

March 31, 2003

To the Honorable Common Council
Of the City of Milwaukee
Room 205 – City Hall

Re: Communication from Daniel P. Kondos, S.C. Law Offices
on behalf of Ann Sodowsky, claimant on behalf of the
Estate of Jeffrey Sodowsky
C.I. File No. 00-L-169

Dear Council Members:

We return the enclosed document which has been filed with the City Clerk and ask that it be introduced and referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Legislation with the following recommendation.

Claimant, Ann Sodowsky, 5772 North 95th Street, Milwaukee, WI 53225, through her attorney Daniel P. Kondos, S. C. Law Offices, 407 East Silver Spring Drive, Milwaukee, WI 53217 allege that claimant's spouse, Jeffrey Sodowsky died due to defibrillator equipment failure while being transported by the Milwaukee Fire Department to St. Joseph's Hospital. They claim damages in the amount of \$742,142.17.

The Milwaukee Fire Department records indicate the department treated Jeffrey Sodowsky for cardiac arrest. The claimant alleges Mr. Sodowsky's death occurred due to equipment failure and/or inadequate maintenance of the defibrillator utilized in this matter. The fire and medical personnel on the scene followed the normal

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and customary treatment procedures in situations such as this. Any alleged equipment failure was not due to inadequate maintenance or negligence of any employee. Accordingly we recommend that this claim be denied.

Very truly yours,

GRANT F. LANGLEY
City Attorney

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Assistant City Attorney

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Enclosure
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