#### **GRANT F. LANGLEY**

City Attorney

RUDOLPH M. KONRAD LINDA ULISS BURKE VINCENT D. MOSCHELLA Deputy City Attorneys



September 21, 2006

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

Re: Amended Claim Communication from Attorney Jon Cermele

Eggert & Cermele, S.C. for legal fees for Police Officer Joseph Warren C.I. File No. 04-S-19; EC No. 1988

#### Dear Council Members:

Returned herewith is a document filed by Attorney Jonathan Cermele for attorney's fees for representing Police Officer Joseph Warren. This is an amended claim in which the attorneys have removed from their billing any request for payment for services for Police Officer Ala Awadallah. It was previously submitted and presented to the Committee on Judiciary & Legislation which determined not to act upon it because of the claim for services for Officer Awadallah.

The amended claim is in the revised amount of \$396.00 for 3.60 hours of service billed at the rate of \$110 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 a criminal investigation. A criminal investigation was initiated against the police officer on whose behalf this claim was filed, but he was ultimately not charged.

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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). The Common Council continues to have discretion with regard to this claim because the fees were incurred prior to the effective date of 2005 Wisconsin Act 73 (effective June 7, 2006) which now makes such payment mandatory except in certain, statutorily-defined circumstances.

Very truly yours,

GRANT LANGLEY

City Attorney

JAN A. SMOKOWICZ Assistant City Attorney

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February 22, 2006

Mr. Jan Smokowicz Assistant City Attorney 800 City Hall 200 East Wells Street Milwaukee, WI 53202

RE: AMENDED CLAIM / STATEMENT

MPD Criminal Investigation of PO Joseph Warren Allegations regarding Mr. Christopher M. Schwartz

Date of Incident: January 18, 2003

Location of Incident: 1430 North 38th Street

EC No.: 1988

Dear Mr. Smokowicz:

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Sincerely,

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Jonathan Cermele-

JC/kjs Attachment

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February 16, 2006

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

RE: MPD Criminal Investigation re: Mr. Christopher M. Schwartz

Regarding: PO Joseph Warren Date of Incident: June 18, 2003

Location of Incident: 1430 North 38th Street

Professional services

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	For professional services rendered 3.60	\$396.00
	Balance due	\$396.00



**Police Department** 

Nannette H. Hegerty Chief of Police

November 20, 2003

Jonathan Cermele Attorney At Law 1840 North Farwell Avenue Suit 303 Milwaukee, WI 53202

NOV 2 4 2003

Dear Mr. Cermele:

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Attached please find the requested information. If further assistance is needed Commander Steven Settingsgaard can be contacted at 935.7940.

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RE: MPD Criminal Investigation of POs Joe Warren and Ala Awadallah

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**MEMORANDUM** 

FEBRAURY 17, 2004

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Is this information correct?

YES\_\_\_\_\_\_NO\_\_\_\_

Did you receive legal representation in this matter?

YES\_

NO

Your signature:

Print your name:

JOSEPH R. WARREN

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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