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November 1, 2013

Milwaukee City Clerk 200 East Wells Street, Room 205 Milwaukee, WI 53202

Re: C.I. File No. 1029-2013-2661; Mary Koceja

To Whom It May Concern:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that the undersigned represents Ms. Koceja regarding this matter. Ms. Koceja is exercising her right to appeal your October 16, 2013 denial of her claim. It is my understanding that such an appeal also requires a hearing and, I am therefore, requesting a hearing.

My understanding from your letter of October 16, 2013 is that you have denied the claim based on the theory that 2011 Wisconsin Act 132 relieved the City of Milwaukee from any liability caused by a defect in a sidewalk. I believe that this interpretation of 2011 Wisconsin Act 132 is incorrect. Act 132 removed certain language from the Wisconsin Statutes that expressly made the City liable for damage caused by defects in a "highway." However, the definition of "highway" used by the Wisconsin legislature and Wisconsin courts, while broader than the actual paved surface of a road, is still limited to part of a road that is either designed for or capable of supporting traffic by a motor vehicle. A sidewalk, being above the curb and above the grade of the road, and also primarily designed for foot traffic, is not within the definition of a "highway." Accordingly, Act 132's removal of certain language related to liability for defects in a highway is not applicable when the defect is, as it is in this case, in the sidewalk. Accordingly, Ms. Koceja appeals your denial of her claim and request that you reconsider the denial and approve the claim.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL BEST & FRIEDRICH LLP

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cc: Mary Koceja

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To City Clerk:

I am submitting a claim to cover the expenses that were incurred due to an accident that I had.

On June 19, 2013 at approximately 12:00 Noon on the Southwest corner on Wells and Water (about one sidewalk block from corner), I tripped and fell and broke my wrist due to the unevenness of the sidewalk. I was walking with 3 other women, Kelly Roberts, Isabel Marsh and Mary Crimmins who witnessed the fall.

I noticed since my accident that the sidewalk has been repaired.

I have enclosed several bills that I received for surgical expenses and other related expenses. I also missed several days of work due to this injury. There may be some ongoing expenses due to follow ups with the doctor. I am requesting that if I receive further bills due to the injury, that I will be able to submit these also.

Expenses submitted:

Hand Surgery Limited Glendale Anesthesia Services Wauwatosa Surgery Center ErMed SC	\$ 446.69 \$ 103.50 \$2273.90 <u>\$1528.00</u>
Total	\$4352.09

Mary A. Koceja 8741 W. Coldspring Rd. Greenfield, WI 53228 Cell 414-852-4426 Business 414-271-6560 ext. 15252 Email marykoceja@yahoo.com Mary A. noregan

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MARY A KOCEJA

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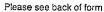
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