

**INTEROFFICE COMMUNICATION  
COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE**

DATE: September 30, 2022

TO: Marcelia Nicholson, Chairwoman, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors  
Ryan Clancy, Chairman, Committee on Judiciary, Safety and General Services

FROM: Scott F. Brown, Deputy Corporation Counsel, Office of Corporation Counsel

SUBJECT: Claim and Litigation Settlement Informational Report

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, whether Board approval is or is not required pursuant to Wisconsin law.

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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>Freddie McDougal v. Berry, et al.</i>                                   | 18-CV-1218  | OCC   | Section 1983 – Deliberate indifference to medical need | \$6,000   | 2018              | Milwaukee County |
| <i>Matthew Szabo, et al. v. Milwaukee County Highway Department, et a.</i> | 21-CV-4289  | OCC   | Personal Injury – Auto accident involving a plow truck | \$9,000   | 2021              | Milwaukee County |
| <i>Kevin Walker, et al. v. Milwaukee County, et al.</i>                    | 15-CV-6288<br><br>E.D. Wis.<br>20-CV-1605<br><br>Court of Appeals<br>No. 20-AP-1471 | Lindner & Marsack;<br>Reinhart Boerner<br>Van Deuren s.c. | Improperly paid survivorship benefits                  | \$90,000 representing attorney fees. The settlement involving the litigated matter is found in File No. 22-820. | 2015              | 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>     |
|----------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Ahmari Holliman      | Ryan Anderson       | Property Damage                | \$1,000                  | 2022              | Milwaukee County |
| Vashawn Ragland      | Ryan Anderson       | Auto Liability – Bodily Injury | \$16,000                 | 2021              | Milwaukee County |

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.