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**Statement by Connecticut Treasurer Denise L. Nappier and Attorney
General Richard Blumenthal**

RE: Forstmann Little Verdict

Attorney General Blumenthal comments: "I am gratified the jury determined that we proved that Forstmann Little willfully breached its contractual agreements with Connecticut, although I am disappointed and disagree with the jury's conclusion that Connecticut is not entitled to damages for these violations of law."

"I will review the record of the entire trial critically and vigorously pursue an appeal if there are legal grounds to do so. We will continue to work closely with the Treasurer to ensure that investors entrusted with the state's money honor their contracts and agreements."

"Essentially, this case was about Forstmann Little violating its state contract. We will take swift and serious action against anyone who deliberately disregards a legal agreement, jeopardizing taxpayer money."

State Treasurer Denise Nappier states: "We are pleased that the jury has validated each and every one of our allegations, holding that Forstmann Little breached its contract and violated its fiduciary responsibility and that they did so by acting in bad faith."

"The jury did not award damages based on technical legal defenses with which we do not agree. It is inconsistent with the realities of the industry because investors must and do rely on their general partners to act in good faith."

"Happily, we have relied and continue to rely successfully on many other fine general partners in our private equity investment program."

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