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Honorable Charles N. Clevert, Jr.  
United States District Court  
Eastern District of Wisconsin  
517 East Wisconsin Avenue  
#208  
Milwaukee, WI 53202

Re: Milwaukee County, et al. v. Mercer Human Resources, Inc.  
Case No. 06-C-0372

Dear Judge Clevert:

We write in regard to the pending motion on conflict of interest filed by Quarles & Brady, LLP ("Quarles").

As set forth in the briefs and supporting papers, Quarles serves as Milwaukee County's bond counsel and has done so for several years. The County must submit its budget by the end of September, 2006. As part of that process, the County needs uninhibited legal advice on bond issues in general, and pension-related bond issues, specifically. The current unresolved conflict situation, despite efforts on both sides, has a chilling effect on candid legal communication between the County and bond counsel, a situation that will be ameliorated once the current motion is decided.

The County greatly appreciates any efforts to expedite this decision.

Very truly yours,

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