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Re: UFCW & FELRA Legal Benefit Fund Thirty-Sixth Annual Report
UFCW and Contribution Employers Legal Fund Annual Report
January 1, 2017 - December 31, 2017

Dear Mr. Jensen:

Enclosed please find a copy of this firm's Annual Utilization Reports for 2017 for both the UFCW & FELRA Legal Benefits Fund and for the UFCW and Contributing Employers Legal Fund. I will present these reports to the Trustees at the Board of Trustees meetings later this year.

I would like to make note of two important factors to consider when reviewing these reports and looking at the 2016 totals in comparison with the 2017 totals. Akman & Associates took over legal for FELRA members on April 1, 2016, so there were three months wherein membership was much lower, resulting in lower cases opened and hours spent by attorneys and paralegals in 2016 compared with 2017. Similarly, Akman & Associates became the prepaid legal services provider for the Local 400 Non-Food members beginning July 1, 2016 after the benefit had been terminated for the FELRA Non-Food on March 30, 2016.

Feel free to call me with any questions you may have regarding these reports.

Sincerely,

Matthew J. Akman, Esquire

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**UNITED FOOD AND COMMERCIAL WORKERS
AND CONTRIBUTING EMPLOYERS
LEGAL BENEFITS FUND
ANNUAL REPORT
JANUARY 1, 2017 - DECEMBER 31, 2017**

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INTRODUCTION

Enclosed herewith is the Annual Report submitted by Akman & Associates for the United Food and Commercial Workers and Contributing Employers Legal Benefits Fund. Effective March 30, 2016 the prepaid legal benefit terminated for Local 27 due to the loss of its members. On July 1, 2016, Akman & Associates became the prepaid legal services provider for those members of Local 400. The enclosed statistical data encompasses the reporting period of January 1, 2017 - December 31, 2017.

CHART I

CASES OPENED

JANUARY 1, 2017 - DECEMBER 31, 2017

	JAN. FEB. MAR.	APR., MAY, JUNE	JULY, AUG., SEPT.	OCT., NOV., DEC.	TOTAL	2016 TOTAL
1 FAMILY	20	22	17	15	74	27
2 PROBATE	4	5	6	4	19	11
3 ESTATE PLANNING	19	26	19	19	83	30
4 NEGLIGENCE	8	5	6	4	23	12
5 REAL ESTATE	14	19	21	15	69	46
6 CONSUMER	35	43	33	38	149	56
7 CRIMINAL	10	10	13	8	41	20
8 TRAFFIC	14	12	10	14	50	29
9 LANDLORD/TENANT	11	8	13	11	43	33
14 ADMINISTRATIVE	6	7	4	8	25	15
15 JUVENILE	5	3	7	6	21	19
TOTAL	146	160	149	142	597	298

CHART II
PERCENTAGES BY CASES OPENED
JANUARY 1, 2017 - DECEMBER 31, 2017

		TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES	PERCENTAGE	2016 PERCENTAGE
1	FAMILY	74	12%	9%
2	PROBATE	19	3%	4%
3	ESTATE PLANNING	83	14%	10%
4	NEGLIGENCE	23	4%	4%
5	REAL ESTATE	69	12%	15%
6	CONSUMER	149	25%	19%
7	CRIMINAL	41	7%	7%
8	TRAFFIC	50	8%	10%
9	LANDLORD/TENANT	43	7%	11%
14	ADMINISTRATIVE	25	4%	5%
15	JUVENILE	21	4%	6%
TOTAL		597	100%	100%

CHART III
ATTORNEY HOURS
JANUARY 1, 2017 - DECEMBER 31, 2017

	JAN. FEB. MAR.	APR., MAY, JUNE	JULY, AUG., SEPT.	OCT., NOV., DEC.	2016 TOTAL
1 FAMILY	181.70	238.15	217.20	190.25	827.30 451.75
2 PROBATE	17.50	24.25	20.05	22.15	83.95 46.70
3 ESTATE PLANNING	51.10	58.10	49.85	53.70	212.75 82.30
4 NEGLIGENCE	17.15	21.30	23.40	17.20	79.05 43.15
5 REAL ESTATE	41.35	61.70	69.20	51.05	223.30 173.80
6 CONSUMER	200.45	217.55	202.80	212.35	833.15 401.85
7 CRIMINAL	82.00	74.25	92.65	69.95	318.85 174.40
8 TRAFFIC	113.45	83.45	88.75	78.70	364.35 238.20
9 LANDLORD/TENANT	51.30	41.50	52.05	49.15	194.00 155.45
14 ADMINISTRATIVE	21.05	18.85	16.40	28.40	84.70 53.80
15 JUVENILE	40.55	26.50	41.85	48.05	156.95 132.35
TOTAL	817.60	865.60	874.20	820.95	3378.35 1953.75

