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November 7, 2002

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

Re: Communication from Attorney D. Michael Guerin and Gimbel, Reilly, Guerin & Brown for legal fees for Police Sergeants Edward Liebrecht and Jeffrey Micklitz

Dear Council Members:

Returned herewith is a document filed by Attorney D. Michael Guerin for attorney's fees for representing Police Sergeants Edward Liebrecht and Jeffrey Micklitz. The claim is in the amount of \$814.00 for 7.40 hours of service billed at the rate of \$110 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 a criminal investigation. No criminal charges were brought against the Police Officers on whose behalf this claim was filed.

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,

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Re:

Edward Liebrecht and Jeffrey Micklitz

Dear Ms. Smokowicz

In response to your May 2, 2002 letter relative to the above individuals, I suspect that I cannot obtain any documents that meet the standard investigative reports.

Judge Hansher was the presiding judge on a John Doe, which was investigating the possibility of illegal activity on the part of some Milwaukee police officers. Agent Klugiwitz of the FBI contacted Mr. Liebrecht and Mr. Micklitz. We were able to discuss the matter informally on the Liebrecht matter. When we appeared in court on the Micklitz matter, the matter was resolved in chambers and, obviously, I am not allowed to discuss the testimony.

Both were criminal investigations and if you think that some additional information would be helpful, I will gladly obtain that information.

Again thank you for your attention to these matters and I am enclosing your correspondence with copies of the bills just so everything is complete. If you think an affidavit from me would be more appropriate, I would be pleased to effectuate such a document.

Yours truly,

D. MICHAEL GUERIN

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Re: Claim for Legal Representation for Edward Liebrecht and

**Jeffrey Micklitz** 

Dear Mike:

With respect to the above-noted matters, I need to ask for additional information from you.

Section 895.35, Stats. provides for the payment of expenses for an attorney to represent an officer in a criminal investigation. The statute, however, limits payment to those cases in which "such charges or such action is discontinued or dismissed or such matter is determined favorably to such officer. . . ."

Your billing and submittal letters for the two above-noted individuals provide no information satisfying this criteria. With respect to your other billings, I have been able to check separately with the Milwaukee Police Department to determine their outcomes. Both of these matters, however, apparently involve some contact with the FBI. As a consequence, I assume that these were federal investigations, rather than City of Milwaukee investigations, and I need some additional information from you, rather than the Police Department.

With respect to claims for the representation of law officers in criminal investigations, our office typically requires Ms. Eggert to submit the clearance report from the criminal investigation unit of the Internal Affairs Division of the Milwaukee Police Department or the

D. Michael Guerin, Esq.May 2, 2002Page Two

Criminal Investigation Bureau, whichever may have conducted the investigation, or the clearance letter from the District Attorney's office. If you have written documentation indicating that these two officers were cleared of these matters, please provide that to me promptly. We can then proceed to process these two for consideration by the Common Council as soon as possible.

For your convenience, I have enclosed copies of your billing on these two matters so as to help you in locating the appropriate records.

In the meantime, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me. Thank you for your continuing patience in this regard.

Very truly yours,

Jan A. Smokowicz

Assistant City Attorney

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ATTN: Grant Langley

Criminal - Liebrecht, Edward

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02/28/01  DMG Conference with client; and FBI agents.	1.00	
03/09/01  DMG Prepare correspondence to client.	0.40	
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THANK YOU!

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