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## Marline Monestime vs. City of North Miami Beach and Darwin Williams / Correspondence - Statutory Demand For Retraction of False and Defamatory Statements

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Tue, Jun 23, 2026 at 8:33 PM

To: Hillary Frontado &lt;hillary@fairlawattorney.com&gt;

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Dear Ms. Frontado,

Sorry I didn't get back to you sooner but I had to work late today.

I am in receipt of your email and the attachment. First and foremost, it has never been my intention to make false and/or defamatory statements against anyone. If I ever unintentionally or inadvertently do make statements that are false and/or defamatory, I immediately address the issue and make any and all necessary corrections.

That being said, I would like to address the three statements in my blogs that you pointed out.

I would like to start with the third statement in which I wrote that Ms. Monestime was among employees who "filed complaints accusing Darwin Williams ... of discrimination." You are absolutely correct that Ms. Monestime's lawsuit had nothing to do with discrimination, and I never should have included her name in that statement ([Part 3](#)). I removed her name entirely from that sentence as well as the tag.

As for your first point regarding my statements ([Blog Part 1](#)) that Ms. "Monestime was Michael Joseph's [hand-picked candidate](#) for the job as a reward for covering his ass during the Algo Law Firm's [public corruption investigation](#)," and that she was involved in "questionable manipulations to push through the [shady no-bid contract](#) between the City of North Miami Beach and [Figgers Communication Inc.](#) at the insistence of none other than Michael Joseph," please note:

1. It was common knowledge based on Michael Joseph's own statements on the dais, as well as his actions, that his only choice for City Manager was Marline Monestime; and
2. The information that she was involved in "pushing through" the Figgers Communication contract was taken directly from the attached Investigation prepared by Algo Law Firm.

As an aside, Michael Joseph is currently under investigation with respect to his attempt to alter the video of Ms. Monestime's interview, which is a public record; yet he did not attempt to do so with the videos of any other candidate for City Manager.

My written opinion of the situation was based on those two points. However, if you feel that my comments are misleading, false, and/or defamatory, I am absolutely willing to do whatever is necessary to rewrite or correct the offending comments, and I am more than open to any suggestions you may have.

Finally, my statement that "Marline Monestime was responsible for not only the loss of \$3.2 million in ARPA funds, but also the draining of another half million dollars from the city's reserves" was based on information I received from two confidential sources. However, I have no problem striking that statement from the blog altogether ([Part 4](#)). Please let me know what you would like me to do.

With respect to your directive that I should publish a correction regarding the nature of Ms. Monestime's lawsuit, I did post a hyperlink to her lawsuit, and briefly described the nature of her complaint. Other than revising and/or removing the offending statements mentioned above, I am not sure how you would like me to publish such a correction. Would you like me to write an entirely new blog? Would it be appropriate or inappropriate to mention your letter? I am asking because I honestly don't know, and I sincerely wish to make this right. Accordingly, I am open to any suggestions you may have.

Please email me or call me to discuss this matter.

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