

INFORMATIONAL REPORT ON SETTLEMENTS OF CLAIMS AND LITIGATION

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TO: Marcelia 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 \$500.00.¹
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, whether Board approval is or is not required pursuant to Wisconsin law.

¹ 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>Mutaz M. Abushawish, et al. v. Milwaukee County, et al.</i>	E.D. Wis. 20-CV-1914 7th Cir. 23-1658	Crivello Carlson	<i>Monell</i> claim	\$150,000.00	2019	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>
Markus Gorsic	Ryan Anderson	Auto Liability – Property Damage	\$5,965.90	2024	WCMIC
Joaquin Mesa-Vazquez	Ryan Anderson	Auto Liability – Property Damage	\$7,900.00	2023	WCMIC
Thomas Dziengel	Ryan Anderson	General Liability – Property Damage	\$3,256.55	2023	WCMIC

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

None this cycle.

4. **Settlements Where County Is Plaintiff**

None this cycle.

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

None this cycle.