accounting information under Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statements No. 25 and 27 (GASB 25 and 27). Data regarding the membership of the Fund for use as a basis of the valuation was furnished by the Retirement Fund office. While not verifying the data at source, the actuary performed tests for consistency and reasonability. The valuation reflects the impact of Act 2011-676, which increases the member contribution rates by 2.25% beginning October 1, 2011 and an additional 0.25% beginning October 1, 2012. On the basis of this valuation, it is recommended that the State make contributions to the Retirement Fund at the rate of 28.22% of payroll for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013.

The financing objective of the Fund has been to have contribution rates remain relatively level over time as a percentage of payroll. The promised benefits of the Fund are included in the actuarially calculated contribution rates which are developed using the Projected Unit Credit cost method. Five-year smoothed market value of assets is used for actuarial valuation purposes. Gains and losses are reflected in the unfunded accrued liability that is being amortized by regular annual contributions as a level percentage of payroll within a 30-year period, on the assumption that payroll will increase by 4.50% annually. The assumptions recommended by the actuary and adopted by the Board are in the aggregate reasonably related to the experience under the Fund and to reasonable expectations of anticipated experience under the Fund and meet the parameters for the disclosures under GASB 25 and 27.

We have prepared the Schedule of Funding Progress and Trend Information shown in the financial section of the Annual Report, and all supporting schedules including the Schedule of Active Member Valuation Data, the Solvency Test and the Analysis of Financial Experience shown in the actuarial section of the Annual Report.

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This is to certify that the independent consulting actuary is a member of the American Academy of Actuaries and has experience in performing valuations for public retirement systems, that the valuation was prepared in accordance with principles of practice prescribed by the Actuarial Standards Board, and that the actuarial calculations were performed by qualified actuaries in accordance with accepted actuarial procedures, based on the current provisions of the Retirement Fund and on actuarial assumptions that are internally consistent and reasonably based on the actual experience of the Fund.

Future actuarial results may differ significantly from the current results presented in this report due to such factors as the following: plan experience differing from that anticipated by the economic or demographic assumptions; changes in economic or demographic assumptions; increases or decreases expected as part of the natural operation of the methodology used for these measurements (such as the end of an amortization period or additional cost or contribution requirements based on the plan's funded status); and changes in plan provisions or applicable law. Since the potential impact of such factors is outside the scope of a normal annual actuarial valuation, an analysis of the range of results is not presented herein.

In our opinion the Fund is operating on an actuarially sound basis. Assuming that contributions to the Fund are made by the employer from year to year in the future at the rates recommended on the basis of the successive actuarial valuations, the continued sufficiency of the retirement fund to provide the benefits called for under the Fund may be safely anticipated.

The Table of Contents, which immediately follows, outlines the material contained in the report.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Edward Macdonald'.

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President

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Cathy Turcot'.

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Principal and Managing Director

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**REPORT OF THE ACTUARY ON THE ANNUAL VALUATION OF THE  
ALABAMA JUDICIAL RETIREMENT FUND  
PREPARED AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2010**

**SECTION I - SUMMARY OF PRINCIPAL RESULTS**

1. For convenience of reference, the principal results of the valuation and a comparison with the preceding year's results are summarized below:

<b>VALUATION DATE</b>	<b>September 30, 2010</b>	<b>September 30, 2009</b>
Active members		
Number	338	342
Annual compensation*	\$ 43,060,614	\$ 43,234,239
Retired members and beneficiaries		
Number	323	320
Annual allowances*	\$ 24,696,542	\$ 24,261,135
Assets		
Actuarial value	\$ 246,196,836	\$ 252,645,569
Market value	220,087,303	210,082,897
Unfunded accrued liability	\$ 112,262,182	\$ 88,332,865
Funded Ratio	68.7%	74.1%
<b>CONTRIBUTIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING</b>	<b>September 30, 2013</b>	<b>September 30, 2012**</b>
Employer contribution rate		
Normal	14.31%	15.69%
Accrued liability	<u>13.91</u>	<u>10.90</u>
Total	28.22%	26.59%
Amortization period	30 years	30 years

\*Amounts shown do not include any increase in effect after the valuation date.

