



## Pinellas County

315 Court Street, 5th Floor  
Assembly Room  
Clearwater, Florida 33756

### Staff Report

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**File #:** 20-523A

**Agenda Date:** 4/21/2020

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**Subject:**

Proposed settlement in the case of Lisa Ferrel v. Pinellas County, Circuit Civil Case No. 19-006260-CI-8 – allegations of negligence resulting in personal injuries.

**Recommended Action:**

Reject the proposed \$200,000.00 settlement in the case of Lisa Ferrel v. Pinellas County.

**Strategic Plan:**

N/A

**Summary:**

Plaintiff, Lisa Ferrel, has brought forth a lawsuit against Pinellas County alleging injuries related to an October 7, 2017 slip and fall, which occurred on a County-maintained sidewalk located near 325 N. Belcher Road in Clearwater.

On March 25, 2020, Pinellas County was served with a Proposal for Settlement in the amount of \$200,000.00 to resolve the Plaintiff's claim against Pinellas County.

Based on the discovery conducted thus far in this lawsuit, it is recommended that the proposed settlement be rejected. Risk Management and County Administration concur with this recommendation.

**Background Information:**

N/A

**Fiscal Impact:**

Unknown.

**Staff Member Responsible:**

Jewel White, County Attorney

Christy Donovan Pemberton, Managing Assistant County Attorney

Ashley N. Donnell, Assistant County Attorney

Merry Celeste, Division Director, Risk Management



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**Recommended Action:**

Consideration of the proposed settlement in the case of Lisa Ferrel v. Pinellas County.

**Strategic Plan:**

N/A

**Summary:**

The above-referenced case is being brought to the Board of County Commissioners for consideration in accordance with the confidential memorandum of April 21, 2020.

**Background Information:**

This matter previously came before the Board on October 22, 2019, under Legistar item no. 19-1782A.

**Fiscal Impact:**

Unknown.

**Staff Member Responsible:**

Jewel White, County Attorney  
Christy Donovan Pemberton, Managing Assistant County Attorney  
Ashley N. Donnell, Assistant County Attorney

**Partners:**

N/A

**Attachments:**

N/A