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ERIE COUNTY COMPTROLLER
HON. STEFAN I. MYCHAJLIW

February 28, 2017

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

RE: Law Department Spending, December 2016 (Amended) & January 2017

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 December of 2016 with expenditures adding up to \$290,300.52 and a record of spending for January of 2017 with expenditures adding up to \$9,500.00. 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,

STEFAN I. MYCHAJLIW
Erie County Comptroller

County of Erie
Law Department Spending
Risk Retention
December, 2016 (Amended, Subject to Change)

Run Date: 02/16/2017

<u>Vendor Number</u>	<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>
1	One-Time-Law (1099)	\$ 8,863.16
6	One-Time-Law (NO 1099)	5,530.36
101109	BOND, SCHOENECK & KING, PLLC	2,382.50
102816	Feldman Kieffer LLP	28,444.84
103433	BARCLAY DAMON LLP	288.60
103442	Hodgson Russ	23,490.01
104178	KAVINOKY & COOK LLP	15,203.75
111505	TOWN OF LANCASTER	10,000.00
116145	HURWITZ & FINE PC	4,075.46
118314	MICHAEL A SIRAGUSA AS CUSTODIAN	40,324.40
120447	LIPPES MATHIAS WEXLER FRIEDMAN LLP	89,536.78
134631	Ronald M. Shansky, M.D.S.C.	17,761.23
135234	JEFFREY L METZNER	10,081.18
135888	PERSONIUS MELBER LLP	1,825.25
139834	LEGAL MED	7,650.00
143279	BENGART & DEMARCO LLP	8,658.00
148572	ALISA LUKASIEWICZ, PLLC	9,440.00
157069	MURPHY MEYERS LLP	6,745.00
Grand Total		<u>\$ 290,300.52</u>

County of Erie
Law Department Spending
Risk Retention
January, 2017 (Subject to Change)

<u>Vendor Number</u>	<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>
105298	COMMERCIAL INSURANCE CONSULTANT	\$ 9,500.00
Grand Total		<u>\$ 9,500.00</u>