

**INTEROFFICE COMMUNICATION  
COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE**

DATE: August 21, 2015

TO: Theodore Lipscomb Sr., County Board Chairman

FROM: Paul Bargren, Corporation Counsel  
Timothy R. Karaskiewicz, Assistant Corporation Counsel

SUBJECT: Claim filed by Nancy Silvia  
Date of incident: May 27, 2010  
Date claim filed: June 21, 2013

I request that this matter be referred to the Committee on Judiciary, Safety and General Services for approval of a settlement. We have arrived at a settlement of this case for the total sum of \$8,500.00, which will be paid by General Mitchell International Airport revenues.

Nancy Silvia, the plaintiff, slipped and fell at General Mitchell International Airport on May 27, 2010. Ms. Silvia alleges that she was walking out of a restaurant at GMIA and tripped on a raised portion of a vinyl strip that served as a transition between the carpeting and tile at the entrance/exit of a restaurant. Ms. Silvia suffered injuries to her hip, arm, and shoulder. She recovered from the hip and arm injuries, but her treating physician and orthopedic surgeon are of the opinion that the shoulder injury is permanent and will require surgery to alleviate the significant pain she suffers some five years after the fall. To date, Ms. Silvia has accumulated in excess of \$30,000.00 in medical expenses. Negotiations have resulted in an agreement to settle this case for \$8,500.00 – far below the amount of Ms. Silvia’s medical expenses. The settlement amount is favorable to Milwaukee County and we recommend its acceptance.

The Milwaukee County Corporation Counsel’s Office negotiated a settlement with the claimant’s attorney, Thomas Ogorchock. The Corporation Counsel’s Office recommends a total payment of \$8,500.00 to Ms. Silvia to settle her personal injury claim. There is no tax levy impact because the settlement will be paid from airport revenues. The settlement check should be made payable to Miller & Ogorchock, S.C. Trust Account (Tax Identification No. 39-1803471).



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