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Letter to the Editor
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Dear Sir:

Jack Crisp resigned as City Attorney and is moving out of town because he has lost the confidence of the whole city of Berlin. He has bled this struggling city government until we are pale white from his outrageous bills for poor legal representation.

We paid this "part-time" city solicitor \$388,374.34 from June 1988 to June 1994. In addition to these Crisp invoices we paid an additional \$276,818.19 to "other" Crisp recommended lawyers to defend the city for a total of \$665,192.53. We still don't know if he received referral fees. This is unbelievable for a small city like Berlin. A fairy ring mushroom or pond scum comes to mind in this situation as these two plants eat all the nutrients in the ground under them, then move to a new location. We will send Concord and Franklin our condolences for his choice of a new feeding trough.

Crisp resigned because he lost completely the confidence of the Police Department Commissioner, Mayor and City Council. His other private practice was declining because people began to recognize his value in relation to cost. He lost numerous cases and a number of his clients are preparing suits against him for "poor representation," besides the complaints and hearing he's had before the Professional Conduct Board are surfacing. The Supreme Court of New Hampshire tries to keep secret those complaints in order to protect unscrupulous lawyers.

When the Taxpayers Association started in mid January 1994 to note the amount of money spent for Jack Crisp, Esq. and legal fees, some of our Board Members resigned for fear of being sued. The Taxpayers Association was publicly critical of this public official, but it was pointed out that City Council members and *THE BERLIN DAILY SUN* were still in Court costing those individuals and the City of Berlin much money to defend themselves for this frivolous case. Our organization almost folded because there was supposedly a

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