

# CITY OF MILWAUKEE

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September 29, 2003

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

Re: Communication from Attorney Laurie Eggert, Eggert Law Office, S.C.  
for legal fees for Police Officers Ronald Virchow and John Klabacheck  
C.I. File No. 00-S-260

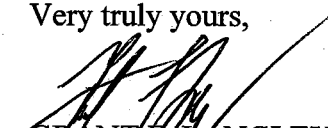
Dear Council Members:

Returned herewith is a document filed by Attorney Laurie A. Eggert for attorney's fees for representing Police Officers Ronald Virchow and John Klabacheck. The claim is in the amount of \$418.00 for 3.80 hours of service billed at the rate of \$110.00 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 the filing of a citizen complaint against the officers with the Fire and Police Commission. The complaint was dismissed by the Commission.

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. Sec. 895.35, Stats., *Bablitch and Bablitch v. Lincoln County*, 82 Wis. 2d 574 (1978).

Very truly yours,

  
GRANT F. LANGLEY  
City Attorney

  
JAN A. SMOKOWICZ  
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August 1, 2000

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

**RE: Citizen Complaint of Mr. Ward Steinmann  
Against POs Ronald Virchow and John Klabacheck  
Complaint No.: 99-39  
Date of Incident: June 6, 1999  
ELO No.: 1505**

Dear Mr. Leonhardt:

The above-named police officer have retained us to represent them in connection with the above-referenced matter.

Consistent with its policy, the City Attorney's Office has refused to represent them, and as they were performing the duties of their office at the time of the events giving rise to the incident, the claim is hereby made on their behalf for the indicated legal fees. This incident involved the issuance of a traffic citation. The Fire and Police Commission dismissed the complaint. Attached is a copy of the dismissal notice and an itemization of the time and services rendered.

Sincerely,

EGGERT LAW OFFICE, S.C.

*[Signature]*  
Laurie A. Eggert  
Attorney at Law

*4/16/2001  
Review  
Circumstances  
of Virchow's  
resignation*

*9/24/03  
O.K.  
JAS  
Letter #2291*

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VIRCHOW

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RE: Citizen Complaint of Mr. Ward Steinmann  
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FPC No: 99-39  
Date of Incident: June 6, 1999  
Location of Incident: 124th and Park Pl.

Professional services

	<u>Hours</u>
8/11/99 Conference with client; correspondence to FPC; review notes from criminal file; open file.	1.60
8/16/99 Review of correspondence from FPC.	0.10
8/23/99 Review of correspondence from FPC.	0.10
9/23/99 Telephone call from FPC; correspondence to client.	0.20
11/1/99 Telephone call to FPC.	0.10
11/17/99 Correspondence to client.	0.10
3/14/00 Discussion with PO Klabacheck.	0.40
5/26/00 Telephone call from FPC; review of file.	0.20
5/31/00 Telephone call from FPC; review of file; memo to file.	0.50

Mr. Ronald Leonhardt

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Hours

6/8/00 Review of correspondence from FPC;  
correspondence to client; close file.

0.50

Amount

For professional services rendered

3.80 \$418.00

Balance due

\$418.00

(Rate: \$110.00 per hour)

JUN 8 2000

BOARD OF  
FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSIONERS : CITY OF MILWAUKEE : COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE

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In Re:  
THE CHARGES OF WARD STEINMANN  
AGAINST POLICE OFFICERS RONALD  
VIRCHOW, JR. AND JOHN KLABECHEK

ORDER OF DISMISSAL

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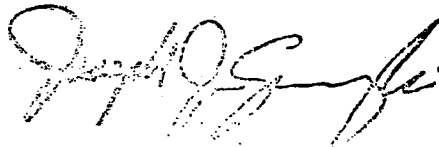
To Officer Ronald Virchow, Jr.:

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CHAIRMAN

BY:



JOSEPH J. CZARNEZKI  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

DATED AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN, JUNE 6, 2000.

c: Attorney Jonathan Cermele ✓

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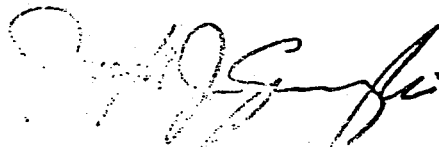
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MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

AUGUST 30, 2000

TO: PO JOHN KLABACHEK  
DISTRICT SEVEN

RE: Receipt of Legal Services from Law Firm of  
Attorney

Attorney LAURIE EGGERT has made a claim with the City, indicating the attached was provided with legal services arising out of one of the following situations:

- 1) An incident occurring on JUNE 6, 1999
- 2) A citizen's complaint made by
- 3) A police shooting incident occurring on

Is this information correct?

