

# Crew and Medical Transporters United USW Crew/Medical Drivers Project

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## **Union Update for Rail Crew and Medical Drivers**

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## Federal Judge Rules for PTI Union Workers

## Upholds 2016 Wage Arbitration Award

The Union is pleased to report that today, United States District Court for Southern Indiana Judge Richard L. Young, upheld Arbitrator Joseph V. Simeri's October 2017 decision in favor of PTI's union employees. PTI went to the Federal Court to try to vacate (reverse) the Arbitrators decision.

We want to commend Attorney Robert Hicks and the Macey Swanson LLP law firm who prepared and defended our case on behalf of the union and our drivers, for this victory. We also want to thank those drivers and members who have stood by the union in our efforts to get justice and these wage increases.

We hope that PTI will now understand its legal and financial obligations to its workforce and will comply with the Federal Court. It is also time to conclude a new labor agreement. We will see what path this Company decides to take by its actions.

The Federal Judges decision will be posted on the UPSEU website as soon as we can get that done. The docket number is *United States District Court Southern District of Indiana, Evansville Division:* 3:17-cv-00176-RLY-MPB

Over the course of this ordeal, it has been reported to us that some supervisors and some drivers have questioned the Union's determination to enforce your rights and stand by you. It should go without saying that individual drivers would not have been able to pursue this wage issue without a union contract or a union capable of dealing with the Arbitration and the Court process. It may not be over yet. Be proud of your union. Be proud of what we are accomplishing together. Let's continue to build unity and stand up together.

In solidarity,

Kevin E. Boyle, President, UPSEU

Ike Gittlen, Coordinator, United Steelworkers (USW)





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<u>Getting Help:</u> Your Location Steward should be the first stop in trying to get your union contract questions answered or if you have a problem. However, we understand that it's sometimes hard to reach a Steward. The next and quickest way to get some help is:

The Union Driver Hotline at (866)203-4960.

Email us at: 1222@usw.org.

<u>Union Area Representative Contact Information:</u> Here are the contact numbers for our four Union Area Representatives:

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