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## VIA E-MAIL ONLY

Attorney Steven T. Chesebro (<u>schesebro@watertownwi.gov</u>) City of Watertown P. O. Box 477 Watertown, WI 53094



Re: Waiver of Conflict of Interest

Dear Attorney Chesebro and Mr. Lunden:

This firm has been requested to represent James Lader with regard to a pending criminal matter in Dodge County Circuit Court arising out of an arrest by Watertown Police Department. The City of Watertown is currently a client of this firm with regard to unrelated matters. Mr. Lader and the City of Watertown are directly adverse in this matter.

Notwithstanding this concurrent conflict of interest, the Rules of Professional Conduct for attorneys provide that we may represent Mr. Land in this matter and in other unrelated matters, and we will also be able to continue our representation of City of Watertown in unrelated matters, if we believe that this firm will be able to provide competent and diligent representation to each affected client. We have no doubt that we will be able to do so.

We must also obtain your informed consent confirmed in writing signed by each of you. Please sign a copy of this letter and return it to us <u>as soon as possible</u> via e-mail to our legal assistant, Paula (<u>pmueller@axley.com</u>) or via facsimile (608-257-5444).

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WAIVER OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST
City of Watertown hereby gives its informed consent to Axley Brynelson, LLP's representation of James in the matter referenced above and any current or future unrelated matters.
CITY ATTORNEY
By: Steven T. Chesebro
Date:
James Lands hereby gives his informed consent to Axley Brynelson, LLP's continued representation of the City of Watertown in current and future matters unrelated to the matter referenced above.
By:
Date:

Sincerely,