

# CITY OF MILWAUKEE

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February 5, 2004

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

Re: Communication from Attorney Laurie Eggert, Eggert & Cermele, S.C.  
for legal fees for Police Officer Edward Matecki  
C.I. File No. 02-S-83; EC No. 1755

Dear Council Members:

Returned herewith is a document filed by Attorney Laurie A. Eggert for attorney's fees for representing Police Officer Edward Matecki. The claim is in the amount of \$853.00, including \$6.00 in disbursements for 7.70 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,

  
GRANT F. LANGLEY  
City Attorney

  
JAN A. SMOKOWICZ  
Assistant City Attorney

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February 27, 2002

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

**RE: Citizen Complaint of Mr. Earl W. Equitz  
Against PO Edward Matecki  
Complaint No.: 01-46  
Date of Incident: May 5, 2001  
EC No.: 1755**

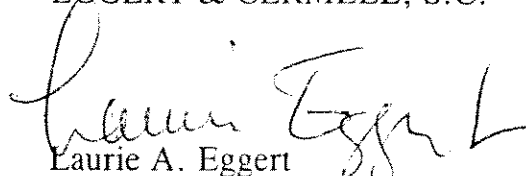
Dear Mr. Leonhardt:

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 & CERMELE, S.C.

  
Laurie A. Eggert  
Attorney at Law

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RE: Citizen Complaint of Mr. Earl W. Equitz  
Against PO Edward Matecki  
FPC No: 01-46  
Date of Incident: May 5, 2000  
Location of Incident: 4th and Wisconsin

Professional services

	<u>Hours</u>
08/10/01 Conference with client; open file.	0.30
08/17/01 Correspondence to FPC.	0.10
08/22/01 Review complaint; telephone call to client; review of file; review of correspondence from FPC.	0.70
08/30/01 Telephone call to client; memo to file.	0.80
09/26/01 Review of file; research regarding status of citations; memo to file.	0.70
09/27/01 Telephone call to FPC.	0.20
10/15/01 Telephone call from FPC; telephone call to client; review of file.	0.40
10/17/01 Telephone calls from and to FPC; telephone call to client; memo to file.	0.40

	<u>Hours</u>	
11/29/01 Review of file; telephone call to FPC.	0.30	
11/30/01 Telephone call from and to FPC; review of file; memo to file.	0.40	
12/10/01 Telephone call from Heard review of file; memo to file.	0.30	
12/20/01 Telephone call from FPC; memo to file; review of file.	0.30	
01/02/02 Review of correspondence from FPC; memo to file; correspondence to clients.	0.30	
01/25/02 Review of file; telephone call to client.	0.20	
01/28/02 Preparation for and appearance at conciliation; conference with client; memo to file; travel.	1.80	
02/14/02 Review of correspondence from FPC; memo to file; correspondence to client; close file.	0.50	
		<u>Amount</u>
For professional services rendered	7.70	\$847.00
Additional charges:		
01/28/02 Parking		6.00
Total costs		<u>\$6.00</u>
Total amount of this bill		<u>\$853.00</u>

Mr. Ronald Leonhardt

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Balance due

Amount

\$853.00

(Rate: \$110.00 per hour)

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EGGERT & CERMELE, S.C.

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

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In Re:  
THE CHARGES OF EARL W. EQUITZ  
AGAINST POLICE OFFICER EDWARD MATECKI

ORDER OF DISMISSAL

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To Officer Edward Matecki:

It is hereby ordered that the Complaint of Earl W. Equitz, Complaint No. 2001-46, filed with the Board on July 2, 2001, 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, FEBRUARY 13, 2002.

c: Attorney Laurie Eggert ✓

MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

DECEMBER 5, 2002

TO: P.O. EDWARD MATECKI  
DISTRICT ONE

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 MAY 5, 2001
- X 2) A citizen's complaint made by EARL EQUITZ
- 3) A police shooting incident occurring on N\A

Is this information correct? YES X NO \_\_\_\_\_

Did you receive legal representation in this matter? YES X NO \_\_\_\_\_

Your signature: *Edward M. Matecki*

Print your name: Edward MATECKI 59072

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

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