\*\*The employer contribution rate has been changed from 26.59% to 24.35% since the previous valuation to reflect Act 2011-676.

2. Comments on the valuation results as of September 30, 2010 are given in Section IV and further discussion of the contribution levels is set out in Section V.
3. Schedule B shows the development of the actuarial value of assets. Schedule D of this report outlines the full set of actuarial assumptions and methods employed in the current valuation. There have been no changes since the previous valuation.



4. Provisions of the Fund, as summarized in Schedule E, were taken into account in the current valuation. The valuation reflects the impact of Act 2011-676, which increases the member contribution rates by 2.25% beginning October 1, 2011 and an additional 0.25% beginning October 1, 2012. In addition, Act 2011-676 specifies that if positive investment performance results in a decrease in the total contribution rate paid by employers and employees participating in the System, the Retirement System of Alabama shall first reduce the employee contribution rate.

**SECTION II – MEMBERSHIP DATA**

1. The following table shows the number of active members and their annual compensation as of September 30, 2010 on the basis of which the valuation was prepared.

**TABLE 1**

**THE NUMBER AND ANNUAL COMPENSATION OF  
ACTIVE MEMBERS AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2010**

<b>GROUP</b>	<b>NUMBER</b>	<b>COMPENSATION</b>
District Court Judges	103	\$ 13,559,240
Probate Court Judges	68	6,228,211
Non District, Non Probate Judges	<u>167</u>	<u>23,273,163</u>
Total	338	\$ 43,060,614

The table reflects the active membership for whom complete valuation data were submitted. The results of the valuation include an estimated liability for an additional 46 inactive members.



2. The following table shows a six-year history of active member valuation data.

**TABLE 2**  
**SCHEDULE OF ACTIVE MEMBER VALUATION DATA**

<u>Valuation Date</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Annual Payroll*</u>	<u>Annual Average Pay</u>	<u>% Increase in Average Pay</u>
9/30/2010	338	\$ 43,060,614	\$ 127,398	0.78%
9/30/2009	342	43,234,239	126,416	3.18
9/30/2008	336	41,167,248	122,522	3.19
9/30/2007	348	41,318,229	118,731	0.60
9/30/2006	332	39,184,897	118,027	(0.04)
9/30/2005	340	40,144,335	118,072	(0.56)

\*Amounts shown do not include any salary increase effective after the valuation date.

3. The following table shows the number and annual retirement allowances payable to retired members and their beneficiaries on the roll of the Retirement Fund as of the valuation date.

**TABLE 3**  
**THE NUMBER AND ANNUAL RETIREMENT ALLOWANCES OF RETIRED MEMBERS AND BENEFICIARIES ON THE ROLL AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2010**

<b>GROUP</b>	<b>NUMBER</b>	<b>ANNUAL RETIREMENT ALLOWANCES</b>
Service Retirements	216	\$ 20,978,973
Disability Retirements	7	374,804
Beneficiaries of Deceased Members	<u>100</u>	<u>3,342,765</u>
Total	323	\$ 24,696,542

4. Schedule F shows the distribution by age and service of the number and average annual compensation of active members included in the valuation and a distribution by age of the number and benefits of retired members and beneficiaries included in the valuation.



### **SECTION III - ASSETS**

1. The amount of assets taken into account in this valuation is based on information reported by the Retirement Fund.
2. As of September 30, 2010, the total market value of assets amounted to \$220,087,303. The market related actuarial value of assets is \$246,196,836. Schedule B shows the development of the actuarial value of assets as of September 30, 2010.
3. Schedule C shows the receipts and disbursements of the Fund for the year preceding the valuation date and a reconciliation of the fund balances at market value.

