



Agenda Report

2725 Judge Fran Jamieson
Way
Viera, FL 32940

New Business - Miscellaneous

J.4.

5/9/2023

Subject:

Resolution Demanding Attorneys Ray Taseff and Jessica Travis Pay Forward their Settlement Fees to the Actual Victims of their Clients

Fiscal Impact:

None

Dept/Office:

District 3 Commission Office

Requested Action:

It is requested that the Board approve the attached resolution demanding attorneys Ray Taseff and Jessica Travis pay forward their settlement fees to the actual victims of their clients.

Summary Explanation and Background:

See attached resolution demanding attorneys Ray Taseff and Jessica Travis pay forward their settlement fees to the actual victims of their clients.

Clerk to the Board Instructions:



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May 10, 2023

MEMORANDUM

TO: Commissioner John Tobia, District 3


RE: Item J.4., Resolution Demanding Attorneys Ray Taseff and Jessica Travis Pay Forward their Settlement Fees to the Actual Victims of their Clients

The Board of County Commissioners, in regular session on May 9, 2023, approved Resolution No. 22-045 strongly suggested Attorneys Ray Taseff and Jessica Travis pay forward their settlement fees to the actual victims of their clients; and directed the Clerk to send a copy of the Resolution to each attorney. Enclosed is a fully-executed Resolution.

Your continued cooperation is always appreciated.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RACHEL M. SADOFF, CLERK


Kimberly Powell, Clerk to the Board

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Encl. (1)

cc: Each Commissioner

Resolution 23 - 045

A RESOLUTION ON BEHALF OF THE BREVARD COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS STRONGLY SUGGESTING ATTORNEYS RAY TASEFF AND JESSICA TRAVIS DEMONSTRATE BASIC HUMAN DECENCY AND PAY FORWARD THEIR SETTLEMENT FEES TO THE ACTUAL VICTIMS OF THEIR CLIENTS' CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN

WHEREAS, attorneys Ray Taseff and Jessica Travis represented Charles Munsey, Jr., Vincent Rinaldi, and Charles Violipius in the case of Rinaldi et al. v. Brevard County; and

WHEREAS, the 6th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution provides the right of criminal defendants to obtain counsel; and

WHEREAS, in 1963 the United States Supreme Court extended this important right to state prosecutions which are criminal in nature, through the ruling of Gideon v. Wainwright, protecting the integrity of the criminal justice system; and

WHEREAS, attorneys Ray Taseff and Jessica Travis cannot hide behind this constitutional protection as justification for their atrocious and despicable actions during their involvement in this litigation, as this case was civil in nature and therefore not protected by the 6th Amendment; and

WHEREAS, voluntarily fighting for registered sex offenders and predators who obtained such classifications through convictions by a jury of their peers of crimes such as sexually abusing, and molesting adolescents and pre-pubescent children is a shameful and disgraceful action; and

WHEREAS, in the interest of attempting to redeem these attorneys, the Brevard County Board of County Commissioners strongly suggests they turn over the \$150,000.00 in fees earned from the case to the actual victims who were irreparably harmed by the heinous actions of their clients – Charles Munsey, Jr., Vincent Rinaldi, and Charles Violipius; and

WHEREAS, while it is recognized that sexual offenders and predators have the right to file a lawsuit, it would be fortunate if they valued the freedoms and rights of their victims as much as they care about attending Commission meetings.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Brevard County Board of County Commissioners strongly suggests that attorneys Ray Taseff and Jessica Travis pay forward their portion of settlement fees to the actual victims of those abused by their clients.

DONE, ORDERED AND ADOPTED, in regular session, this 9th day of May, 2023.

ATTEST:

RACHEL SADOFF, CLERK



RITA PRITCHETT, CHAIR
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BREVARD COUNTY, FL