YES  NO

Did you receive legal representation  
in this matter?

YES  NO

Your signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print your name: PO JOHN KLABACHEK

Upon completion, please return this memorandum to the Internal Affairs Division at the Police Academy (Room 325) as soon as possible.

*Dale T. Schunk*  
DALE T. SCHUNK *JS*  
Commander of Police  
Internal Affairs Division

DTS:dnp

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August 2, 2000

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Milwaukee City Clerk  
800 City Hall  
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RE: Various claims

Dear Mr. Leonhardt:

Enclosed are the following claims:

<u>OFFICER(S)</u>	<u>OUR NO.</u>
Baisley/Lugo	1453
Driebel, et al.	1514
Jones, et al.	1516
Jozwiak/Monreal	1451
Osowski/Newport/Eyre	1512
Pfau/Johnson	1462
Pierce	1461
Ruiz	1524
Sebestyen	1427
Sgrignuoli	1518
Sikora	1525
Sullivan/Baldwin	1450
Virchow/Klabacheck	1505

Respectfully,

EGGERT LAW OFFICE, S.C.  
*Laurie A. Eggert*  
Laurie A. Eggert  
Attorney at Law

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Commander Dale Schunk  
Milwaukee Police Department  
Internal Affairs Division  
6680 North Teutonia Avenue, Rm 325  
Milwaukee, WI 53209

Re: C.I. File No. 00-S-260  
Communication from EGGERT LAW OFFICE

Dear Commander Schunk:

Enclosed please find a claim filed by attorney Laurie A. Eggert for Attorney's fees incurred during her representation of officers:

Baisley/Lugo  
Driebel et al.  
Jones et al.  
Jozwiak/monreal  
Ososki/Newport & Eyre  
Sikora  
Virchow/Klabacheck

Pfau/Johnson  
Pierce  
Ruiz  
Sebestyen  
Sgrignuoli  
Sulluivan/Baldwin

Please determine whether these officers were in fact involved in the matter described in Ms. Eggert's claim, and have these officers verify Ms. Eggert's representation. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation in this matter.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jan A. Smokowicz', written over a horizontal line.

JAN A. SMOKOWICZ  
Assistant City Attorney

JAS:beg  
Enclosure

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MILWAUKEE POLICE  
INTERNAL AFFAIRS  
DIVISION

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**Re: Citizen complaint of Mr. Ward Steinmann**  
**ELO No. 1505**  
**C.I. File No. 00-S-260**

Dear Ms. Eggert:

With respect to the above-noted matter, it is my understanding that the citizen complained against two officers, Ronald Virchow and John Klabacheck. The dismissal orders that you provided to me from the Fire and Police Commission indicate that the complainant wished to dismiss the complaint against Officer Klabacheck, but that the complaint was dismissed against Officer Virchow only because he had resigned from the Milwaukee Police Department.

Please explain the circumstances of the resignation. If it occurred during the pendency of the Fire and Police Commission matter, it at least has the appearance of a resignation under some duress given the potential for adverse employment action by the Commission. Thank you very much for your assistance and cooperation in this regard.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jan A. Smokowicz".

Jan A. Smokowicz  
Assistant City Attorney

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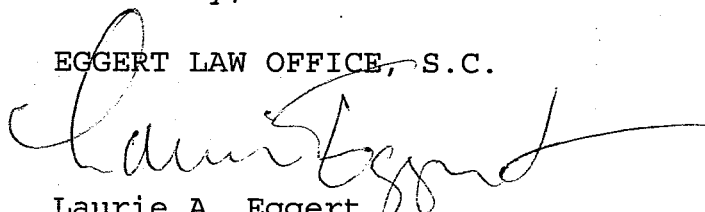
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DOI June 6, 1999  
C.I. File No. 00-S-260; ELO No. 1505**

Dear Mr. Smokowicz:

You asked for information concerning the reason for Officer Virchow's resignation from the MPD during the pendency of the citizen complaint against him. I have learned from Virchow's wife that Ronald Virchow left the MPD to work for the Washington County Sheriff's Department. He has a number of colorful reasons why he found the Washington County job preferable to the MPD, none of which was related to any theoretical potential for adverse employment action due to the pending citizen complaint.

Sincerely,

EGGERT LAW OFFICE, S.C.



Laurie A. Eggert  
Attorney at Law

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