### **SECTION IV - COMMENTS ON VALUATION**

1. Schedule A outlines the results of the valuation. The valuation shows that the Fund has total accrued liabilities of \$358,459,018. Of this amount, \$218,968,639 is for the benefits payable on account of present retired members and beneficiaries of deceased members, \$9,037,824 is for the benefits payable on account of present inactive members and \$130,452,555 is for the benefits payable on account of present active members. Against these liabilities, the Fund has total present actuarial value of assets of \$246,196,836 as of September 30, 2010. The difference of \$112,262,182 between the total liabilities and the total present actuarial value of assets represents the present value of future actuarial accrued liability contributions to be made by the State.
2. The employer's regular contributions to the Fund consist of normal contributions and accrued liability contributions. The normal contribution rate payable by the State is equal to the cost of benefits accruing during the year not provided by members' contributions, divided by the annual active members' payroll. The normal contribution rate is determined to be 14.31% of payroll.



3. Accrued liability contributions of 13.91% of payroll are to be made toward amortizing the unfunded accrued liability. Annual accrued liability contributions at the rate of 13.91% of payroll will amortize the unfunded accrued liability within 30 years from the valuation date on the assumption that the aggregate amount of the accrued liability contribution will increase by 4.50% per year.

**SECTION V - CONTRIBUTIONS PAYABLE BY EMPLOYER**

1. Section 12-18-3 of the Retirement Fund Law provides that sufficient monies shall be appropriated to carry out the provisions of the Law.
2. On the basis of the actuarial valuation prepared as of September 30, 2010 it is recommended that the employer make contributions at the following rates beginning October 1, 2012:

**TABLE 4**

**EMPLOYER REQUIRED CONTRIBUTION RATES  
AS A PERCENTAGE OF MEMBERS' COMPENSATION**

<b>EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION</b>	<b>FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2013</b>
Normal	14.31%
Accrued Liability	<u>13.91</u>
Total	28.22%



**SECTION VI - ACCOUNTING INFORMATION**

1. Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statements 25 and 27 set forth certain items of required supplementary information to be disclosed in the financial statements of the Fund and the employer. One such item is a distribution of the number of employees by type of membership, as follows:

**NUMBER OF ACTIVE AND RETIRED MEMBERS  
AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2010**

GROUP	NUMBER
Retirees and beneficiaries currently receiving benefits	323
Terminated employees entitled to benefits but not yet receiving benefits	46
Active members	<u>338</u>
Total	707

2. Another such item is the schedule of funding progress as shown below.

**SCHEDULE OF FUNDING PROGRESS**

Actuarial Valuation Date	Actuarial Value of Assets (a)	Actuarial Accrued Liability (AAL) (b)	Unfunded AAL (UAAL) (b - a)	Funded Ratio (a / b)	Covered Payroll (c)	UAAL as a Percentage of Covered Payroll (( b - a ) / c )
9/30/2005	\$256,091,618	\$299,664,260	\$43,572,642	85.5%	\$40,144,335	108.5%
9/30/2006	260,664,380	301,591,992	40,927,612	86.4	39,184,897	104.4
9/30/2007	265,188,767	315,940,930	50,752,163	83.9	41,318,229	122.8
9/30/2008	259,071,291	323,428,100	64,356,809	80.1	41,167,248	156.3
9/30/2009	252,645,569	340,978,434	88,332,865	74.1	43,234,239	204.3
9/30/2010	246,196,836	358,459,018	112,262,182	68.7	43,060,614	260.7



3. The information presented in the required supplementary schedules was determined as part of the actuarial valuation at September 30, 2010. Additional information as of the latest actuarial valuation follows.

Valuation date	9/30/2010
Actuarial cost method	Projected Unit Credit
Amortization method	Level percent open
Remaining amortization period	30 years
Asset valuation method	Five-year smoothed market value
Actuarial assumptions:	
Investment rate of return*	8.00%
Projected salary increases*	5.00%
Cost-of-living adjustments	None
*Includes inflation at	4.50%

#### TREND INFORMATION

<b>Period Ending</b>	<b>Annual Pension Cost (APC)</b>	<b>Percentage Of APC Contributed</b>	<b>Net Pension Obligation (NPO)</b>
September 30, 2008	\$9,340,101	100%	\$0
September 30, 2009	9,786,785	100	0
September 30, 2010	10,274,864	100	0



## **SECTION VII – ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL EXPERIENCE**

The following table shows the estimated gain or loss from various factors that resulted in an increase of \$23,929,317 in the unfunded accrued liability from \$88,332,865 to \$112,262,182 during the year ending September 30, 2010.

