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Karen Friedman on Ralph Nader Radio Hour: Karen Friedman, PRC's executive vice president, was interviewed by Ralph Nader and his radio co-hosts, Steve Skrovan and David Feldman, about retirement security issues. She talked about the naysayers who routinely try to undermine Social Security, despite the facts that show that Social Security is a strong program that will be here for generations to come. She also discussed why 401(k) plans are failing most Americans, and why we need to preserve the pension plans that exist but start developing innovative retirement plans on top of Social Security for the future. [Listen to the show here](#), you will find Karen at the 33 minute mark.



NPLN attorneys sue Newark Archdiocese: Ted Scallet and Richard Meisner, members of PRC's National Pension Lawyers Network, have filed a class action lawsuit on behalf of a 74-year-old retired Saint James Hospital obstetric technician and two others. After receiving her pension for nine years, Alveira Dillard's \$243 a month pension stopped. She was told that the Saint James pension plan had run out of money and that, because the Archdiocese of Newark had obtained an IRS "church plan" ruling saying that her plan was not protected by the federal pension insurance program, nothing could be done. The lawsuit is being brought under New Jersey state law. [Read our press release about the lawsuit here.](#)



Thanks to our Spring interns: This month wraps up the Center's Spring intern program staffed by two American University undergraduate students. PRC staff attorney Karen Racowsky trained the students in basic pension law. Estevan Reta was able to provide vital updates to [PensionHelp America](#), the Center's database that connects retirees with retirement help resources. Tyler Creed updated another important resource, the [National Pension Lawyers Network](#), and was also able to find nine lost pension plans for retirees who had been unable to locate them.



New England counseling project letter published in *Boston Globe*: Anna-Marie Tabor is the director of the New England Pension Assistance Project, one of the six federally funded pension counseling projects around the country. [Read her letter](#), featured in *The Boston Globe*, about how "corporate red tape" can prevent people from accessing their earned retirement benefits.



Bloomberg BNA highlights work of PBGC's Participant and Plan Sponsor

Advocate: Throughout her five years as the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation's Participant and Plan Sponsor Advocate, Connie Donovan has been an invaluable resource for those who think they have been wrongly denied a benefit from the PBGC. PRC director Karen Ferguson is quoted in a Bloomberg BNA article about Connie, saying "She's actually able to get benefits to people improperly denied them by the PBGC". [Read the article](#), and [read our blog about Connie's 2018 Annual Report](#).

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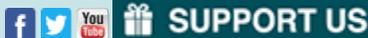
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