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October 17, 2007

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

Re: Communication from Attorney Laurie A. Eggert, Eggert Law Office,
S.C. for legal fees for Police Officers Mark Sikora and Johnny Norred
C.I. File No. 05-S-186 EC 2193

Dear Council Members:

Returned herewith is a document filed by Attorney Laurie Eggert for attorney's fees for representing Police Officers Mark Sikora and Johnny Norred. The claim is in the amount of \$4,787.83 including \$24.83 in disbursements for 43.30 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's 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
Assistant City Attorney

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MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

July 5, 2005

TO: P.O. MARK SIKORA
DISTRICT: TEU

RE: Receipt of Legal Services from Law Firm of
Attorney Laurie Eggert

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 SEPTEMBER 26, 2004
- 2) A citizen's complaint made by SIERRITA N. MERIWETHER
- 3) A police shooting incident occurring on N/A

Is this information correct?

YES X NO _____

Did you receive legal representation
in this matter?

YES X NO _____

Your signature: _____

Mark A. Sikora

Print your name: _____

MARK A. SIKORA

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

Mary K. Hoerig
MARY K. HOERIG
Captain of Police
Professional Performance Division

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PROFESSIONAL AFFAIRS
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June 16, 2005

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

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CITY CLERK
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**RE: Citizen Complaint of Ms. Sierrita N. Merriwether
Against POs Mark Sikora and Johnny Norred
Complaint No.: 02-69
Date of Incident: September 26, 2000
EC No.: 2193**

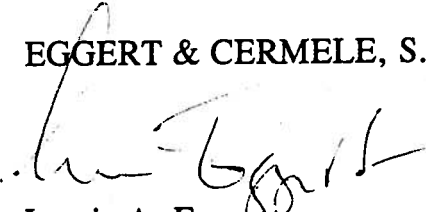
Dear Mr. Leonhardt:

The above-named police officers 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 an arrest. 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 & CERMELE, S.C.


Laurie A. Eggert
Attorney at Law

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RE: Citizen Complaint of Ms. Sierrita N. Merriwether
Against POs Mark Sikora and Johnny Norred
FPC No: 02-69
Date of Incident: September 26, 2000
Location of Incident: 22nd and Eggert Pl.
Professional services

	<u>Hours</u>
1/28/2003 Conference with client; open file; memo to file; telephone call to and from FPC; correspondence to FPC; correspondence to MPD Open Records; computer search regarding complainant.	1.60
4/4/2003 Review of file; telephone call to and to FPC; memo to file; computer search regarding complainant.	0.60
4/28/2003 Telephone call from FPC; memo to file conference with FPC.	0.50
5/7/2003 Review documents from MPD Open Records; review of file.	0.40
6/9/2003 Review of file; computer search regarding municipal court proceedings against complainant; telephone call to client.	0.70
6/10/2003 Review of file; telephone calls to FPC; memo to file; telephone call to client; telephone call to District #1.	0.90
6/11/2003 Telephone call to Norred.	0.10
6/12/2003 Telephone calls from Norred; memo to file; review Fax.	0.90
6/20/2003 Telephone call from FPC; review of file; memo to file; telephone call to FPC.	0.30
7/25/2003 Telephone call from FPC; memo to file.	0.10

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7/28/2003 Telephone call to and from FPC; review of file; memo to file.	0.40
7/30/2003 Review of correspondence from FPC; review of file.	0.20
8/20/2003 Review of correspondence from FPC; correspondence to client; memo to file.	0.30
8/21/2003 Telephone call from client.	0.10
8/25/2003 Telephone call from FPC; memo to file; review of file; correspondence to client.	0.60
9/5/2003 Review of correspondence from FPC; telephone call to client; memo to file.	0.20
10/13/2003 Telephone call to FPC; memo to file; review of file.	0.30
11/13/2003 Telephone call from FPC; review of file; memo to file.	0.40
11/19/2003 Telephone call from and to client; memo to file.	0.20
11/20/2003 Review report regarding incident.	0.20
12/3/2003 Telephone call from FPC; memo to file; review of file.	0.30
12/17/2003 Review of correspondence from FPC; correspondence to client; memo to file.	0.30
12/31/2003 Review message from client.	0.10
1/6/2004 Review of file.	0.10
1/12/2004 Preparation for and appearance at conciliation; conference with client; memo to file; telephone call to FPC.	1.60
1/16/2004 Fax to FPC; telephone call to Eisenberg; correspondence to complainant, review of file.	0.60
2/13/2004 Review of file; correspondence to client.	0.10
2/18/2004 Review of correspondence from FPC;	0.10
2/24/2004 Telephone call from Norred; memo to file.	0.20

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2/27/2004 Conference with Norred; memo to file.	1.10
3/5/2004 Review of file; review message from client; correspondence to FPC.	0.20
3/8/2004 Correspondence to Norred.	0.10
3/11/2004 Telephone calls from FPC; review of file; memo to file.	0.30
3/12/2004 Review of correspondence from FPC; correspondence to client; memo to file.	0.30
3/15/2004 Review of file Norred.	0.10
3/25/2004 Review of file in preparation for conciliation.	0.20
3/26/2004 Telephone call from FPC; telephone calls to and from Norred; memo to file regarding cancelled conciliation.	0.30
3/31/2004 Telephone calls from FPC; memo to file.	0.40
4/19/2004 Review of correspondence from FPC; correspondence to client; memo to file; review of file.	0.30
4/21/2004 Telephone call from client; review of file; memo to file.	0.30
4/30/2004 Review of file; telephone call to FPC.	0.20
5/3/2004 Preparation for and appearance at conciliation; conference with client; memo to file; travel.	1.10
5/14/2004 Review of file.	0.10
5/25/2004 Telephone call from FPC; review of file.	0.10
6/15/2004 Review document from FPC.	0.10
6/30/2004 Review FPC document; telephone call to FPC; memo to file.	0.40
9/7/2004 Review of file; telephone call to FPC; memo to file.	0.20
9/8/2004 Telephone call from FPC.	0.10

