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FROM: LLOYD W. PELLMAN
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RE: **Use of In-house and Contracted Representation in County Litigation**

Enclosed is the quarterly report summarizing and comparing the types of lawsuits handled by in-house attorneys and contract law firms as of March 31, 2002, and the page identifying the number of Sheriff-related cases within each of the lawsuit types

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Enclosure

c: David E. Janssen
Chief Administrative Officer

Violet Varona-Lukens, Executive Officer
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UTILIZATION OF IN-HOUSE & CONTRACTED COUNTY
REPRESENTATION IN OPEN CASES

Type of Lawsuit	Total Cases		Cases Handled In-Hse		Cases Contracted Out		Legal Expertise{1}-# CoCo Attys{2}	
	as of 31-Mar-02	% Change from 31-Dec-01	as of 31-Mar-02	% Change from 31-Dec-01	as of 31-Mar-02	% Change from 31-Dec-01	as of 31-Mar-02	% Change from 31-Dec-01
Auto Liability	134	3.1%	4	33.3%	130	2.4%	18	0.0%
Bankruptcy	86	1.2%	84	1.2%	2	0.0%	1	0.0%
Collections	28	7.7%	27	8.0%	1	0.0%	1	0.0%
Condemnation	170	14.9%	170	14.9%	0	0.0%	3	0.0%
Construction	67	19.6%	67	19.6%	0	0.0%	4	0.0%
Contract Litigation-Computer	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.0%
Contract Litigation-Other	40	17.6%	27	28.6%	13	0.0%	34	0.0%
Dependency	17,318	-2.1%	17,318	-2.1%	0	0.0%	130	-0.8%
Inverse Condemnation	12	9.1%	8	0.0%	4	33.3%	5	0.0%
Law Enforcement	327	-1.5%	80	-5.9%	247	0.0%	18	0.0%
Litigation - General	748	2.0%	367	1.4%	381	2.7%	46	0.0%
Medical Malpractice	207	-8.8%	0	0.0%	207	-8.8%	2	0.0%
Personnel/Labor Relations	295	4.2%	94	16.0%	201	-0.5%	13	0.0%
Probate	4,732	0.8%	4,732	0.8%	0	0.0%	12	0.0%
Property Tax	308	4.1%	307	4.1%	1	0.0%	5	0.0%
Real Property	30	0.0%	25	0.0%	5	0.0%	10	0.0%
Retirement	7	0.0%	6	0.0%	1	0.0%	1	0.0%
Social Services	6	0.0%	6	0.0%	0	0.0%	11	0.0%
Workers' Compensation	10,174	2.6%	2,848	3.1%	7,326	2.3%	10	0.0%
Writs/Injunctions/Declaratory Relief	189	4.4%	156	5.4%	33	0.0%	23	0.0%
TOTALS	34,878	-0.1%	26,326	-0.7%	8,552	1.9%	N/A	N/A

{1} Current or recent experience in all important aspects of handling the type of lawsuit.
{2} Includes ALS Attorneys.

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TOTAL OPEN SHERIFF LITIGATION BY CASE TYPE

Type of Lawsuit	Total Cases				Cases Handled In-house				Cases Contracted Out			
	as of 30 Sept 01	as of 31 Dec 01	as of 31 Mar 02	as of 30 Jun 02	as of 30 Sept 01	as of 31 Dec 01	as of 31 Mar 02	as of 30 Jun 02	as of 30 Sept 01	as of 31 Dec 01	as of 31 Mar 02	as of 30 Jun 02
Auto Liability	64	61	63		1	--	1		63	61	62	
Bankruptcy	2	2	2		1	1	1		1	1	1	
Collections	--	--	--		--	--	--		--	--	--	
Condemnation	--	--	--		--	--	--		--	--	--	
Construction	1	1	--		1	1	--		--	--	--	
Contract Litigation - Computer	--	--	--		--	--	--		--	--	--	
Contract Litigation - Other	2	2	4		2	2	3		--	--	1	
Dependency	--	--	--		--	--	--		--	--	--	
Inverse Condemnation	--	--	--		--	--	--		--	--	--	
Law Enforcement	327	313	312		72	84	70		255	229	242	
Litigation - General	37	36	12		7	9	2		30	27	10	
Medical Malpractice	24	25	24		--	--	--		24	25	24	
Personnel/Labor Relations	94	67	74		40	36	26		54	31	48	
Probate	--	--	--		--	--	--		--	--	--	
Property Tax	--	--	--		--	--	--		--	--	--	
Real Property	--	--	--		--	--	--		--	--	--	
Retirement	--	--	--		--	--	--		--	--	--	
Social Services	--	--	--		--	--	--		--	--	--	
Workers' Compensation	2,925	3,058	3154		657	688	699		2,268	2,370	2455	
Writs/Injunctions/Declaratory Relief	5	3	2		--	--	1		5	3	1	
TOTALS	3,481	3,568	3,647		781	821	803		2,700	2,747	2,844	