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Good afternoon, Steven:

As requested, provided is a rough estimate of the litigation fees and costs as to the *Garcia v. Stillman* matter for July and August through trial.

On June 28, 2023, the court issued an Order Scheduling Trial. The order advises that deposition designations are due August 8<sup>th</sup>, pretrial stipulations and witness and expert lists are due August 14<sup>th</sup>, the pretrial conference will be held August 22<sup>nd</sup>, and the matter is set for the two-week trial calendar beginning August 28<sup>th</sup>. It is anticipated that the parties will call a total of six witnesses to testify, and based on the duration of the depositions taken, it is estimated that the trial will likely last three to four days. It should be noted that a ruling on the Defendants' Motion for Summary Judgment is still pending. The estimation of costs includes the defendants' expert's fee and travel for the trial, attorney travel for the pretrial conference and trial, and trial transcripts.

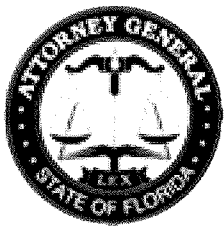
These components weigh heavily on the trajectory of the matter leading to and including trial, and thus the estimations provided. The Commission on Ethics is one of three defendants remaining in the case; therefore, all litigation fees and costs will be split three ways.

Accordingly, it is estimated that the Commission on Ethics' portion for July and August, through trial, is \$34,000 in fees and \$16,000 in costs.

Please let me know if additional information is needed.

Respectfully,

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