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Deputy City Attorney
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cc: City Attorney
Louise Renne

Dear Deputy Attorney Tada,

I am writing to you in regards to Schneider vs. City and County of San Francisco, Federal District Court Case No. C-97-2203-MMC. Ms. Schneider has filed suit against the City and County of San Francisco because of the humiliating, discriminatory, and unlawful treatment she suffered at the hands of City and County employees.

I am currently a doctoral candidate and an instructor in the Sociology Department at U.C. Berkeley, completing a dissertation on prostitution and the criminal justice system in the San Francisco Bay Area. My research to date has shown that Ms. Schneider is not the only individual to be subjected to egregious civil rights violations by the very institutions that should, ideally, serve to secure these rights. For this reason, I feel that it is of the utmost importance that the offending parties be held accountable for their crimes, and that Ms. Schneider be financially compensated for her suffering. The City and County should demonstrate their refusal to tolerate further rights violations by resolving this case in a timely and just fashion.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Bernstein
Doctoral Candidate