

# memo

## Reimbursement Summary

**To:** Town Council  
**From:** Former TOECRA Chairwoman Gardner  
**Date:** July 2, 2024  
**Re:** Reimbursement of Fees



**Comments:** For your review, please find a summary of the legal fees, hotel stay, and travel expenses associated with Ethics Complaint Number 23-195. \$2,513.71

**TOTAL REQUESTED FOR REIMBURSEMENT TO A GARDNER: \$1,733.71**

**CURRENT BALANCE DUE TO ATTORNEY HERRON: \$780.00**

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### LEGAL FEES:

Sep 1 -2 '23	\$120.00	PAID 9/13/23
Sep 6, '23- Nov 17, '23	\$150.00	PAID 12/18/23
Dec 3, '23 – Feb 10, '24	\$900.00	PAID 3/13/24

**Reimbursement \$1,170.00**

**Mar 29, '24 – June 12, '24 \$780.00 DUE NOW**

### HOTEL STAY REIMBURSEMENT:

Towneplace Suites	<b>\$212.63</b>	Feb 7 – Feb 8, '24
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**TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT: \$351.08** Feb 7 – Feb 8, '24  
(262 miles from Eatonville to Tallahassee @ .67/mile)

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Account No: 6371-27679  
Invoice No: 496979

ETHICS 23-056

Fees

			Hours	
09/01/2023	MH	Received telephone call from Cliff Sheppard re Ethics complaint / potential representation; received telephone from Angie Gardner re same / Ethics Commission complaint procedures;		
09/02/2023	MH	Reviewed Ethics Complaint 23-195; prepared email memoranda to Angie Gardner re same / legal sufficiency / representation; reviewed email memorandum to Angie Gardner re same;	0.40	
		For Current Services Rendered	0.40	120.00

Recapitulation

<u>Timekeeper</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Total</u>
MARK HERRON	0.40	\$300.00	\$120.00

Total Current Work 120.00

Balance Due \$120.00

Please Remit \$120.00

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ETHICS 23-056

Fees

			Hours	
09/06/2023	MH	Prepared letter to Kerrie Stillman (Ethics) re representation;	0.20	
11/17/2023	MH	Prepared for and conferred by telephone with Angie Gardner re status / developments / strategy (public records request);	0.30	
		For Current Services Rendered	0.50	150.00

Recapitulation

<u>Timekeeper</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Total</u>
MARK HERRON	0.50	\$300.00	\$150.00

Total Current Work	150.00
Previous Balance	\$120.00

Payments

09/13/2023	Payment Received, Thank You.	-120.00
Balance Due	<u>\$150.00</u>	
Please Remit	<u>\$150.00</u>	

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Fees

			Hours
12/03/2023	MH	Prepared email memoranda to Angie Gardner re draft public records requests; reviewed email memoranda from Angie Gardner re same;	0.10
01/19/2024	MH	Returned telephone call to Bob Malone (Ethics) re scheduling investigative interview; prepared email memorandum to Angie Gardner re same;	0.20
01/26/2024	MH	Conferred with Bob Malone (Ethics) re status investigative interview;	0.10
02/01/2024	MH	Received telephone call from Bob Malone (Ethics) re status of Angie Gardner / investigative interview;	0.10
02/02/2024	MH	Prepared email memorandum to Angie Gardner re investigative interview;	0.10
	MH	Prepared email memoranda to Angie Gardner re scheduling investigative interview; reviewed email memoranda from Angie Gardner re same;	0.30
02/03/2024	MH	Reviewed email memoranda from Angie Gardner re scheduling investigative interview; prepared email memoranda to Angie Gardner re same; prepared email memorandum to Bob Malone (Ethics) re same / February 8, 2024 @10:00 a.m.;	0.30
02/05/2024	MH	Received email memorandum from Bob Malone (Ethics) confirming time of February 8, 2024 @10:00 a.m. investigative interview; reviewed email memorandum from Angie Gardner re same / place to stay; prepared email memorandum to Angie Gardner re same / confirming time of February 8, 2024 @10:00 a.m. investigative interview;	0.30
02/08/2024	MH	Prepared for and attended investigative interview; conferred with Angie Gardner re same;	1.40
02/10/2024	MH	Reviewed email memoranda / text message from Angie Gardner re circumstances of termination of Michael Johnson / draft	

