

Risk Management

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MEMORANDUM

To: Jewel White, County Attorney
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From: Merry Celeste, Division Director, Purchasing & Risk Management, Administrative Services

Subject: County Attorney's Office Quarterly Report for July 1, 2021 through September 30, 2021 on claims settled between \$25,001 and \$50,000

Date: November 2, 2021

This is the Quarterly Report that is submitted to the Board of County Commissioners to be received and filed for informational purposes only.

There was one (1) general liability settlement and one (1) workers' compensation settlement that fell within the quarter and they are as follows:

Linda Jones

Claim # 15-11969

Incident Date: 1/20/2015

Claimant, Linda Jones, tripped and fell on a County sidewalk and injured her neck and knee. The sidewalk in question was raised approximately 3”, and a former disgruntled Pinellas County employee most likely would have been called as a witness for the claimant. The plaintiff’s attorney originally demanded \$200,000.00, reduced the demand with a PFS of \$125,000.00, and through much negotiation in mediation, they agreed to settle for \$49,500.00.

Jeremy Nygren

Claim # 18-20353

Incident Date: 10/16/2018

Claimant, Jeremy Nygren, had multiple claims that were filed and accepted. Since the member recently retired, his attorney requested that we engage in settlement discussions. Due to the complexity and sensitivity of 2 of his claims and the potential for multiple knee surgeries, lost wages and impairment benefits on the other claim, we came to a resolution for an indemnity only settlement. The total settlement amount was \$50,000 which will not allow him to seek lost wages, permanent total disability and impairment benefits on any of his open and active files.