## LAW OFFICE OF JONES & GARBER

An Insurance Company Law Divides
700 SW HIGGINS AVENUE, SUITE 108 - MISSOULA, MT 59803-1489
TELEPTIONE 406-543-2433 - FACSIMILE 406-829-3436

Larry W. Jones 406-543-2433 Larry Jones@llawoffice.com Carrie L. Garber 406-543-2434 Carrie Garber@llawoffice.com

May 15, 2003

FAX (406) 444-7798 & U.S. Mail

Honorable Mike McCarter Workers' Compensation Court P. O. Box 537 Helena, MT 59624 FILED

MAY 1 5 2003

OFFICE OF WORKER'S COMPENSATION JUDGE HELENA, MONTANA

RE:

Schmill v. Liberty Northwest Ins. Corp., WCC No. 2001-0300

Stavenjord v. State Compensation Ins. Fund, 2001 MTWCC 25, WCC No. 2000-0207 Rausch v. State Compensation Ins. Fund, 2001 MTWCC 16, WCC Nos. 9907-8274,

2000-0023 and 2000-0030

Ruhd v. Liberty Northwest Ins. Corp., WCC No. 2002-0500

Flynn v. State Compensation Ins. Fund, 312 Mont. 410, 60 P.3d 397, 2002 MT 279.

Lee Miller v. Liberty Mutual Fire Ins. Co., WCC No. 2000-0174

## Dear Judge McCarter:

Since the recent decisions in <u>Schmill</u> and <u>Stavenjord</u>, I have spoken with several attorneys about issues common to those cases as well as the other cases cited above. This letter is to request that you consider consolidating all of these cases so the issues are raised and disposed of in a systematic fashion.

By a copy of this letter to the attorneys of record for the parties in those cases, I am notifying them of this communication with you and this request.

If you have any questions, please contact me at your convenience.

Very truly yours,

Larry W. Jones

LWJ/ef

c: Laurie Wallace

Bradley J. Luck

David Hawkins

Thomas J. Murphy

Monte D. Beck

Stephen D. Roberts

Lon J. Dale

Greg E. Overturf Geoffrey C. Angel Rex Palmer

Ann E. Clark

Lawrence A. Anderson