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Re: Medical-Legal Liaison Committee 2009

Dear Ms. Morganti:

The committee established guidelines in cooperation with the New Mexico Medical Society and the State Bar of New Mexico. The committee is composed of an equal number of members of the medical society and State Bar of New Mexico. The members of the State Bar have an equal number of attorneys representing the plaintiff and defense bars.

Over the years, this committee has established legal guidelines for cooperation of the New Mexico Medical Society and State Bar of New Mexico to meet and discuss such issues as the cap and other provisions of the Medical Malpractice Act and any possible issues between the New Mexico Medical Society and the State Bar Association relating to the Medical Malpractice Act.

Because of the function of this committee, the committee does not have a specific agenda that would require a budget because during the time that I have been chairman, any and all meetings that have been conducted have been in our office during the lunch hour and all incidental expenses as far as lunch and other costs have been absorbed by the Civerolo firm.

No formal meeting of the Medical-Legal Liaison Committee was held during the year 2009. Several matters were brought to the attention of the Chairman of the committee that required communication with members such as proposed changes to the Medical Malpractice Act, the significant issue of insurance coverage of personnel and practitioners in the health care field who are not physicians but perform services in cooperation with physicians, mid-wives, nurses and others. Rather than call a meeting of 12 people, these matters were discussed in writing, by phone and in person with other members of this committee.

I am in contact frequently with the Executive Director of the New Mexico Medical Society and it appears that during the upcoming legislative session in Santa Fe consideration may be given, primarily at the request of the Plaintiff's Bar, for possible changes to the Medical


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Malpractice Act that may require an increase in the cap as provided in the Medical Malpractice Act. Consideration of these changes might precipitate a meeting of the Medical-Legal Liaison Committee to consider and evaluate any proposals.

If there is any further information that you require, kindly advise.

Very truly yours,

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