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**** U.S. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION (EEOC) SETTLES 30-YEAR BLACK U.S. MARSHALS RACIAL CLASS LAWSUIT WITH THE “HIGH-TECH LYNCHING” OF NAMED COMPLAINANT MATTHEW FOGG WHO REFUSED TO “SELL OUT” ****

Washington, D.C., June 17, 2024 - [Matthew Fogg](#), a retired Chief Deputy U.S. Marshal and the named Class Complainant in the landmark case Fogg et al. v. Garland - U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), was recently removed as a Class Agent after 30 years by EEOC supervisor Administrative Judge Sharon Debbage Alexander in a [May 13th, 2024 EEOC Order](#). The alleged reprisal action followed Fogg's filing of the EEOC Complaint in the DC U.S. District Court on March 19, 2024 ([1:24-cv-00792](#)), previously reported in the [Washington Post](#). The complaint covers three decades of EEOC silence, inaction, and neglect, marking a pivotal turn in this historic legal journey to justice.

Fogg said the EEOC AJ's decision to remove him as a Class Agent and grant a motion from the Class lawyers is a form of lynching in retaliation for a pioneer whistleblower who dared to challenge the inadequate monetary and insignificant programmatic relief that absolves the U.S. DOJ after 30 years. "If it stands," Fogg said, "[the erroneous EEOC settlement](#) will only net a small number of potentially 10,000 victims between \$5,000 and \$62,000 or nothing at all, and many still employed will face more of the same retaliation, while the law firm walks away with a hefty \$6 million and upwards."

On or about June 12, 2024, Fogg [filed an Appeal with the EEOC](#) Office of Federal Operations, alleging fraud and retaliation by the EEOC AJ granting the law firm's motion "to kill the messenger," removing him as Class Agent and ignoring a [November 1, 2023, motion to terminate the law firm's services](#) for unfair and biased settlement negotiations. Fogg also criticized the EEOC for retaining jurisdiction over the case despite regulations and DOJ/Agency legal briefs concurring with the change of jurisdiction to the U.S. District Court and issuing a 6-14-24 post-federal court EEOC Settlement.

The Class Agent's appointed spokesperson, Fogg, highlighted irreconcilable differences between clients and the representing law firm of Sanford, Heisler, Sharp, LLP. Fogg said the firm's Chair emphasized a personal relationship with President Joe Biden, made substantial campaign donations, and said he told Biden, when visiting his home, to pick Kamala Harris as Vice President. Fogg alleged this relationship created collusion with Biden's DOJ, causing the firm to devalue the lawsuit from [\\$300 million](#) to an unjust \$15 million settlement for 10,000 claimants that favored [only the law firm and DOJ](#) despite decades of systemic discrimination with incidents, such as White deputy marshals [shooting at pictures of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.](#) at a Federal gun range, wearing "KKK" hoods in the office, U.S. Marshals nationwide Dragnet enforcement operations that utilized racial profiling of Black suspects, and a New York Post headline depicting the U.S. Marshals Service as ["Bigots With Badges."](#)

Fogg called the [EEOC settlement](#) a "travesty of justice on steroids" compared to his original intent when filing the Class Complaint in 1994. He described the AJ's decision as indicative of the [EEOC's historic adjudication record](#) that depicts [collusion with Agency racism](#) with an inept existence and exemplifying that Black lives don't matter. Fogg accused the other [13 Black Class Agents](#) of "selling out" with the racially insensitive, White-owned law firm, knowing the payout formula would benefit Class Agents more than thousands of Class members, who [will not receive any suitable relief](#) or see changes in programs used to discriminate against Black employees and the Black public for decades.

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