

COUNCILMAN  
DAVID G. DILLON  
DEPUTY MAJORITY LEADER  
292 WAVERLY STREET  
PROVIDENCE, RI 02909  
Res. 273-7572



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Providence  
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Agency

# City of Providence, Rhode Island

May 8, 1990

Council President Easton and the  
Members of the City Council  
City Clerk's Department  
City Hall  
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

Dear Honorable Members:

The Committee on Finance has approved for payment  
the bills submitted by the City Controller from the law firm  
of Blish & Cavanagh for professional services rendered in  
connection with the Retirement Board litigation during the  
month of March 1990 in the total amount of \$5,882.00.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman David G. Dillon and  
the Members of the Committee  
on Finance

DGD/jb

IN CITY COUNCIL

MAY 17 1990

READ  
WHEREUPON IT IS ORDERED THAT  
THE SAME BE RECEIVED

*and payment approved*  
*Soe M. Mendonca* CLERK

**THE COMMITTEE ON  
FINANCE**

**Recommends**

*Approval of Payment*

*Ernest M. Mendoza*  
**Clerk**

*May 7, 1990*



Finance Department, City Controller

*"Building Pride In Providence"*

MEMORANDUM

TO: ROSE MENDONCA, CITY CLERK  
FROM: GLORIA L. LINCOURT, CITY CONTROLLER  
DATE: APRIL 27, 1990  
SUBJECT: BLISH AND CAVANAGH

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I have received bills from the law firm of Blish and Cavanagh (see attached) for payment.

Ed Clifton has advised me that these bills should be approved for payment by the City Council.

I will wait for your advice as to the payment process.

GLL:mcb  
Encs.

cc: Edward Clifton, Esquire, City Solicitor

**BLISH & CAVANAGH**  
CONSULTORS AT LAW

*cc Dave Dillon*  
*Scott*

April 2, 1990

Mr. John Simmons, Director of Administration  
City of Providence  
City Hall  
Providence, RI 02903

John H. Blish  
Joseph V. Cavanagh, Jr.  
Williams R. Landry

Re: Retirement Board

Michael DiBiase  
Karen A. Pelezarski  
Stephen J. Reid, Jr.  
Steven W. Raffa

Dear John:

Enclosed is a bill for professional services rendered in connection with the Retirement Board litigation during the month of March, 1990. I trust that it meets with your approval.

If you or anyone at the City Council have any questions concerning the bill or the status of this case, please feel free to call me at any time.

Best regards,

*Joe Cavanagh, Jr.*  
Joseph V. Cavanagh, Jr.

Enclosure

**BLISH & CAVANAGH**  
C O U N S E L L O R S   A T   L A W

City Of Providence  
City Hall  
Providence, RI 02903

04/03/90

RE: Retirement Board

Date	For PROFESSIONAL SERVICES:	Hours
03/02/90	1 Conference with J. Cavanagh re complaint.	.20
03/07/90	2 Phone conference with Ed Clifton; John Simmons; and R. Skolnick.	.25
03/08/90	2 Phone conference with R. Skolnick; revise complaint.	1.00
03/09/90	2 Phone conference with E. Clifton regarding recent retirement board meeting; letter to same regarding revised complaint.	.13
03/21/90	1 Telephone conference with J. Cavanagh re status; Telephone conference with E. Clifton re status; Telephone conference with R. Skolnik re status; and Prepare memorandum to J. Cavanagh re status.	.30
03/26/90	2 Conference with M. DiBiase; phone conference with R. Skolnik regarding status.	.25
03/28/90	2 Attend meeting with City representatives and legal counsel regarding status.	3.00
03/29/90	2 Phone conference with R. Skolnik.	.13
		645.00
	Total Due:	645.00

Key to Attorney Codes	Hours	Rate
1 Michael DiBiase	0.50	100.00
2 Joseph V. Cavanagh, Jr.	4.76	125.00

# BLISH & CAVANAGH

C O U N S E L L O R S A T L A W

February 7, 1990

John H. Blish  
Joseph V. Cavanagh, Jr.  
William R. Landry

Mr. John Simmons  
Director of Administration  
City Hall  
Providence, RI 02903

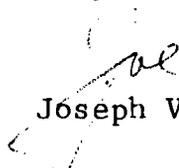
Michael DiBisce  
Karen A. Peleczarski  
Stephen J. Reid, Jr.  
Steven W. Raffa

Re: Retirement Board

Dear John:

Enclosed is our bill for legal work performed through January 31, 1990 in connection with the Retirement Board matter. I trust that this bill meets with your approval. If you have any questions about the bill or its format, please call me at any time.