### **ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL EXPERIENCE** (in millions of dollars)

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>AMOUNT OF INCREASE/ (DECREASE)</b>
Interest (8.00%) added to previous unfunded accrued liability	\$ 7.1
Accrued liability contribution	(3.2)
Experience:	
Valuation asset growth	14.3
Pensioners' mortality	3.3
Turnover and retirements	(1.4)
New entrants	0.5
Salary increases	(8.7)
Method changes	0.0
Amendments	0.0
Assumption changes	0.0
Data Changes	0.7
Miscellaneous changes	11.3
Total	\$ 23.9



**SCHEDULE A**  
**VALUATION RESULTS**

	<b>September 30, 2010</b>
1. Actuarial Accrued Liabilities	
(a) Present active members	
- Service pensions	\$ 116,476,058
- Disability pensions	9,243,913
- Death benefits*	<u>4,732,584</u>
- Total	\$ 130,452,555
(b) Present inactive members	\$ 9,037,824
(c) Present retired members and beneficiaries	
- Service retirements	\$ 186,363,594
- Disability retirements	2,940,777
- Beneficiaries of deceased members	<u>29,664,268</u>
- Total	218,968,639
(d) Total actuarial accrued liabilities ((a) + (b) + (c))	\$ 358,459,018
2. Actuarial Value of Assets	\$ 246,196,836
3. Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability (1(d) - 2)	\$ 112,262,182

\*Liability for death benefits payable after retirement is included with liability for service and disability pensions.

**SOLVENCY TEST**  
(\$1000's)

Valuation Date	Aggregate Accrued Liabilities For			Reported Assets	Portion of Accrued Liabilities Covered by Reported Asset		
	(1) Active Member Contributions	(2) Retirants and Beneficiaries	(3) Active Members (Employer Financed Portion)		(1)	(2)	(3)
9/30/2010	\$33,950	\$218,969	\$105,540	246,197	100%	97%	0.0%
9/30/2009	32,533	215,730	92,715	252,646	100	100	4.7
9/30/2008	32,585	203,062	87,781	259,071	100	100	26.7
9/30/2007	30,286	202,835	82,820	265,189	100	100	38.7
9/30/2006	31,569	180,555	89,468	260,664	100	100	54.3
9/30/2005 <sup>1</sup>	29,027	183,797	86,840	256,092	100	100	49.8

<sup>1</sup> Reflects additional allowance payable under Act 2006-510.



**SCHEDULE B**

**DEVELOPMENT OF THE ACTUARIAL VALUE OF ASSETS**

(1)	Actuarial Value Beginning of Year	\$	252,645,569
(2)	Market Value End of Year		220,087,303
(3)	Market Value Beginning of Year		210,082,897
(4)	Cash Flow		
	a. Contributions		12,840,939
	b. Benefit Payments		24,760,933
	c. Other		0
	d. Net Cash Flow: (a - b - c)	\$	(11,919,994)
(5)	Investment Income		
	a. Market Total: (2) - (3) - (4)d		21,924,400
	b. Assumed Rate		8.00%
	c. Amount for Immediate Recognition [(3) * (5)b] + [(4)d * 0.5 * (5)b]		16,329,832
	d. Amount for Phased-In Recognition: (5)a - (5)c		5,594,568
(6)	Phased-In Recognition of Investment Gain/(Loss)		
	a. Current Year: 0.2 * (5)d		1,118,914
	b. First Prior Year		(3,287,456)
	c. Second Prior Year		(11,895,979)
	d. Third Prior Year		3,069,138
	e. Fourth Prior Year		136,812
	f. Total Recognized Investment Gain	\$	(10,858,571)
(7)	Actuarial Value End of Year (1) + (4)d + (5)c + (6)f	\$	246,196,836



