

# CITY OF MILWAUKEE

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

Re: **Communication from Attorney Laurie A. Eggert, Eggert Law Office, S.C.  
for legal fees for Police Officer Vincent Fonte  
C.I. File No. 00-S-430; ELO No. 1588**

Dear Council Members:

Returned herewith is a document filed by Attorney Laurie A. Eggert for attorney's fees for representing Police Officer Vincent Fonte. The claim is in the amount of \$687.50 including \$5.50 in disbursements for 6.20 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. Sec. 895.35, Stats., Bablitch and Bablitch v. Lincoln County, 82 Wis. 2d 574 (1978).

Very truly yours,

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GRANT F. LANGLEY  
City Attorney

Handwritten signature of Jan A. Smokowicz in black ink.

JAN A. SMOKOWICZ  
Assistant City Attorney

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November 20, 2000

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

**RE: Citizen Complaint of Mr. Jeffrey F. Caine  
Against PO Vincent Fonte  
Complaint No.: 00-29  
Date of Incident: March 25, 2000  
ELO No.: 1588**

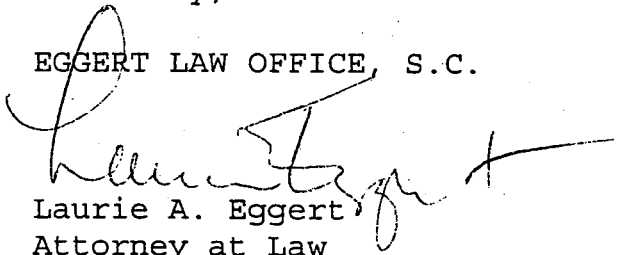
Dear Mr. Leonhardt:

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, the claim is hereby made on his behalf for the indicated legal fees. This incident involved a traffic stop. The Fire and Police Commission dismissed the complaint. Attached is a copy of the dismissal notice and an itemization of the time and services rendered.

Sincerely,

EGGERT LAW OFFICE, S.C.

  
Laurie A. Eggert  
Attorney at Law

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5/21/2001

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RE: Citizen Complaint of Mr. Jeffrey F. Caine  
Against PO Vincent Fonte  
FPC No: 00-29  
Date of Incident: March 25, 2000  
Location of Incident: 4423 S. 13th St.

Professional services

	<u>Hours</u>
7/31/00 Telephone call from client; conference with client; open file; memo to file; correspondence to FPC; telephone call to FPC.	1.40
8/2/00 Review document from client.	0.10
8/3/00 Review of file.	0.20
8/15/00 Telephone call from client.	0.40
8/21/00 Review message; telephone call to and from FPC; review of file; telephone call to client; review of correspondence from FPC	0.50
8/24/00 Telephone call to FPC.	0.10
9/7/00 Review of file.	0.20

	<u>Hours</u>	
9/11/00 Telephone call from Heard; review of file; telephone call to FPC.	0.30	
9/18/00 Telephone call from FPC.	0.10	
9/22/00 Preparation for and appearance at conciliation; conference with client; memo to file; travel; telephone call to client.	2.30	
10/4/00 Review of file.	0.10	
11/10/00 Review of correspondence from FPC; correspondence to client; close file.	0.50	
		<u>Amount</u>
For professional services rendered	6.20	\$682.00
Additional charges:		
9/22/00 Parking		5.50
Total costs		<u>\$5.50</u>
Total amount of this bill		<u>\$687.50</u>
Balance due		<u><u>\$687.50</u></u>

(Rate: \$110.00 per hour)

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BOARD OF  
FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSIONERS : CITY OF MILWAUKEE : COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE

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In Re:  
THE CHARGES OF JEFFREY F. CAINE  
AGAINST DETECTIVE VINCENT FONTE

ORDER OF DISMISSAL

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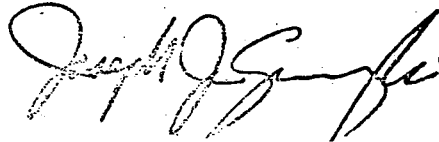
To Det. Vincent Fonte:

It is hereby ordered that the Complaint of Jeffrey F. Caine, Complaint No. 2000-29, filed with the Board on May 30, 2000, is dismissed because the Complaint lacks sufficient prosecutorial merit, by the

MILWAUKEE BOARD OF  
FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSIONERS

WOODY WELCH,  
CHAIRMAN

BY:



JOSEPH J. CZARNECKI  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

DATED AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN, NOVEMBER 7, 2000.

c: Attorney Laurie Eggert ✓

MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

DECEMBER 28, 2000

TO: DET VINCENT FONTE  
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RE: Receipt of Legal Services from Law Firm of  
Attorney

Attorney LAURIE EGGERT 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 25, 2000
- 2) A citizen's complaint made by JEFFERY CAINE
- 3) A police shooting incident occurring on\*

Is this information correct?

YES  NO

Did you receive legal representation  
in this matter?

YES  NO

Your signature: \_\_\_\_\_

*Det. Vincent M. Fonte*

Print your name: \_\_\_\_\_

*Det. Vincent M. FONTE*

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

*Dale T. Schunk*

DALE T. SCHUNK  
Commander of Police  
Internal Affairs Division

DTS:dnp

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November 29, 2000

Commander Dale Schunk  
Milwaukee Police Department  
Internal Affairs Division  
6680 North Teutonia Avenue, Rm 325  
Milwaukee, WI 53209

Re: C.I. File No. 00-S-430  
Communication from EGGERT LAW OFFICE

Dear Commander Schunk:

Enclosed please find a claim filed by attorney Laurie A. Eggert for Attorney's fees incurred during her representation of officers Anderson, Clarke/Polka, Fonte, Harris, Kronschnabel, Larson/Rohde, Newport, Ortiz/Miller, Reaves/Davis, Riley, Santiago/Schellhammer, Sirna, Stojavljevic, et al., Van Erden/Smith, Velasquez, Washington/Jenkins.

Please determine whether these officers were in fact involved in the matter described in Ms. Eggert's claim, and have these officers verify Ms. Eggert's representation. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation in this matter.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jan A. Smokowicz', written over a horizontal line.

JAN A. SMOKOWICZ  
Assistant City Attorney

JAS:beg  
Enclosure

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**RE: Various claims**

Dear Mr. Leonhardt:

Enclosed are the following claims:

CITY OF MILWAUKEE  
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CITY CLERK

<u>OFFICER(S)</u>	<u>OUR NO.</u>
Anderson	1587
Clarke/Polka	1563
Fonte	1588
Harris	1589
Kronschnabel	1586
Larson/Rohde	1585
Newport	1581
Ortiz/Miller	1569
Reaves/Davis	1576
Riley	1502
Santiago/Schellhammer	1582
Sirna	1543
Stojsavljevic, et al.	1498
Van Erden/Smith	1591
Velasquez	1561
Washington/Jenkins	1580

Respectfully,

EGGERT LAW OFFICE, S.C.

Laurie A. Eggert  
Attorney at Law

CITY OF MILWAUKEE  
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CITY CLERK

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Enclosures  
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