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**ERIE COUNTY COMPTROLLER**  
**HON. STEFAN I. MYCHAJLIW**

June 15, 2016

The Honorable  
Erie County Legislature  
92 Franklin Street – 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Buffalo, New York 14202

**RE: Law Department Spending, May 2016**

Dear Honorable Members:

Pursuant to Resolution Intro. 3-2 (2016), as amended, I am providing your honorable body with an accounting of expenses from the county's risk retention fund. As you are aware, the risk retention fund is managed by the County Attorney and is used, in part, to fund outside counsel, settlements, and other lawsuit related costs. Outlined in this report are expenses billed to the risk retention fund for outside counsel by firm and year.

As requested, attached is a record of spending for May of 2016 with expenditures adding up to \$220,098.10. In the report, you can get an understanding of what we are paying individual firms for individual cases, without a public release of confidential data related to the case. My office is happy to provide detailed background information for any invoice in the report that may interest you.

In addition to outside counsel spending, the County Attorney also manages an independent fund that averages \$104,000 in annual spending. This fund is used to pay settlements, expert witnesses, and other sensitive costs associated with the county's defense during litigation. My office retains a detailed record of these expenses; however they are not included in this report because of the sensitive nature of the information contained within the records. They are available to anyone for inspection at any time, by appointment, in my office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stefan I. Mychajliw", with a horizontal line extending to the right.

STEFAN I. MYCHAJLIW  
Erie County Comptroller

**County of Erie  
Law Department Spending  
Risk Retention  
May, 2016**

<u>Vendor Number</u>	<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>
1	One-Time-Law	\$ 15,099.05
6	One-Time-Law	15,000.00
101109	BOND, SCHOENECK & KING, P	400.00
103433	BARCLAY DAMON LLP	5,985.50
103442	HODGSON RUSS	8,495.90
116145	HURWITZ & FINE PC	8,513.98
118314	MICHAEL A SIRAGUSA AS C	28,342.98
120447	LIPPES MATHIAS WEXLER FRI	109,617.19
143279	BENGART & DEMARCO LLP	3,903.50
143544	THOMAS E WEBB JR ESQ	9,135.00
148572	ALISA LUKASIEWICZ, PLLC	15,605.00
		<u>\$ 220,098.10</u>