

## **CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE**

## Albuquerque, New Mexico Office of the Mayor

Mayor Timothy M. Keller

#### INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

March 19, 2021

TO:

Cynthia Borrego, President, City Council

FROM:

Timothy M. Keller, Mayor

**SUBJECT:** 

Legal Department's Quarterly Litigation Report for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of FY

2021 (Greater than 10,000)

Submitted herewith to City Council is the Legal Department's Quarterly Litigation Report for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of FY 2021 (Greater than \$10,000) as required pursuant to R.O.A. §2-8-1-5.

I request that the Quarterly Litigation Reports be presented to City Council for information.

TITLE/SUBJECT OF LITIGATION: Legal Department's Quarterly Litigation Report for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of FY 2021 (Greater than 10,000) <sup>1</sup>

Approved:

Approved as to Legal Form:

Sarita Nair Date

Chief Administrative Officer

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Esteban A. Agvilar, Jr. 3/19/2021 | 12:01 PM MDT

Esteban A. Aguilar, Jr.

Date

City Attorney

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> No matters settled for less than \$10,000.00 in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of FY2021, but see City Victories for the 2nd Quarter of FY2021, which does include cases resolved in the City's favor.

#### **Cover Analysis**

#### 1. What is it?

Legal Department's Quarterly Litigation Report for the  $2^{nd}$  Quarter of **FY 2021** (greater than 10,000)

### 2. What will this piece of legislation do?

The purpose of the reports are to inform the City Council of litigation developments, i.e., City victories, settlements and judgments during the above-listed period pursuant to R.O.A. §2-8-1-5.

#### 3. Why is this project needed?

See answer 2 above.

4. How much will it cost and what is the funding source?

N/A.

5. Is there a revenue source associated with this Plan? If so, what level of income is projected?

N/A.

6. What will happen if the project is not approved?

N/A

7. Is this service already provided by another entity?

N/A

# LEGAL DEPARTMENT QUARTERLY LITIGATION REPORT SETTLEMENTS AND JUDGMENTS GREATER THAN \$10,000

### October 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarterly FY21

Case Name: Dear, Jeremy v. City of Albuquerque, Ex Rel, et al., D-202-CV-2018-00378				
Type of Suit: LIT-IPRA Division / Attorney: Litigation/ Kristin J. Dalton Matter ID 10.935	Synopsis of Case Plaintiff claimed damages from an IPRA request to APD alleging the request was not completed and/or responsive documents were destroyed.	Disposition Settled	Amount Paid \$85,000.00	
Case Name: Becker, Marvin v. Jon Friedfertig, D-202-CV-2018-00577				
Type of Suit: LIT- Tort/Personal Injury/MVA Division / Attorney: Litigation/ Aaron Holloman Matter ID 10.976	Synopsis of Case Plaintiff claimed damages after being rear-ended by an officer driving a police unit.	<u>Disposition</u> Settled	<u>Amount Paid</u> \$13,750.00	
Case Name: Lee, Jennifer v. City of Albuquerque, et al., D-202-CV-2020-01922				
Type of Suit: LIT- Tort/Personal Injury/MVA Division / Attorney: Litigation/ Michael D. Russell Matter ID 12.359	Synopsis of Case Plaintiff alleged personal injuries following a MVA involving a City bus.	<u>Disposition</u> Settled	<u>Amount Paid</u> \$27,500.00	
Case Name: Tuoni, Francesca v. City of Albuquerque, D-202-CV-2018-01974				
Type of Suit: LIT-Tort/Personal Injury Division / Attorney:	Synopsis of Case Plaintiff claimed injury after falling at the ABQ Biopark.	<u>Disposition</u> Settled	<u>Amount Paid</u> \$75,000.00	

Litigation/ Kristin J. Dalton Matter ID 33.050 Case Name: Watson, Gary (PR) of the Estate of Yu Ling v. Lulu's Kitchen and the City of Albuquerque, D-202-CV-2019-07759 Type of Suit: Synopsis of Case Disposition Amount Paid LIT/Tort/Wrongful Death/MVA Plaintiff alleged wrongful death following a MVA \$10,000.00 Settled Division / Attorney: claimed to have occurred as a result of traffic signal Litigation/ Kristin J. Dalton or light failure. Matter ID 11.310 Case Name: Romero, Rico v. City of Albuquerque, D-202-CV-2019-09683 Synopsis of Case Type of Suit: Disposition Amount Paid LIT-Employment/Civil Rights Complaint alleging discrimination and retaliation. Settled \$25,000.00 Division / Attorney: Employment Lit./ Devon P. Moody Matter ID 24.376 Case Name: Grady, Frankie; Tort Claim Type of Suit: Synopsis of Case Disposition **Amount Paid** Litigation (General) Claimant alleged damages due to wrongful arrest. \$40,000.00 Settled Pre-Lit Division / Attorney: Litigation/ Stephanie M. Griffin Matter ID 10.1142 Case Name: Barry, LaQuonte; Tort Claim Type of Suit: Synopsis of Case Disposition Amount Paid Lit/Civil Rights and Tort Claims Claimant alleged damages due to wrongful arrest. Settled Pre-Lit \$40,000.00 Division / Attorney: Litigation/ Stephanie M. Griffin Matter ID 10.1158 Total Amount for October 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020: \$316,250.00

# LEGAL DEPARTMENT QUARTERLY LITIGATION REPORT CITY VICTORIES

October 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter FY21

Case Name: Kapinski, Anthony v. City of Albuquerque and Terra Juarez, Appellate No. 19-2149				
Division / Attorney: Litigation/ Kristin J. Dalton Matter ID 10.966	Synopsis of Case Plaintiff claimed false arrest, imprisonment and malicious prosecution after arrest by APD.  artnership v. City of Albuquerque, et al., D-20	Disposition Mandate issued by Tenth Circuit affirming Judgment of District Court.  D2-CV-2020-03776		
Type of Suit: LIT-Tort/Property Damages Division / Attorney: Litigation/ Kristin J. Dalton Matter ID 11.334	Synopsis of Case Plaintiff alleged property and other damages following damages to a sewer line.	Disposition Global settlement reached with no funds paid by COA.		
Case Name: Murphy, Dennis 07132	as PR of the Estate of Renee Wilson, et al., v.	City of Albuquerque, et al., D-202-CV-2019-		
Type of Suit: LIT-Tort/Wrongful Death Division / Attorney: Litigation/Stephanie M. Griffin Matter ID 10.1073	Synopsis of Case Plaintiff claimed damages for a wrongful death alleging negligence following a 911 call.	Disposition Stipulation of dismissal with prejudice filed on 11/20/2020.		