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ERIE COUNTY COMPTROLLER
HON. STEFAN I. MYCHAJLIW

October 29, 2021

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

RE: Law Department Spending, September 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 August 2021 with expenditures adding up to \$82,978.49. 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,

Cheryl A. Mekarski
Erie County Interim Deputy Comptroller

**County of Erie
Law Department Spending
Risk Retention
September, 2021**

Run Date: 10/29/2021

<u>Vendor Number</u>	<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>
103433	BARCLAY DAMON LLP	745.00
103442	Hodgson Russ	4,420.69
104457	LAWLEY SERVICE INSURANCE GROUP	-
1100055	M & T BANK PURCHASING CARD	402.00
116145	HURWITZ & FINE PC	1,122.50
118314	MICHAEL A SIRAGUSA AS CUSTODIAN	35,302.75
120447	LIPPES MATHIAS WEXLER FRIEDMAN LLP	29,139.80
135888	PERSONIUS MELBER LLP	49.00
143279	BENGART & DEMARCO LLP	2,220.00
148572	ALISA LUKASIEWICZ, PLLC	9,576.75
Grand Total		\$ 82,978.49