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Good afternoon,

The following updates were recently made to the VCF website:

- [June 2026 Monthly Report](#) posted.
- [FAQ 4.4](#) updated hearings decisions date to state that “The Special Master is currently rendering decisions for hearings held in May 2026.”
- Presence information for the New York State Unified Court System was added to the [Interactive Presence Guide](#) and Policies and Procedures [Section 1.9](#). The information is also provided below.

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New York State Unified Court System

If you are asserting presence in the New York City Exposure Zone as a responder during the period beginning on September 11, 2001, through May 30, 2002, you should contact Shelley Makund at smakund@nycourts.gov and request an “Employee Certification of Participation in World Trade Center Rescue, Recovery or Clean Up Operations” form. Ms. Makund will ask you to fill it out and send it back to her so she can have it certified by your supervisor.

If you were employed by the New York State Unified Court System and worked in the NYC Exposure Zone during the period beginning on September 11, 2001, through May 30, 2002 but did not participate in the World Trade Center Rescue, Recovery or Clean Up Operations, you should contact Ms. Makund at smakund@nycourts.gov and request an “Employment Verification” letter.

Ask Ms. Makund to send your completed document, directly to the VCF at VCF.Thirdpartyverification@usdoj.gov. You must provide this email address and specifically request she email the document to the VCF. If the VCF needs additional information from you after reviewing your claim form and documentation, the VCF will contact you.

Please begin following this new guidance immediately for any claims you submit for individuals whose presence is based on their employment with the New York State Unified Court System.

The following law firm emails were posted to [Information for Law Firms](#):

- Email – [Website Updates: Monthly Report](#) – June 8, 2026

Thank you.

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