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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 June 30, 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 30-Jun-02	% Change from 31-Mar-02	as of 30-Jun-02	% Change from 31-Mar-02	as of 30-Jun-02	% Change from 31-Mar-02	as of 30-Jun-02	% Change from 31-Mar-02
Auto Liability	118	-11.9%	2	-50.0%	116	-10.8%	18	0.0%
Bankruptcy	88	2.3%	84	0.0%	4	100.0%	1	0.0%
Collections	32	14.3%	31	14.8%	1	0.0%	1	0.0%
Condemnation	246	44.7%	246	44.7%	0	0.0%	3	0.0%
Construction	71	6.0%	71	6.0%	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	0.0%	26	-3.7%	14	7.7%	34	0.0%
Dependency	17,259	-0.3%	17,259	-0.3%	0	0.0%	130	0.0%
Inverse Condemnation	4	-66.7%	3	-62.5%	1	-75.0%	5	0.0%
Law Enforcement	317	-3.1%	72	-10.0%	245	-0.8%	18	0.0%
Litigation - General	724	-3.2%	371	1.1%	353	-7.3%	46	0.0%
Medical Malpractice	190	-8.2%	0	0.0%	190	-8.2%	2	0.0%
Personnel/Labor Relations	278	-5.8%	79	-16.0%	201	0.0%	13	0.0%
Probate	4,782	1.1%	4,782	1.1%	0	0.0%	12	0.0%
Property Tax	293	-4.9%	291	-5.2%	2	100.0%	5	0.0%
Real Property	29	-3.3%	24	-4.0%	5	0.0%	10	0.0%
Retirement	8	14.3%	7	16.7%	1	0.0%	1	0.0%
Social Services	5	-16.7%	5	-16.7%	0	0.0%	11	0.0%
Workers' Compensation	10,946	7.6%	2,922	2.6%	8,024	9.5%	10	0.0%
Writs/Injunctions/Declaratory Relief	211	11.6%	166	6.4%	45	36.4%	23	0.0%
TOTALS	35,641	2.2%	26,441	0.4%	9,202	7.6%	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	63	1	--	1	1	63	61	62	62
Bankruptcy	2	2	2	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3
Collections	--	--	--	0	--	--	--	0	--	--	--	0
Condemnation	--	--	--	0	--	--	--	0	--	--	--	0
Construction	1	1	--	0	1	1	--	0	--	--	--	0
Contract Litigation - Computer	--	--	--	0	--	--	--	0	--	--	--	0
Contract Litigation - Other	2	2	4	5	2	2	3	3	--	--	1	2
Dependency	--	--	--	0	--	--	--	0	--	--	--	0
Inverse Condemnation	--	--	--	0	--	--	--	0	--	--	--	0
Law Enforcement	327	313	312	301	72	84	70	68	255	229	242	233
Litigation - General	37	36	12	36	7	9	2	4	30	27	10	13
Medical Malpractice	24	25	24	28	--	--	--	0	24	25	24	0
Personnel/Labor Relations	94	67	74	68	40	36	26	18	54	31	48	50
Probate	--	--	--	0	--	--	--	0	--	--	--	0
Property Tax	--	--	--	0	--	--	--	0	--	--	--	0
Real Property	--	--	--	0	--	--	--	0	--	--	--	0
Retirement	--	--	--	0	--	--	--	0	--	--	--	0
Social Services	--	--	--	0	--	--	--	0	--	--	--	0
Workers' Compensation	2,925	3,058	3154	3418	657	688	699	728	2,268	2,370	2455	2690
Writs/Injunctions/Declaratory Relief	5	3	2	5	--	--	1	2	5	3	1	3
TOTALS	3,481	3,568	3,647	3,928	781	821	803	825	2,700	2,747	2,844	3056