

## Exhibit 17 to the Complaint

**From:** [Michael Smith](#)  
**To:** [stolbert@TolbertLegal.com](mailto:stolbert@TolbertLegal.com)  
**Cc:** [Rachelle Ponist](#)  
**Subject:** Tort Claim Notice and Notice to Public School  
**Date:** Friday, July 19, 2019 12:28:00 AM  
**Attachments:** [Tort claim notice final.pdf](#)  
[School claim notice final.pdf](#)

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Ms. Tolbert,

Hand Ponist represents Mr. Jean-Christophe Scheere who purchased the wooden model of the Chicago Picasso at auction on January 19, 2019. I understand that you represent the Gary Community School Corporation, or at least you did so recently when communicated with David Sanders of The Patterson Law Firm in Chicago about this matter. Attached are two statutorily required notices that my partner, Rachelle Ponist, just sent out, a tort claim notice under IC 34-13-3-8 and a school claim notice under IC 34-13-3.5-4.

Assuming you still represent the School Corporation, we'd be pleased to speak with you regarding the possibility of a mutually agreed resolution as proposed in the School Claim Notice.

We look forward to hearing from you. Thank you.

Mike

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