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Re: Retention of Outside Counsel

Dear Alderman D'Amato:

Pursuant to Common Council FN 030083 adopted on May 13, 2003 requiring the Judiciary & Legislation Committee be notified in writing of the retention of outside counsel, I am reporting the following.

The City Attorney's Office has retained the services of the law firm of Friebert, Finerty & St. John to represent the City in *Milwaukee Police Association v. COM, et. al.* Case No. 03CV000011. This case concerns the Employes' Retirement System's (ERS) expenditure of approximately \$25 million dollars to purchase and implement a new computer system. The Milwaukee Police Association (MPA) alleges that under the Global Pension the City should bear the cost instead of ERS. Outside counsel has been retained because the City Attorney advises the ERS, and the City Attorney and former Special Deputy City Attorney Thomas E. Hayes are expected to testify as witnesses in the case.

Very truly yours,

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