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ERIE COUNTY COMPTROLLER
HON. STEFAN I. MYCHAJLIW

July 6, 2021

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

RE: Law Department Spending, May 2021

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 2021 with expenditures adding up to \$152,428.09. 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. 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 blue ink, appearing to read "Cheryl A. Mekarski".

Cheryl A. Mekarski
Erie County Interim Deputy Comptroller

County of Erie
Law Department Spending
Risk Retention
May, 2021

Run Date: 07/2/2021

<u>Vendor Number</u>	<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>
1	One-Time-Law (1099)	6,770.39
102816	Feldman Kieffer	2,296.50
103433	BARCLAY DAMON LLP	1,456.00
104457	LAWLEY SERVICE INSURANCE GROUP	73,000.00
108120	Walsh Roberts & Grace	1,170.00
1100055	M & T BANK PURCHASING CARD	324.42
116145	HURWITZ & FINE PC	286.70
120447	LIPPES MATHIAS WEXLER FRIEDMAN LLP	41,751.08
143279	BENGART & DEMARCO LLP	5,513.00
148572	ALISA LUKASIEWICZ, PLLC	10,360.00
105298	CIC PLACT INC	9,500.00
Grand Total		152,428.09