CHART IV
PARALEGAL HOURS
JANUARY 1, 2017 - DECEMBER 31, 2017

	JAN. FEB. MAR.	APR., MAY, JUNE	JULY, AUG., SEPT.	OCT., NOV., DEC.	2016 TOTAL
1 FAMILY	162.20	182.80	169.75	181.30	696.05 377.20
2 PROBATE	28.85	47.80	36.10	34.65	147.40 69.95
3 ESTATE PLANNING	48.70	59.25	53.15	49.95	211.05 96.70
4 NEGLIGENCE	39.45	26.20	32.00	22.45	120.10 62.40
5 REAL ESTATE	33.30	43.75	48.85	41.75	167.65 119.05
6 CONSUMER	217.25	163.60	185.40	204.75	771.00 431.30
7 CRIMINAL	12.20	10.55	16.45	10.10	49.30 34.90
8 TRAFFIC	15.65	11.45	14.90	15.50	57.50 28.55
9 LANDLORD/TENANT	29.35	19.60	25.55	40.30	114.80 113.30
14 ADMINISTRATIVE	11.15	15.40	9.75	15.40	51.70 36.85
15 JUVENILE	6.20	3.20	6.10	7.05	22.55 15.05
TOTAL	604.30	583.60	598.00	623.20	2409.10 1385.25

CHART V
PERCENTAGE OF ATTORNEY HOURS
JANUARY 1, 2017 - DECEMBER 31, 2017

	TOTAL NUMBER OF HOURS	PERCENTAGE	2016 PERCENTAGE
1 FAMILY	827.30	24.49%	23.12%
2 PROBATE	83.95	2.48%	2.39%
3 ESTATE PLANNING	212.75	6.30%	4.21%
4 NEGLIGENCE	79.05	2.34%	2.21%
5 REAL ESTATE	223.30	6.61%	8.90%
6 CONSUMER	833.15	24.66%	20.57%
7 CRIMINAL	318.85	9.44%	8.93%
8 TRAFFIC	364.35	10.78%	12.19%
9 LANDLORD/TENANT	194.00	5.74%	7.96%
14 ADMIN	84.70	2.51%	2.75%
15 JUVENILE	156.95	4.65%	6.77%
TOTAL	3378.35	100.00%	100.00%

CHART VI
PERCENTAGE OF PARALEGAL HOURS
JANUARY 1, 2017 - DECEMBER 31, 2017

	TOTAL NUMBER OF HOURS	PERCENTAGE	2016 PERCENTAGE
1 FAMILY	696.05	28.89%	27.23%
2 PROBATE	147.40	6.12%	5.05%
3 ESTATE PLANNING	211.05	8.76%	6.98%
4 NEGLIGENCE	120.10	4.99%	4.50%
5 REAL ESTATE	167.65	6.96%	8.59%
6 CONSUMER	771.00	32.00%	31.14%
7 CRIMINAL	49.30	2.05%	2.52%
8 TRAFFIC	57.50	2.39%	2.06%
9 LANDLORD/TENANT	114.80	4.77%	8.18%
14 ADMIN	51.70	2.15%	2.66%
15 JUVENILE	22.55	0.94%	1.09%
TOTAL	2409.10	100.00%	

CHART VII
UTILIZATION

JANUARY 1, 2017 - DECEMBER 31, 2017

AVERAGE		2016 AVERAGE			
PARTICIPANTS	NO. OF PARTICIPANTS	UTILIZATION	PARTICIPANTS	NO. OF PARTICIPANTS	UTILIZATION
January	1763				
February	1736	21.00%	15	14.67	24.00%
March	1734		15		
			14		
April	1714		0		
May	1694	22.00%	0	0.00	0.00%
June	1694		0		
July	1737				
August	1735	22.00%	1861	1848.33	25.00%
September	1730		1851		
			1833		
October	1724				
November	1718	21.00%	1806	1796.00	23.00%
December	1715		1804		
			1778		
	1720.75	21.50%	917.50	914.75	18.00%