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This follows up on an e-mail from Leslie Darling on September 07, 2012, concerning a gift to the City. As Leslie explained, the City hosted the International Municipal Lawyers Association (IMLA) Annual Conference in September 2011, which was so successful that it resulted in a surplus of sponsorship funds of approximately \$33,000. Senior leadership at IMLA suggested that the surplus be earmarked for future use by Chicago Law Department attorneys to attend future IMLA conferences and programming. Leslie accepted this gift on behalf of the City solely for travel and conference registration expenses associated with Department of Law attorneys attending IMLA conferences and programming. IMLA is the custodian of these funds and will handle any and all accounting of expenditures.

I have received permission from my supervisors in the Law Department to attend the IMLA Mid-Year Seminar in Washington, D.C. from April 13-17. IMLA has agreed to cover my registration fee and pay for my airfare and my hotel room out of the \$33,000 that it holds as custodian of the surplus funds from the September 2012 conference in Chicago. This meeting will be beneficial to the work that I do for the City. Among the topics that will be covered are an annual review of Supreme Court decisions relevant to local governments, as well as accommodation in the public workplace, land use, and First Amendment. These topics bear directly on probably a couple dozen cases a year that I handle for the City.

Please confirm your receipt of this email and let me know if you have any questions or require further details. In particular, I should appreciate hearing if you see any problem with my accepting reimbursement from the funds IMLA holds for the City before the end of the week, so that it is in advance of my travel. Thank you very much.

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