

February 2, 2004

Dear Counselor,

Delay In Payment of Fourth Quarter Vouchers

In the last quarter of 2003, we ran out of money in our attorneys and experts fund. I knew that this was going to happen and I alerted the budget office to it as early as June, 2003. During the fall of 2003, we agreed that an additional \$400,000 would be transferred into our account by the County. I was assured by County personnel that this transfer would occur by year's end. In December, I was told that the transfer was approved by the County Legislature at its December 17th session.

In early January, when the funds had still not been posted, I was told that a problem had arisen and that the transfer was now part of a different resolution that was scheduled to go to Committee on January 26, 2004 and then on the Legislature's calendar for February 9, 2004. I tried to have the matter moved by emergency but my efforts were unsuccessful.

As a result, virtually all of the vouchers submitted in the last quarter of 2003 have not been paid and will not be paid until the additional funds are posted. I realize that this is an imposition on you and I am asking for your patience. Rest assured that this matter is of great concern to me and it will continue to remain on the front burner until it is resolved.

Additions to Expert's Panel

We have added two Doctors to our experts panel in the field of FORENSIC DENTISTRY. It is suggested that they may be of use in cases of domestic abuse, child abuse, rape and any violent crimes involving bitemark evidence. They are:

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Very truly yours,

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