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TO: The Honorable Chairman and Members of the
Board of County Commissioners

FROM: James L. Bennett, County Attorney 

SUBJECT: Notice of New Lawsuit and Defense of the Same by the County Attorney
in the Case of Shanna Patterson v. Pinellas County
Circuit Civil Case No. 14-004447-CI-07

DATE: July 15, 2014

NOTICE: THIS IS TO ADVISE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS THAT THE ABOVE-REFERENCED LAWSUIT WAS FILED AGAINST THE COUNTY AND THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE WILL DEFEND THE SAME.

DISCUSSION: Plaintiff, Shanna Patterson, alleges that on or about April 4, 2013, she was conducting business with the Clerk of Court at 315 Court Street when she slipped on a puddle of rainwater on the lobby floor near the northernmost doors. As a result of the collision she alleges physical and mental injuries.

The County Attorney's Office will bring all counterclaims, cross-claims, or third party claims as necessary or appropriate in the judgment of the County Attorney.

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