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9/23/2004	Review of correspondence from FPC; correspondence to client.	0.30
10/4/2004	Review of file; CCAP update.	0.30
10/11/2004	Review of file; draft witness and exhibit list; CCAP update of felony conviction; correspondence to Department of Justice; correspondence to complainant.	1.70
10/22/2004	Telephone call to and from FPC.	0.20
11/1/2004	Review of file; telephone call to FPC; telephone calls to clients; telephone call to witness; CCAP update; revise witness list; correspondence to complainant.	1.40
11/2/2004	Draft medical release for complainant's records; correspondence to complainant.	0.30
11/3/2004	Telephone call from client; memo to file.	0.10
11/4/2004	Review of correspondence from Department of Justice.	0.10
12/2/2004	Review of file; telephone call to FPC.	0.30
12/10/2004	Review of correspondence from FPC; memo to file; telephone call to FPC; telephone call to client; CCAP update; telephone call to witness; correspondence to complainant.	1.80
12/13/2004	Telephone call from Norred; memo to file; review of file; telephone call to and from Shippee.	0.50
12/14/2004	Telephone call to and from Shippee; memo to file.	0.20
12/15/2004	Telephone call from Shippee; memo to file; telephone call to FPC.	0.20
12/16/2004	Telephone call from FPC; memo to file.	0.20
1/4/2005	Telephone call to FPC; telephone call from FPC.	0.20
1/10/2005	Conference with FPC.	0.20
1/11/2005	Telephone call to Fronk regarding dates.	0.10

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1/12/2005 Telephone call to FPC; memo to file.	0.10
1/18/2005 Review of correspondence from FPC.	0.10
1/20/2005 Telephone call from client; memo to file; telephone call to and from Norred; telephone call to and from FPC; telephone call to Academy; CCAP update regarding complainant; correspondence to client.	1.40
1/28/2005 Telephone call from client; memo to file.	0.30
2/1/2005 Trial preparation.	2.40
2/7/2005 Hearing preparation.	0.80
2/15/2005 Telephone call to FPC; memo to file.	0.20
2/17/2005 Review of correspondence from FPC; telephone call to Norred; draft subpoena; memo to file.	0.50
2/24/2005 Hearing preparation; telephone call to witness; update criminal record.	2.70
2/25/2005 Telephone call to client; telephone call to and from City Attorney regarding claims investigation.	1.10
2/26/2005 Telephone call from and to client; memo to file.	0.40
3/1/2005 Conference with client; memo to file; hearing preparation.	2.60
3/2/2005 Telephone call to Norred; review of file.	0.40
3/3/2005 Telephone call from and to Norred; hearing preparation.	1.30
3/4/2005 Prepare for and appear at hearing; conference with client; memo to file; travel.	1.80
4/22/2005 Telephone call to FPC; memo to file.	0.20
5/3/2005 Review documents from FPC.	0.10
5/18/2005 Review dismissal notice from FPC; correspondence to client; close file.	0.50

For professional services rendered

43.30

Amount
\$4,763.00

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Costs:

	<u>Amount</u>
5/7/2003 MPD Open Records request	2.83
1/12/2004 Parking	2.00
5/3/2004 Parking	2.00
11/2/2004 Department of Justice	18.00
Total costs	<u>\$24.83</u>
Total amount of this bill	<u>\$4,787.83</u>
Balance due	<u><u>\$4,787.83</u></u>

(Rate: \$110.00 per hour)

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MAY 18 2005

MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

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

In Re:
THE CHARGES OF SIERRITA MERRIWETHER
AGAINST POLICE OFFICER MARK SIKORA

ORDER OF DISMISSAL

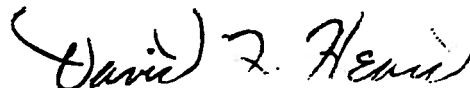
To Officer Mark Sikora:

It is hereby ordered that the Complaint of Sierrita Merriwether, Complaint No. 02-69, filed with the Board on November 11, 2002, is dismissed due to the Complainant's failure to appear at the scheduled trial, by the

MILWAUKEE BOARD OF
FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSIONERS

ERIC MANDEL JOHNSON,
CHAIRMAN

BY:



DAVID L. HEARD
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

DATED AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN, MAY 16, 2005.

c: Attorney Laurie Eggert ✓

July 13, 2005

ACA Jan Smokowicz
800 City Hall
200 E. Wells Street
Milwaukee, WI 53202

Sir,

Per your request dated May 9, 2005, I am sending you the officers responses to Attorney Eggert's bill. The C.I. # is 05-S-143. Please be advised regarding P.O. Ala Awadallah (2166) he is suspended from the department at this time. If you have any additional questions feel free to contact me.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Det. Kurt J. Sutter". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Kurt J. Sutter
Detective
Professional Performance Division

CITY OF MILWAUKEE

Form CA-43

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May 9, 2005

Captain Mary K. Hoerig
Milwaukee Police Department
Professional Performance Division
6680 North Teutonia Avenue, Rm. 325
Milwaukee, WI 53209

Re: C.I. File No. 05-S-143
Communication from EGGERT LAW OFFICE

Dear Captain Hoerig

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

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,


JAN A. SMOKOWICZ
Assistant City Attorney

JAS:beg
Enclosure
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