**SCHEDULE C**

**SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS  
FOR THE PERIOD ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2010**

<u>Receipts for the Period</u>	
Contributions:	
Members	\$ 2,566,075
Employer	<u>10,274,864</u>
Total	\$ 12,840,939
Investment Income	<u>21,924,400</u>
TOTAL	\$ 34,765,339
<u>Disbursements for the Period</u>	
Benefit Payments	\$ 24,530,733
Refunds to Members	230,200
Other	<u>0</u>
TOTAL	\$ <u>24,760,933</u>
<u>Excess of Receipts over Disbursements</u>	\$ 10,004,406
<u>Reconciliation of Asset Balances</u>	
Market Value of Assets as of September 30, 2009	\$ 210,082,897
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements	<u>10,004,406</u>
Market Value of Assets as of September 30, 2010	\$ <u><u>220,087,303</u></u>



**SCHEDULE D**

**OUTLINE OF ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODS**

**The assumptions and methods used in the valuation were selected by the prior actuarial firm based on the actuarial experience study prepared as of September 30, 2000, submitted May 23, 2002 and adopted by the Board on June 5, 2002.**

**Investment Rate of Return:** 8% per annum, compounded annually.

**Salary Increases:** 5% per annum, compounded annually.

**Separations Before Retirement:** Representative values of the assumed annual rates of death and disability are as follows:

<u>Age</u>	<u>Annual Rate of</u>		
	<u>Death</u>		<u>Disability</u>
	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	
30	.08%	.03%	.08%
35	.08	.04	.16
40	.09	.06	.27
45	.14	.09	.43
50	.21	.12	.65
55	.36	.19	1.00
60	.63	.34	1.58
64	1.01	.58	2.28

**Rates of Retirement:** 30% of members are assumed to retire in the year when first eligible and 5% in each year thereafter. All remaining members are assumed to retire at age 70.

**Deaths After Retirement:** Rates of mortality for the period after service retirement are according to the GBB 1979 Table for males rated forward one year and the GBB 1979 Table for females. Special mortality tables are used for the period after disability retirement.

**Percent Married:** 90% of active members are assumed to be married with the husband 3 years older than the wife.

**Actuarial Method:** Projected unit credit method. Gains and losses are reflected in the unfunded accrued liability.

**Assets:** Actuarial Value as developed in Schedule B. The actuarial value of assets recognizes 20% of the difference between the market value of assets and the expected value of assets, based on the assumed valuation rate of return.

**Liability for Current Inactive Members:** Member Contribution Balance is multiplied by a factor of 3.0.

**Post Retirement Increases:** Allowances of retired members and spouses who receive benefits based on active member salaries are assumed to increase by 4.5% per year.



## **SCHEDULE E**

### **SUMMARY OF MAIN FUND PROVISIONS AS INTERPRETED FOR VALUATION PURPOSES**

The Judicial Retirement Fund was established September 18, 1973. The valuation took into account amendments to the Fund effective through the valuation date. The following summary describes the main benefit and contribution provisions of the Fund as interpreted for the valuation.

#### **Membership**

Any justice of the Supreme Court, judge of the Court of Civil Appeals, judge of the Court of Criminal Appeals, judge of the Circuit Court or officeholder of any newly created judicial office receiving compensation from the State treasury became a member of the fund if he was holding office on the effective date of the Act and elected to come under its provisions. Any such justice or judge elected or appointed to office after the effective date of the Act or any district or probate judge elected or appointed to office after October 10, 1975 or October 1, 1976, respectively, automatically becomes a member. Certain other district and probate judges as well as certain former county court judges, district attorneys or assistant district attorneys serving as circuit judges and certain supernumerary judges and justices could also elect to become members.

