

**INTEROFFICE COMMUNICATION
COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE**

DATE: October 8, 2014

TO: Marina Dimitrijevic, County Board Chairwoman

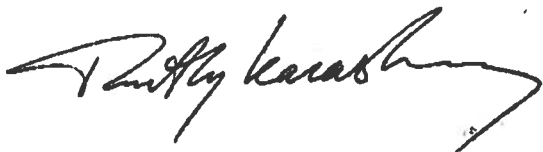
FROM: Timothy R. Karaskiewicz, Assistant Corporation Counsel

SUBJECT: Claim filed by Robin Darden
Date of incident: February 22, 2011
Date claim filed: December 12, 2012

I request that this matter be referred to the Committee on Judiciary, Safety and General Services for information. We have arrived at a settlement of this case for the total sum of \$3,000.00, which will be paid by General Mitchell International Airport revenues.

This incident occurred on February 22, 2011 at General Mitchell International Airport. Robin Darden, now a resident of North Carolina, was injured when she was a patron at General Mitchell International Airport on February 22, 2011. Ms. Darden had already passed through security and was walking when she slipped and twisted her ankle and fell as the result of stepping into a crack in the pavement on the bag claim drive at GMIA. As a result of that fall, Ms. Darden sustained numerous injuries and damages, including pain, suffering and disability, and medical bills. The Complaint alleges that Milwaukee County, through its agents, servants, and employees at General Mitchell International Airport was negligent for failing to properly inspect and maintain the pavement area where Ms. Darden fell. Ms. Darden brought one claim for \$50,000.00.

The Milwaukee County Corporation Counsel's Office negotiated a settlement with the claimant's attorneys, Gruber Law Offices. The Corporation Counsel's Office recommends a total payment of \$3,000.00 to Robin Darden 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 Robin Darden.



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