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April 21, 2009

To the Honorable Common Council
of the City of Milwaukee
Room 205 - City Hall

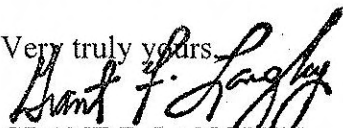
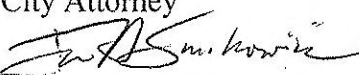
Re: Communication from Attorney Jon Cermele, Cermele & Associates, S.C.
legal fees for Police Officer Charles Seelow
EC 2650

Dear Council Members:

Returned herewith is a document filed by Attorney Jon Cermele for attorney's fees for representing for Police Officer Charles Seelow. The claim is in the amount of \$330.00 for 3.00 hours of service billed at the rate of \$110.00 per hour. We ask that this matter be introduced and referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Legislation.

We have reviewed this claim and advise that in our opinion, the time spent was reasonable. Legal representation was occasioned by the filing of a citizen's complaint against the officer with the Fire and Police Commission. The complaint was dismissed by the Commission.

As we have advised you under similar circumstances in the past, the Common Council has discretion to reject this claim or to pay it in whole or in part. Wis. Stat. § 895.35, *Bablitch and Bablitch v. Lincoln County*, 82 Wis. 2d 574 (1978).

Very truly yours,

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Enc.
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MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

January 5, 2009

TO: P.O. CHARLES SEELOW
DISTRICT: SIX

RE: Receipt of Legal Services from Law Firm of
Attorney Jonathan Cermele

Attorney Jonathan Cermele has made a claim with the City, indicating the attached was provided with legal services arising out of one of the following situations:

- 1) An incident occurring on: MARCH 8, 2007
- 2) An incident regarding complaint of: DANYALL SIMPSON
- 3) A police shooting incident occurring on: N/A

Is this information correct?

YES NO

Did you receive legal representation
in this matter?

YES NO

Your signature:



Print your name:

P.O. CHARLES K. SEELOW

Upon completion, please return this memorandum to the Professional Performance Division at the Police Academy (Room 325) as soon as possible.

KURT R. LEIBOLD
Acting Captain of Police
Professional Performance Division

KRL: lrc

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September 16, 2008

Mr. Ronald D. Leonhardt
Milwaukee City Clerk
800 City Hall
200 East Wells Street
Milwaukee, WI 53202

**RE: Citizen Complaint of Mr. Danyall Simpson
Against PO Charles Seelow
Complaint No.: 07-14
Date of Incident: March 8, 2007**

Dear Mr. Leonhardt:

Pursuant to Article 58 of the 2007-2009 Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City and the Milwaukee Police Association, the City should request that this claim be placed on the Common Council Committee agenda within 180 days of its receipt.

The above-named police officer has retained us to represent him in connection with the above-referenced matter.

Consistent with its policy, the City Attorney's Office has refused to represent him and, as he was performing the duties of his office at the time of the events giving rise to the incident, this claim is hereby made on his behalf for the indicated legal fees. This incident involved the investigation of a car accident.

The Fire and Police Commission closed the file. Attached is a copy of the letter from the Fire and Police Commission and an itemization of the time and services rendered.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



CERMELE & ASSOCIATES, S.C.

Jon Cermele

/kjs
Attachments
SEELOW

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FPC No: 07-14
Date of Incident: March 8, 2007
Professional services

	<u>Hours</u>
6/21/2007 Office conference with PO Seelow; open file; review citizen complaint; Open Records request.	1.10
8/23/2007 Receive and review correspondence from FPC; intra-office conference with Cermele regarding same; correspondence to FPC requesting complaints with redacted information; calendar follow-up.	1.00
5/22/2008 Receive and review correspondence from FPC; telephone call to client; memo to file.	0.20
5/23/2008 Telephone call from client; telephone call to FPC; memo to file.	0.20
7/8/2008 Receive and review correspondence from FPC indicating file has been closed; review file; correspondence to client regarding same; close file.	0.50
	<u>Amount</u>
For professional services rendered	3.00 \$330.00

Mr. Ronald Leonhardt

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Balance due

Amount

\$330.00

(Rate: \$110.00 per hour)



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July 7, 2008

Mr. Danyall Simpson
5120 North 58th Street
Milwaukee, WI 53218

RE: Complaint No. 07-14

Dear Mr. Simpson:

Your complaint has been received by the Fire and Police Commission. Upon receipt of a complaint, we conduct an intake investigation. During the intake investigation, complaints are screened according to established internal guidelines.

We are unable to process your complaint due to the fact that we are unable to make contact with you. A letter was mailed to you on May 20, 2008 and June 16, 2008 requesting you or your attorney to contact Cindy Janusz of our office in order to determine if you will be participating in the conciliation conference. We have not received a response. Due to your lack of response, we are unable to proceed and must close your file at this time.

If you have any questions regarding the actions we have taken, please contact Cindy Janusz of the Fire and Police Commission at (414) 286-5055.

Sincerely,

Michael G. Tobin
Executive Director

MGT:cj

cc: Chief Edward A. Flynn
Matthew L. Granitz, Esq.
Charles K. Seelow