#### **Credited Service**

Credited service is service as a member plus certain periods of previous service credited in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

#### **Benefits**

##### *Service Retirement Benefit*

- Condition for Benefit     A retirement benefit is payable upon the request of any member who has:
- Completed 12 years of credited service and attained age 65, or
  - Completed 15 years of credited service and whose age plus service equals or exceeds 77, or



- Completed at least 18 years of credited service or three full terms as a judge or justice, or
- Completed 10 years of credited service and attained age 70

However, a judge who became a member on or after July 30, 1979 or who is a district or probate judge must meet the following age and service requirement combinations in order to be eligible to retire:

- Completed 12 years of credited service and attained age 65, or
- Completed at least 15 years of credited service and attained age 60, and whose age plus service equals or exceeds 77, or
- Completed 10 years of credited service and attained age 70, or
- Completed 25 years of credited service (or completed 24 years of credited service provided the member purchases one year of service prior to retirement) regardless of age

**Amount of Benefit**

The service retirement benefit for a member is equal to:

- (a) For a circuit or appellate judge, who was a member prior to July 30, 1979, 75% of the salary prescribed by law for the position from which the member retires.
- (b) For a circuit or appellate judge who became a member on or after July 30, 1979, 75% of the member's salary at the time of separation from service.
- (c) For a district judge, 75% of the position's salary immediately prior to retirement.
- (d) For a probate judge, 75% of the member's salary at the time of separation from service.

*Disability Retirement Benefit*

**Condition for Benefit**

A disability retirement benefit is payable to any member who becomes permanently, physically or mentally, unable to carry out his duties on a full-time basis, provided the member has completed five or more years of credited service.

**Amount of Benefit**

The disability retirement benefit for a member other than a district or probate judge who was a member prior to July 30, 1979 is equal to 25% of the salary prescribed by law for the position from which the member retires on disability plus 10% of such salary for each year of credited service in excess of five years. The disability retirement benefit is subject to a minimum of 30% and a maximum of 75% of such salary.

The disability retirement benefit for a judge who became a member on or after July 30, 1979 or who is a district or probate judge is equal to 25% of his salary immediately prior to retirement plus 10% of such salary for each year of credited service in excess of five years. The disability retirement benefit is subject to a minimum of 30% and a maximum of 75% of such salary.



### *Spouse's Benefit*

**Condition for Benefit** Upon the death of an active, inactive or retired member with at least 5 years of credited service, a death benefit is payable to the member's spouse.

**Amount of Benefit** The death benefit payable to the spouse of a judge other than a district or probate judge consists of a yearly benefit equal to 3% of the salary prescribed by law for the position of the former member for each year of service, not to exceed 30% of such salary.

The death benefit payable to the spouse of a district judge consists of a yearly benefit equal to 3% of the position's salary prescribed by law at the time of death for each year of service not to exceed 30% of such salary.

The death benefit payable to the spouse of a probate judge is a yearly benefit equal to the greater of \$480 for each year of credited service to a maximum of 10 years, or 3% of the member's salary at the time of separation from service for each year of credited service not to exceed 30% of such salary.

The benefit is payable for the spouse's life or until his or her remarriage.

### *Benefit Payable on Separation from Service*

If a member terminates service and elects not to withdraw his contributions and accrued interest from the Fund, he is eligible to receive any of the benefits for which he has sufficient credited service upon reaching an eligible retirement age.

A member terminating service before reaching eligibility for retirement benefits may elect to receive a return of contributions and accrued interest.

## **Contributions**

**By Members** Prior to October 1, 2011, each member contributed 6.0% of salary.  
Beginning October 1, 2011, each member will contribute 8.25% of salary.  
Beginning October 1, 2012, each member will contribute 8.50% of salary.  
If positive investment performance results in a decrease in the total contribution rate paid by employers and employees participating in the System, the Retirement System of Alabama shall first reduce the employee contribution rate.

**By State** The State makes contributions which, in addition to the members' contributions, are sufficient to carry out the provisions of the Act.