Very truly yours,

  
Joseph V. Cavanagh, Jr.

Enclosure

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City Of Providence  
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02/01/90

RE: Retirement Board

Date	For PROFESSIONAL SERVICES:	Hours
11/14/89	1 Review statutes minutes, Bruckshaw decision; phone conference with Ed Clifton; with S. Napolitano; research regarding powers of municipal corporation	2.50
11/14/89	2 Confer with J. Cavanagh regarding facts and legal questions; legal research regarding basis for liability	1.00
11/14/89	3 Locate and obtain copy of case on Westlaw	.15
11/27/89	1 Meeting with E. Clifton and S. Napolitano.	1.00
12/07/89	1 Meeting with J. Simmons, T. Devine, E. Clifton, S. Napolitano regarding Retirement Board and related legal problems; legal research regarding standing issue.	2.50
12/08/89	1 Conference with M. DiBiase and J. Blish; letter to J. Simmons.	1.00
12/08/89	2 Conference with J. Cavanagh, Jr. re facts, status; Legal research re cause of action.	.60
12/09/89	2 File review; Review City Charter and city Code; Legal research re cause of action.	3.00
12/11/89	1 Review recent cases regarding declaratory judgment for abuse of legislative power.	.50
12/11/89	2 Review of relevant cases; File review; Conference with J. Cavanagh, Jr. and telephone conference with E. Clifton re legal issues; Recent developments.	1.50
12/12/89	1 Phone conference with E. Clifton; conference with M. DiBiase regarding causes of action.	.50
12/13/89	2 Review minutes of Retirement Board meeting.	.30
12/15/89	1 Phone conference with E. Clifton; research; conference with M. DiBiase regarding complaint.	.50
12/15/89	2 Prepare verified complaint.	1.50
12/18/89	1 Revise complaint; phone conference with E. Clifton regarding same; conference with J. Blish and Mike DiBiase regarding various theories regarding statutory authority and Home Rule Charter.	3.00

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Date	For PROFESSIONAL SERVICES:	Hours
12/18/89	2 Prepare verified complaint; Conference with J. Cavanagh, Jr. re verified complaint.	1.30
12/19/89	1 Further revisions to complaint; review Home Rule Charter.	1.50
12/19/89	2 Review verified complaint; Conference with J. Cavanagh, Jr. re verified complaint.	.30
12/19/89	2 Confer with J. Cavanagh regarding verified complaint; confer with J. Blish and J. Cavanagh regarding verified complaint	1.20
12/20/89	1 Phone conference with E. Clifton; revise complaint	.50
12/20/89	2 Obtain copy of city charter; review city charger; confer with JVC regarding status	.70
12/21/89	1 Phone conference with E. Clifton.	.13
12/21/89	2 Confer with J. Cavanagh regarding status; review verified complaint	.20
12/21/89	2 Prepare memorandum of law in support of injunctive relief.	4.00
12/22/89	1 Several phone conferences with E. Clifton regarding timing and identity of plaintiffs.	.25
12/22/89	2 Telephone conference with E. Clifton regarding complaint; prepare memorandum to J. Cavanagh; revise verified complaint; confer with J. Cavanagh regarding status.	.50
12/27/89	1 Revise complaint; phone conference with A. Holm regarding same.	.75
12/27/89	2 Conference with J. Cavanagh re status.	.10
12/28/89	1 Conference with A. Holm regarding verification; deliver complaint to same.	.39
12/28/89	2 Conference with J. Cavanagh re status; Prepare memorandum of law in support of injunctive relief.	.40
12/29/89	1 Several phone conference with office regarding revisions to complaint.	.25
12/29/89	2 Telephone conference with J. Cavanagh re status; telephone conference with Mayor Paolino and Ed	1.70

