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January 14, 2019

Dear Honorable Members of the General Assembly, c/o Chairmen Stafstrom and Winfield, and
Honorable Members of the Judiciary Committee:

Attached please find the Claims Commissioner's Annual Report pursuant to General Statutes §§ 4-159
and 4-159a.

In the past year, the Office of the Claims Commissioner has continued to confront significant challenges while pursuing ongoing reforms that increase our efficiency and transparency. We continue to improve our customized software that allows us to manage our claims docket electronically. We continue to build the public-facing side of the software that will allow electronic filing of documents, as well as internet access to information about claims for all members of the public, not just parties and their attorneys.

The productivity of our office was significantly impacted once again, however, by my health issues, to such an extent that I have been forced to take an objective stock of my own need for support, as well as the office's longstanding need for an improved structure and resources. To that end, I have proposed several legislative changes to improve the office's efficiency, and have begun the process of requesting additional staffing resources to facilitate the processing of the heavy load of routine motions, the timely resolution of which are necessary to the expeditious flow of cases. Because of the sheer volume of motions, and the fairly uncomplicated nature of the majority of them, the assistance of a qualified staff person to resolve them would make a tremendous difference in my ability to keep cases moving through the process expeditiously.

I continue to be proud of the strong start that we have made in improving the operation of the office and I am confident that I will be able continue that progress now that I have identified the support that both the office and I require. As you know, I inherited a significant backlog of claims and that situation worsened this year when we had an extremely high number of new claims filed—626—compared with 493 in 2018, 344 in 2017, and 475 in 2016. Because of the workload in December and a previously scheduled conflict in January, I have not been able to do my part of the work needed to calculate the number of claims pending that are outside the two year deadline set by General Statutes § 4-159a. Therefore, some elements of this report will be provided in an amended report in early February. I apologize for this delay.

I must, once again, give my deepest thanks to Commissioner Currey and Deputy Commissioner Fatone of the Department of Administrative Services for their ongoing willingness to assist this office as we strive to improve. They have provided support, both material and moral, during a difficult year and I am grateful.

Finally, please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Very truly yours,



Christy Scott
Claims Commissioner

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CLAIMS COMMISSIONER'S ANNUAL REPORT 2019

General Statutes §§ 4-159 and 4-159a require the Claims Commissioner to report certain information to the General Assembly on an annual basis.

The Claims Commissioner is statutorily mandated to receive and hear claims against the state, with the authority to award damages up to \$20,000, recommend the award of damages of more than \$20,000, or to grant authorization to bring suit against the state.

Total number of claims disposed of: 149

Total number of awards and total amount of awards: 18 awards totaling \$40,255.59

Total number of claims for which permission to sue was granted: 0

Total number of claims for which permission to sue was granted pursuant to agreement: 0

Total number of claims filed: 626

Total number of claims pending as of December 31, 2018: to be reported

Total number of wrongful incarceration claims filed: 8

Total number of wrongful incarceration claims disposed of: 2

Total number of wrongful incarceration awards and total amount of awards: \$2,720,000.00

Total number of wrongful incarceration claims pending as of December 31, 2018: 18

REQUESTS FOR EXTENSION OF TIME FOR ADJUDICATION PURSUANT TO GENERAL STATUTES § 4-159a

This information will be provided when available in early February.

CLAIMS FOR WHICH REVIEW HAS BEEN REQUESTED

Please see attached list

CLAIMS FOR WHICH THE COMMISSIONER HAS RECOMMENDED AN AWARD IN EXCESS OF \$20,000

There are no claims for which the Commissioner has recommended an award in excess of \$20,000 for 2018.

2019 REVIEW REQUESTED

<u>CLAIM NAME</u>	<u>FILE NO.</u>	<u>CLAIM TYPE</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
1. American Rock Salt Company	24154	Claim for Payment	Denied Just Claim
2. Andino, Edwin	22239	Personal Injury	Denied Just Claim
3. Barjon, Jean J.	23763	Personal Injury	Denied Just Claim
4. BJ Alan Company CT, Inc.	21911	Property Seizure	Denied Just Claim
5. Brown, Cedric	24243	Personal Injury	Denied Just Claim
6. Kahan, Joshua	23225	Personal Injury	Denied Just Claim
7. Knight, Garland	25244	Personal Injury	Dismissed Jurisdiction
8. Leniart, George	24147	Due Process/Personal Injury	Denied Just Claim
9. McCulley, Leona	24575	Miscellaneous	Dismissed Jurisdiction
10. Taylor, David	24485	Miscellaneous	Dismissed Jurisdiction
11. Taylor, David	24723	Personal Injury	Dismissed Jurisdiction
12. Torosyan, Anushavan	24539	Miscellaneous	Denied Just Claim
13. Whitnum, Lisa Lee	24702	Miscellaneous	Dismissed Jurisdiction

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February 11, 2019

Dear Honorable Members of the General Assembly, c/o Chairmen Stafstrom and Winfield, and
Honorable Members of the Judiciary Committee:

Attached please find the promised addendum to the Commissioner's Annual Report pursuant to General
Statutes §§ 4-159 and 4-159a.

