

UAW Financial Disclosures Show High Salaries and Legal Fees for Leadership

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The United Automobile Workers (UAW) filed its annual LM-2 financial disclosures with the Office of Labor-Management Standards of the U.S. Department of Labor on Tuesday, June 30, revealing a detailed summary of all receipts and disbursements from the union in 2019.

UAW represented workers last year during the 40-day strike against General Motors, and strikes against Mercy Health St. Vincent and Aramark, spending approximately \$80 million of UAW's estimated \$767 million dollar strike fund backed by union dues and interest. According to the [Detroit Free Press](#), UAW spokesman Brian Rothenberg explained that the UAW has capped its strike fund at \$850 million, and that when it reaches that figure, membership dues drop until the fund gets to \$650 million – at which point the dues automatically increase again.

However, the most eye-catching figure was UAW's expenses on salaries and legal fees. The Detroit Free Press reported that the "union's annual LM-2 Labor Department filing also showed that Terry Dittes, the UAW's lead negotiator against GM, was paid a total compensation of \$256,051 in 2019. Cindy Estrada, the lead negotiator for Fiat Chrysler Automobiles, was paid \$216,695 in total compensation. And Rory Gamble, who was the top negotiator against Ford Motor for much of last year, was paid \$215,548. Gamble is now the UAW president, having replaced Gary Jones, who pleaded guilty to embezzlement in early June. The filing shows Jones was paid \$340,539."

These salaries to high ranking union officials are in addition to the legal fees related to the [ongoing federal probe of the UAW](#), estimated to be \$2.3 million to date according to the article.

For more information on the federal probe see our previous coverage:

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