ANGIE GARDNER

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	Hours	
termination letter - review by CRA attorney; prepared email memorandum to Bob Malone (Ethics) re same;	0.50	
For Current Services Rendered	3.40	900.00

	Recapitulation	Hours	Rate	Total
<u>Timekeeper</u>				
MARK HERRON		0.40	\$0.00	\$0.00
MARK HERRON		3.00	300.00	900.00

Total Current Work	900.00
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Previous Balance	\$150.00
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	<u>Payments</u>	
12/18/2023	Payment Received, Thank You.	-150.00

Balance Due	<u>\$900.00</u>
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Please Remit	<u>\$900.00</u>
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ETHICS 23-056

Fees

			Hours		
03/29/2024	MH	Reviewed correspondence from Millie Fulford (Ethics) re Report of Investigation / probable cause hearing; reviewed Report of Investigation; prepared email memorandum to Angie Gardner re Report of Investigation / probable cause hearing;	0.40		
04/01/2024	MH	Reviewed email memoranda from Angie Gardner re response to Report of Investigation; prepared email memorandum to Angie Gardner re same;	0.10		
05/03/2024	MH	Reviewed correspondence from Millie Fulford (Ethics) re Advocate's Recommendation / probable cause hearing; reviewed Advocate's Recommendation; prepared email memorandum to Angie Gardner re same / probable cause hearing;	0.40		
05/07/2024	MH	Prepared Response to Advocate's Recommendation; prepared email memorandum to Millie Fulford (Ethics) re same;	0.20		
05/22/2024	MH	Reviewed email memoranda from Millie Fulford (Ethics) re rescheduling start of June 7, 2024 probable cause hearing from 10 a.m. to 9 a.m.; conferred by telephone with Millie Fulford re same; prepared email memorandum to Millie Fulford re same; reviewed revised hearing notice; prepared email memoranda to Angie Gardner re same; reviewed email memoranda from Angie Gardner re same;	0.30		
06/07/2024	MH	Prepared for and attended probable cause hearing; prepared email memorandum to Angie Gardner re same;	1.00		
		For Current Services Rendered	2.40		720.00
Recapitulation					
<u>Timekeeper</u>			<u>Hours</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Total</u>
MARK HERRON			2.40	\$300.00	\$720.00

Total Current Work 720.00

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ETHICS 23-056

Fees

			Hours	
06/12/2024	MH	Prepared email memoranda to Millie Fulford (Ethics) requesting Final Order dismissing complaint; reviewed email memorandum from Millie Fulford re same; prepared email memorandum to Angie Gardner re same/final billing;	0.20	
		For Current Services Rendered	0.20	60.00

<u>Timekeeper</u>	<u>Recapitulation</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Total</u>
MARK HERRON		0.20	\$300.00	\$60.00

Total Current Work	60.00
Previous Balance	\$720.00
Balance Due	<u>\$780.00</u>
Please Remit	<u>\$780.00</u>

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Work

Room: 318  
Room Type: TOBT  
Number of Guests: 1  
Rate: \$189.00  
Clerk: COL

Arrive: 07Feb24      Time: 06:09PM      Depart: 08Feb24      Time: 09:07AM      Folio Number: 99445

DATE	DESCRIPTION	CHARGES	CREDITS
07Feb24	Room Charge	189.00	
07Feb24	State Occupancy Tax	11.34	
07Feb24	County Tax	2.84	
07Feb24	Bed Tax	9.45	
08Feb24	Master Card		212.63
CARD #: MCXXXXXXXXXXXX4143XXXX			
AMOUNT: 212.63			
Auth: 07459b			
BALANCE:		0.00	

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