



May 17, 2019

**VIA E-MAIL**

Mr. Joseph Mahr

Chicago Tribune

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RE: 19-FOIA-119 Data of Legal Payouts

Dear Mr. Mahr:

We are in receipt of your request for information pursuant to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140/1 *et seq.*

On April 25, 2019, we received your request for electronic records of all case-level information that denote settlement, verdict and other legal claim payouts by Metra, covering the period from January 1, 2010 to the present (or as close to present as practical) ("**Request**").

I reached out to you via email on May 7 to advise that upon review of your Request, Metra's Risk Department informed us that it would be necessary for them to create a new database query in order to compile the information you requested. This newly compiled data would then need to be reviewed by our department to ensure it was accurate and complete. We asked for, and you granted us an extension to May 17 in order to finalize your Request.

In response to your Request, Metra's Risk Department is providing you with a spreadsheet containing the following legal claim payout information covering the time period of January 1, 2010 to May 8, 2019:

- Event Number;
- Event Department;
- Event Indicator Description;
- Claim Status;
- Reserve Type Description;
- Payee;
- Check Amount; and
- Check Date

Please note that Metra's current system does not differentiate between settlements, judgements, etc. as such, settlements and judgements are referred to on the spreadsheet as "Compensation." "Expense" represents funds spent handling the claim.

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If we can be of further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,



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