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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 September 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
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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-Sep-02	% Change from 30-Jun-02	as of 30-Sep-02	% Change from 30-Jun-02	as of 30-Sep-02	% Change from 30-Jun-02	as of 30-Sep-02	% Change from 30-Jun-02
Auto Liability	140	18.6%	1	-50.0%	139	19.8%	19	5.6%
Bankruptcy	88	0.0%	84	0.0%	4	0.0%	1	0.0%
Collections	35	9.4%	34	9.7%	1	0.0%	1	0.0%
Condemnation	329	33.7%	329	33.7%	0	0.0%	3	0.0%
Construction	71	0.0%	71	0.0%	0	0.0%	5	25.0%
Contract Litigation-Computer	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.0%
Contract Litigation-Other	39	-2.5%	25	-3.8%	14	0.0%	35	2.9%
Dependency	16,869	-2.3%	16,869	-2.3%	0	0.0%	129	-0.8%
Inverse Condemnation	5	25.0%	4	33.3%	1	0.0%	5	0.0%
Law Enforcement	316	-0.3%	83	15.3%	233	-4.9%	19	5.6%
Litigation - General	719	-0.7%	359	-3.2%	360	2.0%	47	2.2%
Medical Malpractice	193	1.6%	0	0.0%	193	1.6%	3	50.0%
Personnel/Labor Relations	288	3.6%	74	-6.3%	214	6.5%	13	0.0%
Probate	4,769	-0.3%	4,769	-0.3%	0	0.0%	13	8.3%
Property Tax	299	2.0%	297	2.1%	2	0.0%	5	0.0%
Real Property	30	3.4%	27	12.5%	3	-40.0%	10	0.0%
Retirement	8	0.0%	7	0.0%	1	0.0%	1	0.0%
Social Services	7	40.0%	7	40.0%	0	0.0%	11	0.0%
Workers' Compensation	11,508	5.1%	3,001	2.7%	8,507	6.0%	10	0.0%
Writs/Injunctions/Declaratory Relief	233	10.4%	183	10.2%	50	11.1%	24	4.3%
TOTALS	35,946	0.9%	26,224	-0.8%	9,722	5.7%	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 02	as of 31 Dec 02	as of 31 Mar 03	as of 30 Jun 03	as of 30 Sept 02	as of 31 Dec 02	as of 31 Mar 03	as of 30 Jun 03	as of 30 Sept 02	as of 31 Dec 02	as of 31 Mar 03	as of 30 Jun 03
Auto Liability	70				--				70			
Bankruptcy	4				1				3			
Collections	--				--				--			
Condemnation	--				--				--			
Construction	1				1				--			
Contract Litigation - Computer	--				--				--			
Contract Litigation - Other	3				1				2			
Dependency	--				--				--			
Inverse Condemnation	--				--				--			
Law Enforcement	303				78				225			
Litigation - General	33				4				29			
Medical Malpractice	30				--				30			
Personnel/Labor Relations	75				22				53			
Probate	--				--				--			
Property Tax	--				--				--			
Real Property	--				--				--			
Retirement	--				--				--			
Social Services	--				--				--			
Workers' Compensation	3628				753				2875			
Writs/Injunctions/Declaratory Relief	8				3				5			
TOTALS	4,155	0	0	0	863	0	0	0	3,292	0	0	0