

NOTICE OF CLAIM OF CORNELL ROWE PURSUANT TO  
WISCONSIN STATUTE SECTION 893.80(1)

To: City Clerk of Milwaukee  
Attention: Claims  
200 East Wells Street  
Room 205  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that this office has been retained by Cornell Rowe, and hereby gives notice of claim in all matters pertaining to the unauthorized disclosure of his protected health information, namely, his HIV status.

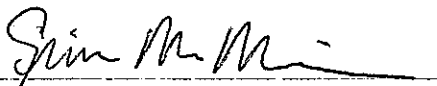
1. Claimant: Cornell Rowe
2. Address: 2352 North 44<sup>th</sup> Street  
Milwaukee, WI 53210  
Phone: 414-292-6914
3. Location: Thompson Development House  
3261 North 24<sup>th</sup> Place  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53206
4. Circumstances: On or about June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2011, at the above-referenced location in paragraph 3, Mr. Rowe, a volunteer with Thompson Development House, began having chest pains. Mr. Rowe's supervisor was concerned for his well-being and called 911. The responding EMT, an employee of the Milwaukee Fire Department, was assessing the situation and accessed Mr. Rowe's electronic medical records, while Mr. Rowe was alert and in no immediate emergency situation, and stated in the presence of Mr. Rowe's supervisor and several other employees "you are HIV positive." Mr. Rowe, not wishing to have this medical information disclosed to his coworkers replied "no, I don't." The EMT, still not realizing that Mr. Rowe did not wish to have this information shared asked "are you sure you do not have HIV?" Mr. Rowe again replied "no, I do not."  
Upon his return to work after this incident, Mr. Rowe was questioned by his supervisor and other coworkers as to whether he was HIV positive. He was also the subject of much gossip among Thompson House employees. This situation has caused Mr. Rowe extreme anxiety, emotional distress and embarrassment. Having already been the victim of an unauthorized disclosure of his status to family, resulting in the loss of society and companionship of his siblings, nieces and nephews, Mr. Rowe is fearful that everyday he will be the target of discrimination and possible termination due to this breach of privacy.

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5. Injuries and Damages: Mr. Rowe is seeking damages from the Milwaukee Fire Department for Invasion of Privacy, Public Disclosure of Private Facts and Negligent Infliction of Emotional Distress. Mr. Rowe is seeking damages in the amount of \$50,000

Mr. Rowe has retained the Legal Services program of Wisconsin to represent him in his claim for damages against the City of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Please direct all future correspondence to the attention of Attorney Erin M. Manian.

Dated this 29<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2011.

  
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