Thank you for your patience and, as always, please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or
concerns.

Very truly yours,

Christy Scott
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Addendum 2-11-19

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The following claims have not been disposed of within two years of the date of filing and the claimant has not stipulated to an extension of time for the Claims Commissioner to dispose of the claim:

1.	Adgeron, Harvey	File #24609
2.	Aldrich, Isaac C.	File #24503
3.	Almaguer, Elidio	File #24680
4.	Anderson, Travis	File #24160
5.	Andrews, Barbara, Admix. For the Estate of Lawrence Moye	File #24725
6.	Becker, Kendra & John	File #24310
7.	Bonilla, Richard	File #24313
8.	Borowski-Robinson, Deborah	File #24606
9.	Brown, Donald	File #24732
10.	Bryant, Ruby	File #24200
11.	Burgos Vega, Joe	File #24312
12.	Callegari, Anthony	File #24597
13.	Carr, Patrick Tyron	File #24494
14.	Cavaliers, Marlon	File #24511
15.	Coolbeth, Shannon	File #24727
16.	Cornelius, Rehema	File #24773
17.	DeBarros, Jonathan	File #24650
18.	Dickerson, John	File #23764
19.	Doe, Jane	File #24683
20.	Ellen, Randy Executor/ Fiduciary for the Estate of Isidore Ellen	File #24528
21.	Farrow, Christopher	File #24510
22.	Farrow, Christopher	File #24534
23.	Fry, Thomas and Laura	File #24299
24.	Gebert, Henry	File #24621
25.	Ghanteaton, Renay Ann	File #23710
26.	Godbout, David	File #24670
27.	Gonzalez, Ivette	File #24684

28.	Hart, Jean M.	File #24535
29.	Jackson, James	File #24729
30.	Jackson, Kevin	File #24327
31.	Jackson, Kevin	File #24340
32.	Jones Jr., Travis Generio	File #24582
33.	Jordan, Bryan	File #24553
34.	Jordan, Bryan	File #24636
35.	Lewis, Andreas	File #24517
36.	Lewis, Kacey	File #24645
37.	Lyon, Sara	File #24671
38.	Mack, Justin P.	File #24678
39.	McManus, Kristen, n.k.a. Kristin Letendre	File #24717
40.	Makara, Barbara	File #24754
41.	Milner, Kyron	File #24604
42.	Monaghan, Maureen	File #24371
43.	Moore, Chauncey	File #24499
44.	Moreno, Noel	File #24720
45.	Naccarato, Robert J., Admin. Of the Estate of Aaden Moreno	File #24617
46.	Nelson, Stephen D.	File #24559
47.	Osborne, Lorenzo	File #24739
48.	Oyola, Adrienne	File #24616
49.	Place, Michael	File #24588
50.	Raffone, Pasquale	File #24706
51.	Raffone, Pasquale	File #24707
52.	Raffone, Pasquale	File #24777
53.	Reeves, Anthony	File #24498
54.	Rice, Kimberly	File #24631
55.	Riddick, Jerome	File #24368
56.	Riddick, Jerome	File #24506
57.	Rose, Steven	File #24600
58.	Santiago, Christopher	File #24666
59.	Schadt, Susan	File #24493
60.	Servello, James	File #24642
61.	Shehan, Joseph	File #24357
62.	Singletary, TerReigha	File #24664
63.	Smith, Shawn	File #24659
64.	Soto, Carlos	File #24518
65.	Spencer, Derrick R.	File #24324
66.	Spencer, Derrick R.	File #24350
67.	Stocking, Gary	File #24779
68.	Stocking, Gary	File #24780

69.	Strasburg, John	File #24309
70.	Tai Nin Chan, Randy	File #24314
71.	Tarlue, Jenkins	File #24781
72.	Taylor, David	File #24481
73.	Torneo, Patrick	File #24741
74.	Vasquez, Joheli, PPA Rebecca Soto	File #24733
75.	Vicente, Luis	File #24768
76.	Wells, Tyshon	File #24770
77.	Wilfong, Timothy	File #24698
78.	Williams, Leslie	File #24555
79.	Wilmoth, Pierre	File #24581
80.	Zamora, Angel	File #24075

The Commissioner requests that jurisdiction be extended to allow for prompt adjudication of these matters in 2020.