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02/01/90

RE: Retirement Board

Date	For PROFESSIONAL SERVICES:	Hours
	Clifton re Verified Complaint; revise Verified Complaint; attention to filing; prepare memorandum of law.	
01/02/90	1 Review draft brief in support of TRO; phone conference with E. Clifton.	.50
01/02/90	2 Conference with J. Cavanagh regarding status; review and revise memorandum of law in support of injunctive relief	.60
01/03/90	1 Further review of brief.	.25
01/03/90	2 Conference with J. Cavanagh regarding status	.10
01/04/90	2 Telephone conversation with E. Clifton re memorandum of law; Review and revise memorandum of law; Telephone conference with G. Lincourt and E. Clifton re affidavit; Conference with S. Raffa re legal research re memorandum.	4.20
01/04/90	4 Review of RI case law re: Parameters of General Assembly's delegation of power to municipal corporations, and to their boards and officers.	3.00
01/05/90	1 Review memo in support of TRO; review affidavit; phone conference with E. Clifton; conference with M. DiBiase regarding service on defendants and regarding deficiency obligation issues.	1.00
01/05/90	2 Telephone conference with G. Lincourt re affidavit and revise affidavit; Revise memorandum of law, attention to exhibits; Telephone conference with J. Cavanagh and with E. Clifton re status.	2.40
01/05/90	3 Check cites on Westlaw	.25
01/08/90	1 Phone conference with E. Clifton regarding status.	.13
01/11/90	1 Phone conference with clients regarding TRO, etc.	.25
01/11/90	2 Attention to memorandum of law; conference with J. Cavanagh regarding status; further action.	.40
01/17/90	2 Telephone conference with E. Clifton regarding hearing; attention to scheduling TRO hearing.	.30
01/18/90	1 Attend conference with Judge Almeida.	.75

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Date	For PROFESSIONAL SERVICES:	Hours
01/19/90	2 Telephone conference with R. Skolnik; prepare letter to R. Skolnik regarding Verified Complaint	.20
01/25/90	5 Conference with M. DiBiase and S.W. Raffa.	.20
01/25/90	2 Conference with J. Cavanagh regarding status; telephone conference with B. Cottam regarding press release; conf. with S. Reid and S. Raffa regarding Champerty	.80
01/26/90	2 Telephone conference with R. Skolnick re status; Prepare memorandum to J. Cavanagh re status.	.50
01/29/90	1 Confer with M. DiBiase; telephone conference with J. Simmons.	.25
01/29/90	2 Confer with J. Cavanagh regarding status; revise memo to J. Cavanagh regarding status; prepare letters to R. Skolnik and to Judge Almeida regarding TRO hearing	.70
01/31/90	1 Phone conference with E. Clifton; review file regarding hearing.	1.50
01/31/90	2 Attention to assignment of hearing.	.20
		5693.50
For DISBURSEMENTS:		
11/14/89	Westlaw	8.10
12/20/89	Copy of City Charter	13.50
12/29/89	Travel to Superior Court to file Complaint.	7.00
12/29/89	Filing Fee - Complaint	50.00
01/05/90	Fax Usage	2.00
01/09/90	Copies at Court Records Ctr. and Bristol County Superior Court.	8.00
01/30/90	Xerox	20.00
01/30/90	Xerox	11.55

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Date

For PROFESSIONAL SERVICES:

01/30/90	Postage	15.25	
01/31/90	Xerox	51.00	
01/31/90	Xerox	2.10	
			\$ 188.50

Total Due: \$5,882.00

	Key to Attorney Codes	Hours	Rate
1	Joseph V. Cavanagh, Jr.	19.90	125.00
2	Michael DiBiase	28.70	100.00
3	S.G. McMillan (Paralegal)	0.40	40.00
4	Steven W. Raffa	3.00	100.00
5	Stephen J. Reid, Jr.	0.20	100.00