

Mr. Jan Smokowicz
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RE: Billing Statement regarding John Doe matter

Dear Attorney Smokowicz:

Attorney Laurie A. Eggert has asked me to submit this letter to verify certain facts related to a claim for the cost of representing certain City of Milwaukee officers in a John Doe proceeding. I was the presiding judge in a John Doe investigation which commenced on December 1, 2000.

I have reviewed the attached billing statement which itemizes the work performed by Eggert & Cermele, S.C. in this matter. In order to preserve the secrecy of the John Doe proceeding, the attached billing statement does not include the names of the officers which Eggert & Cermele, S.C. represented. I have, however, reviewed a separate version of the statement which does include the names of the officers, and am able to verify that the firm did represent these officers, that the investigation concerned the performance of their official duties, and that no charges will be filed against any of these officers.

Dated this 19th day of Dec, 2001 at Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

BY THE COURT



Honorable David A. Hansher, Branch 42

