



**Request for City Council Committee Action
From the City Attorney's Office**

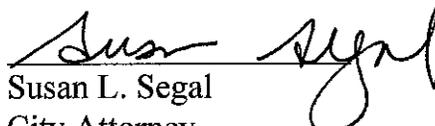
Date: June 2, 2010
To: Ways & Means/Budget Committee
Referral to:

Subject: Laurie Bakken v. City of Minneapolis
Court File No.: N/A

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the settlement of this case by payment of \$9,000.00 payable to Laurie Bakken and Tim Bakken, husband and wife, and their attorneys, Steingart, McGrath & Moore, from Fund/Org. 06900-1500100-145865 and authorize the City Attorney's Office to execute any documents necessary to effectuate settlement.

Previous Directives: None

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Susan L. Segal
City Attorney


Presenter in Committee: Susan L. Segal, City Attorney

Financial Impact:(Check those that apply)

- No financial impact (If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information).
 Action requires an appropriation increase to the _____ Capital Budget or _____
Operating Budget.
 Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase.
 Action requires use of contingency or reserves.
 Business Plan: _____ Action is within the plan. _____ Action requires a change to
plan._
 Other financial impact (Explain): \$9,000.00 from Fund/Org. 06900-1500100-145865
 Request provided to department's finance contact when provided to the Committee
Coordinator.

Community Impact: Other

Background/Supporting Information:

This matter and subsequent claim arise out of a trip and fall accident that occurred on January 24, 2009. At that time and place, Mrs. Bakken and her husband Tim were walking into the Boat Show along with another couple. As Mrs. Bakken proceeded through the covered portion of the rotunda, she alleges that her right foot caught on a raised portion of the flooring, causing her to fall forward.

As a result of the trip and fall, Mrs. Bakken allegedly incurred significant and permanent injuries. She also incurred \$4,369.23 in medical expenses, and anticipates future medical expenses in excess of \$6,300.00, as a result of her fall. She alleges that she continues to suffer significant difficulties as a result of her injuries.

Following lengthy negotiations we have reached a tentative settlement of Mrs. Bakken's bodily injury claim against the City in the amount of \$9,000.00. This proposed settlement has been discussed with the Convention Center personnel and they are in agreement with the terms. We believe that the settlement is in the best interests of the City and recommend approval by this Committee.

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