

**INFORMATIONAL REPORT ON SETTLEMENTS OF CLAIMS AND LITIGATION**

**PREPARED BY THE MILWAUKEE COUNTY  
OFFICE OF CORPORATION COUNSEL**

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TO: Marcella Nicholson, Chairwoman, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors  
Justin Bielinski, Chairman, Committee on Judiciary, Safety and General Services

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SUBJECT: Informational Report regarding Settlement of Claims and Litigation

Pursuant to the Office of Corporation Counsel’s (“OCC”) June 7, 2018 Legal Opinion, the County has delegated settlement authority to WCMIC through its insurance contract. However, to ensure that the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors is aware of any settlements, the OCC reports on a monthly basis the following information:

1. WCMIC-controlled litigation settlements that exceed \$500.00.<sup>1</sup>
2. WCMIC-controlled claim resolutions.
3. Resolution of legal claims and litigation covered under other County insurance policies.
4. Resolution of legal claims and litigation in which the County is the party-plaintiff (or counterclaim plaintiff) whether Board approval is or is not required pursuant to Wisconsin law.
5. Settlements Pending Where County Board Approval Is Required (with corresponding File No.)

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<sup>1</sup> Pursuant to Milwaukee County Ordinance § 1.11(c)(5)2.(d) and Wis. Stat. § 59.52(12)(b), resolution of litigation and claims resulting in payment of \$500 or less will be reported to the Board annually.

1. **WCMIC-Controlled Litigation Settlements**

<u>Case Name</u>	<u>Case Number</u>	<u>Firm</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Settlement Amount</u>	<u>Claim Year</u>	<u>Payor</u>
<i>Rickey J. Willis, et al. v. Wisconsin County Mutual Insurance Corporation, et al.</i>	24-CV-3448	OCC	Auto accident involving a deputy sheriff	\$55,000.00	2022	WCMIC
<i>Human Rights Defense Center v. Milwaukee County, et al.</i>	E.D. Wis. 24-CV-981	Hansen Reynolds, LLC	Section 1983 - First Amendment; Due process	\$180,000.00	2022	WCMIC

2. **WCMIC-Controlled Claim Resolutions**

<u>Claimant Name</u>	<u>Investigator</u>	<u>Type of Action</u>	<u>Settlement Amount</u>	<u>Claim Year</u>	<u>Payor</u>
Joann Schmidt	Ryan Anderson	Automobile Liability – Property Damage	\$8,722.01.00	2025	WCMIC
Kerewyn Cass	Ryan Anderson	Automobile Liability – Property Damage	\$3,375.24.00	2025	WCMIC

3. **Settlements Covered Under Other Insurance Policies**

None this cycle.

4. **Settlements Where County Is Plaintiff (or Counterclaim Plaintiff)**

None this cycle.

5. **Settlements Pending Where County Board Approval Is Required (with corresponding File No.)**

None this cycle.