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## FORM OF CLAIM FOR DAMAGES

TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS of Skamania County, Washington:
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that in accordance with Chapter 36.45 of the Revised
Code of Washington, I SHARON BARTU
hereby present you with my claim for damages against the County of Skamania, State
of Washington, with the information required to be given by RCW 36.45.020 as follows:
1. That the injury for which I claim damages against the County of Skamania, State
of Washington, occurred on or about theday ofday of
19 92 AS PER ATTACHED  2. That the place of injury was
3. That the location and description of the defect which caused the injury are
4. That the injury is described as follows: Claim for Damages as per attached
Lost wages [8,000.00] Attorney Fees [20,000.00] Punitive Damages
[30,000.00] Plus costs
5. That the amount of damages claimed is as follows: \$ 58,000.00 plus costs
Claim for damages/Possible Lawsuit
6. That the actual residence of the claimant at the time of presenting and filing
this claim is
7. That the actual residence of the claimant for a period of six months immediately prior to the time that this claim accrued was
DATED: Sept. 1 , 19 92 .
/s/ Sharon Bartue for george A. Kolin

NOTE: Personal Property (Car, etc.) damages are to be accompanied by estimated repair costs. Additional information required by No.s 2-4 of this form may be attached on the back of this Claim for Damages.

## SHARON BARTU

ATTORNEY AT LAW RECHTSANWALTIN (DR)

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September 1, 1992



RISK MANAGEMENT OFFICE STATE OF WASHINGTON STATE HOUSE OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON

SKAMANIA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SKAMANIA COUNTY COURT HOUSE STEYENSON, WASHINGTON 98648

ATTORNEY GENERAL OF WASHINGTON STATE OF WASHINGTON OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON

RE: POSSIBLE LAWSUIT AGAINST STATE OF WASHINGTON, WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES, SKAMANIA COUNTY, KAY MASCO, SKAMANIA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, AND OTHERS

Dear Risk Management Officer:

This letter is to inform you under RCW 4.92 that I have been retained by Mr. George A. Kolin to represent him in a lawsuit against the above entities. George Kolin is a resident of Skamania County and has been for several years. All the following events took place in Skamania County, Washington on or about flay 26, 1992. Set out below are the facts upon which he bases a lawsuit:

In June, 1988, Mr. Kolin went to work for the Department of Natural Resources as a forest fire fighter. In 1989, he was promoted to the position of cab driver/crew leader. In the summers of 1989, 1990 and 1991 Mr. Kolin worked in this crew leader position. Mr. Kolin received his usual notice from the Department requiring him to inform the Department of his intent to return or not for the 1992 fire season, which fir. Kolin construed to be his offer of employment for the next year. Mr. Kolin accepted by filling out and returning the offer and acceptance in February, 1992. In late May, 1992, Mr. Kolin was informed by James Shank, his supervisor, that George no longer had the position of crew leader, but only that of fire fighter, and that George's position had gone to a Kartr Johnson, son of a Washington State Fisheries employee and godson of Skamania County Commissioner, Kay Masco. Shank stated that the job went to Mr. Johnson because he had more seniority than Mr. Kolin. But, if that had really been the reason for Mr. Johnson's advancement over Mr. Kolin, it should have taken place in 1990, not 1992, because, as the evidence will show, Mr. Johnson had more seniority than Mr. Kolin in 1990. At any rate, why did the Department, through its employees, offer Mr. Kolin the job, if there was no intention to give him this position.

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Because Mr. Kolin is of Czech origin and an immigrant to the United States, and one who speaks English as a second language, it is clear to him and it can and will be shown that he was discriminated against in his employment because of his national origin. Further, Mr. Kolin will show that the Department breached its contract for employment with him, and that unlawful nepotistic acts were committed or allowed to be committed by the State and by the County to Mr. Kolin's damage.

Mr. Kolin is seeking damages in this matter as follows: 1) Lost wages in the amount of \$8,000.00, 2) Reasonable Attorney Fees in the amount of \$20,000.00, 3) Punitive damages in the amount of \$30,000.00, 4) Costs.

The Summons and Complaint in this matter follow this letter.

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