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MEMORANDUM

TO: Commissioners

FROM: Bob Anderson

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SUBJECT: Supplemental Report on Developments in the Counsel's Office Since July 25,

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Commission Cases

An Appellate Division panel has affirmed the Commission's decision in <u>Tinton Falls Bd.</u> of Ed. and <u>Tinton Falls Ed. Ass'n</u>, P.E.R.C. 2001-78, 27 <u>NJPER</u> 293 (¶32107 2001), App. Div. Dkt. No. A-6458-00T2 (copy attached). The Commission dismissed an unfair practice charge asserting that the Board terminated a library aide for grieving a reprimand. Don Horowitz represented the Commission.

The Appellate Division has denied a motion for a stay of its remand order in <u>Teaneck Tp. and FMBA Local No. 42</u>, P.E.R.C. No. 2000-33, 25 <u>NJPER</u> 450 (¶30199 1999), aff'd in part, rev'd and remanded in part, 353 <u>N.J. Super</u>. 289 (App. Div. 2002), App. Div. Dkt. No. A-001850-99T1 (7/16/02), pet. for certif. pending, Sup. Ct. Dkt. No. 53,497. The Commission had already remanded the case to the arbitrator. A petition for certification is pending in the Supreme Court.

The Board has moved for leave to file a notice of appeal nunc pro tunc in <u>Gwendolyn Smith and Irvington Board of Education</u>, P.E.R.C. No. 2003-5, __<u>NJPER</u> ___(¶______ 2002). The Commission held that the Board repudiated a settlement agreement in certain respects.

The employer has moved for leave to appeal from a designee's decision in <u>Union Tp. and FMBA Local No. 46</u>, FMBA Local No. 246 and PBA Local No. 69, I.R. No. 2002-7, 28 <u>NJPER</u> 86 (¶33031 2001), recon. den. P.E.R.C. No. 2002-55, 28 <u>NJPER</u> 198 (¶33070 2002), app. pending App. Div. Dkt. No. A-4249-01T1. The designee found that a change in health insurance carriers had resulted in a change in the level of benefits. She ordered the employer, during the unfair practice litigation, to make funds available to employees to pay any up-front costs of medical care and any additional costs of medical treatment that would have been covered under the previous insurance plan.

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