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Lawyer Strike Settled

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The 16-week-long strike at Legal Services was settled early yesterday.

The dispute over wages was resolved in negotiations between the union and management at about 1:30 a.m. The new contract is scheduled to be ratified Monday and the 155 striking attorneys, secretaries and paralegals will return to work Tuesday.

Legal Services represents poor New Yorkers in housing court, family court and in other civil matters.

The strike started April 1 with demands for 30 percent raises for the workers. Under the old contract, salaries for lawyers were \$27,750 and for staff secretaries, \$16,750.

The new contract provides for 24.5 percent raises for attorneys and 17 percent raises for support staff over two years.

The dispute between labor and management intensified early this week after management began running newspaper advertisements seeking replacement workers. A union spokeswoman called the settlement a "triumph for our union," and a management spokesman said he was "pleased the strike has come to an end."

While the strikers have been getting unemployment benefits since the eighth week of the walkout, many have taken temporary jobs and a few have found other permanent jobs, lawyer Martha Raimon said.

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