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

December 27, 2021

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

**RE: Law Department Spending, November 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 November, 2021 with expenditures adding up to \$194,767.00. 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. 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 "Cheryl A. Mekarski", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Cheryl A. Mekarski  
Erie County Interim Deputy Comptroller

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

**Run Date: 12/27/2021**

<u>Vendor Number</u>	<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>
1	Nicholas Belsito and Gibson	100,000.00
1	Felix Medina and Vandette Penberthy	50,000.00
103433	BARCLAY DAMON LLP	135.00
103442	Hodgson Russ	17,814.00
104457	LAWLEY SERVICE INSURANCE GROUP	3,000.00
108120	Walsh Roberts & Grace	6,660.00
116145	HURWITZ & FINE PC	2,728.00
135888	PERSONIUS MELBER LLP	171.50
148572	ALISA LUKASIEWICZ, PLLC	10,118.50
143544	THOMAS E WEBB JR ESQ	4,140.00
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