**SCHEDULE F**

**SCHEDULE OF MEMBERSHIP DATA  
AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2010**

**NUMBER OF ACTIVE MEMBERS AND THEIR AVERAGE COMPENSATION  
BY AGE AND YEARS OF SERVICE**

Attained Age	Completed Years of Service										Total
	Under 1	1 to 4	5 to 9	10 to 14	15 to 19	20 to 24	25 to 29	30 to 34	35 to 39	≥ 40	
Under 25 Avg. Pay											
25 to 29 Avg. Pay											
30 to 34 Avg. Pay	1 143,109	1 118,948	2 118,948								4 124,988
35 to 39 Avg. Pay	1 130,843	3 102,685	1 127,868	1 78,359							6 107,521
40 to 44 Avg. Pay	2 125,071	14 112,893	5 112,429	6 129,689	2 129,694	1 126,384					30 118,557
45 to 49 Avg. Pay	3 128,682	19 121,749	7 126,472	9 139,452	2 133,816	2 141,690	1 77,182				43 127,159
50 to 54 Avg. Pay		10 121,335	14 122,888	19 137,220	5 142,501	10 134,415	5 124,118				63 130,448
55 to 59 Avg. Pay		5 123,048	9 116,911	24 124,130	18 132,598	9 151,138	4 162,139	3 166,208			72 132,510
60 to 64 Avg. Pay		11 107,495	9 128,830	8 127,410	14 133,732	16 136,551	10 130,256	5 142,674		2 135,310	75 129,397
65 to 69 Avg. Pay	1 137,941	5 97,814	6 124,595	7 113,727	3 126,728	5 115,386	3 149,936	1 149,936	1 149,936		32 121,171
70 & up Avg. Pay			1 131,944	4 128,388	3 100,382	1 148,684	1 149,936	1 85,531	2 109,488		13 119,213
Total Avg. Pay	8 131,010	68 115,013	54 122,682	78 128,548	47 131,487	44 136,922	24 135,360	10 144,746	3 122,971	2 135,310	338 127,398

The top number in each box is the count of actives for that age and service combination. The bottom amount is the average compensation for the group.



**NUMBER OF RETIRED MEMBERS  
AND THEIR BENEFITS BY AGE**

<b>Age</b>	<b>Number of Members</b>	<b>Total Annual Benefits</b>	<b>Average Annual Benefits</b>
Under 50	0	\$ 0	\$ 0
50-54	1	111,447	111,447
55-59	12	1,349,143	112,429
60-64	36	3,672,483	102,013
65-69	49	5,088,738	103,852
70-74	45	4,439,714	98,660
75-79	25	2,261,355	90,454
80-84	25	2,306,785	92,271
85-89	18	1,315,062	73,059
90-94	4	321,795	80,449
95 & Over	1	112,451	112,451
<b>Total</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>\$ 20,978,973</b>	<b>\$ 97,125</b>

**NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES  
AND THEIR BENEFITS BY AGE**

<b>Age</b>	<b>Number of Members</b>	<b>Total Annual Benefits</b>	<b>Average Annual Benefits</b>
Under 50	2	\$ 65,981	\$ 32,991
50-54	1	25,019	25,019
55-59	3	84,148	28,049
60-64	11	439,869	39,988
65-69	10	341,677	34,168
70-74	17	522,274	30,722
75-79	16	561,743	35,109
80-84	14	496,071	35,434
85-89	19	597,359	31,440
90-94	6	194,724	32,454
95 & Over	1	13,900	13,900
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>\$ 3,342,765</b>	<b>\$ 33,428</b>



**NUMBER OF DISABLED RETIREES  
AND THEIR BENEFITS BY AGE**

<b>Age</b>	<b>Number of Members</b>	<b>Total Annual Benefits</b>	<b>Average Annual Benefits</b>
Under 50	0	\$ 0	\$ 0
50-54	0	0	0
55-59	1	94,674	94,674
60-64	2	130,082	65,041
65-69	0	0	0
70-74	4	150,048	37,512
75-79	0	0	0
80-84	0	0	0
85-89	0	0	0
90-94	0	0	0
95 & Over	0	0	0
Total	7	\$ 374,804	\$ 53,543