

**INTEROFFICE COMMUNICATION  
COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE**

DATE: June 25, 2021

TO: Marcelia Nicholson, Chairwoman, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors  
Anthony Staskunas, Chair, Committee on Judiciary, Safety and General Services  
Jason Haas, Chair, Committee on Finance and Audit

FROM: Margaret C. Daun, Corporation Counsel

SUBJECT: Claim and Litigation Settlement Informational Report

Pursuant to the Office of Corporation Counsel’s June 7, 2018 Legal Opinion, the County has delegated settlement authority to WCMIC through its insurance contract. However, to ensure that the Board is fully aware of all such settlements, the Office of Corporation Counsel (“OCC”) reports on a monthly basis all WCMIC-controlled litigation settlements and WCMIC-controlled claim resolutions that exceed \$500.00<sup>1</sup> for which information is presently available. In addition, when applicable, this report will include resolutions of legal disputes covered under other County insurance policies. In this report as well, Supervisors will find a listing of the resolution of legal claims where the County was a plaintiff, which do not require County Board approval under applicable statutes as well as legal claims that require the County Board’s approval (with the corresponding file number) of any resolution. Further, settlement negotiations in other cases may be ongoing, but not yet reported here given the dynamic nature of litigation and settlement. The intent of this report is to ensure that Supervisors have a complete picture of all legal claim settlements or other resolutions, regardless of the Board’s authority over those resolutions.

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<sup>1</sup> Pursuant to Milwaukee County Ordinance section 1.11(c)(4)2.(d) and Wis. Stat. section 59.52(12)(b), resolutions to 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>Douglas Felde v. Milwaukee County</i>	E.D. Wis. 18-CV-84 7 <sup>th</sup> Cir. 21-1334	Jackson Lewis P.C.	Title VII sex discrimination; retaliation	\$75,000.00	2005 and 2014	WCMIC Milwaukee County
<i>Willie R. Seward v. Milwaukee County</i>	ERD Case No. CR202001732; EEOC Case No. 26G202001003C	Lindner & Marsack	Race; disability; age discrimination	\$6,500.00 \$9,000.00	2020	WCMIC Milwaukee County

**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>
David Bradley	Ryan Anderson	Property Damage to vehicle	\$12,699.46	2020	Milwaukee County
Carol Reyes	Ryan Anderson	Property Damage to vehicle	\$4,046.40	2020	Milwaukee County
Keeman Raymar	Ryan Anderson	Auto Liability - Bodily Injury	\$18,000.00	2020	Milwaukee County
Shantay Kutz	Ryan Anderson	Property Damage	\$1,086.12	2021	Milwaukee County
Michael Laska	Ryan Anderson	Property Damage to vehicle	\$1,798.54	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.