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MEMORANDUM

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

Subject: County Attorney's Office Quarterly Report for October 1, 2019 - through December 31, 2019 for claims settled between \$25,001 and \$50,000

Date: February 3, 2020

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

There were three (3) General Liability settlements and no (0) Workers Compensation settlements that occurred within the quarter and they are as follows:

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Sam Shammos

Claim #14-10799

Incident Date: 2-22-2014

Mr. Shammos alleged he tripped and fell over a meter box in his yard due to the lid not fitting right. Mr. Shammos alleged injuries to his teeth, back, neck and shoulders. Mr. Shammos' attorney made a demand for \$175,000. We were set for trial in February 2019 but there was a mis-trial due to Mr. Shammos' personal medical condition. A new trial was set for December 2019, but the case was settled prior to trial for \$45,000.

Melinda Lamm

Claim #14-11340

Incident Date: 7-31-2014

Ms. Lamm alleged of a trip and fall on a raised sidewalk in her neighborhood. Ms. Lamm fractured her left elbow and had some issues with her right-hand as well as back issues that she treated for. Prior to trial but after mediation, her attorney made a demand for \$100k. The claim settled for \$35,000.

Mia Sindt

Claim #18-19902

Incident Date: 6-29-2018

On 6/29/18 a vehicle owned by Pinellas County and driven by a Pinellas County employee struck a vehicle driven by Plaintiff Mia Sindt. County driver was cited for improper lane change although the citation was eventually dismissed. County driver's version of events was that Ms. Sindt was making an illegal maneuver which caused the accident. Ms. Sindt's version differed which stated the County employee made an improper lane change and struck her vehicle. The County hired a crash reconstructionist whose research supported Ms. Sindt's version of events. During mediation plaintiff's attorney offered \$60,000. The County eventually settled for \$40,000 after mediation but prior to trial.