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Board of Trustees Meeting September 21, 2022
Action Item
Outside counsel
NJSIG No. 0922-1

As a part of NJSIG's efforts to maintain compliance with the PSCL, the Board must approve any contract for professional services that may exceed the bid threshold. In June 2021, NJSIG issued requests for qualifications for outside counsel for subrogation and recovery litigation (C-2021-0008), insurance coverage counsel and litigation (C-2021-0009), and school board insurance group counsel (L-2021-0001). As a result of this competitive contracting process, NJSIG received numerous proposals from qualified firms. These proposals were evaluated using the weighted evaluation criteria, and contracts were awarded to the firms identified in the attached resolution effective October 1, 2021.

The designation of a firm as approved outside counsel is not a retention for a specific matter, and does not entitle a firm to be retained for a specific matter. Rather, these firms would now be eligible to handle matters on behalf of NJSIG and its members in the respective areas. Individual case assignments will be determined by NJSIG based on the unique requirements of each matter.

The firms identified in the attached resolution have a demonstrated track record of providing outside counsel services to NJSIG for: subrogation and recovery litigation, insurance coverage counsel and litigation, and school board insurance group counsel.

Recommended Resolution: It is proposed that the firms identified in the attached resolution be designated as outside counsel in the respective areas for another term of twelve months.



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WHEREAS, the New Jersey Schools Insurance Group (“NJSIG”) is authorized by N.J.S.A. 18A:18B-1, et seq. to provide insurance coverage for its members;

WHEREAS, NJSIG requires professional services in the form of outside counsel to represent the interests of NJSIG and its members;

WHEREAS, NJSIG is awarding these contracts without competitive bidding as a professional service.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that:

1) NJSIG designates the following firms as Outside Counsel as to each respective area based on technical criteria, management criteria, cost criteria and the service provider’s demonstrated service to NJSIG and other public entities in the State of New Jersey:

- a. Subrogation and recovery litigation:
 - i. Law Offices of Stephen E. Gertler; and
 - ii. Methfessel & Werbel, PC.
 - iii. Butler Weihmuller Katz Craig LLP

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- b. Insurance coverage counsel and litigation:
 - i. Malapero, Prisco, Klauber & Licata, LLP.
 - ii. DeCotiis, Fitzpatrick, Cole & Giblin, LLP
 - iii. Cleary, Giacobbe, Alfieri, Jacobs, LLC
 - c. School board insurance group counsel:
 - i. Archer & Greiner, P.C.
- 2) The Executive Director is hereby authorized to execute professional services agreements with the above-referenced service providers for a term of twelve months;
- 3) NJSIG is hereby authorized to retain firms designated as Outside Counsel that have executed a professional service agreement as to each respective area;
- 4) This designation is in accordance with the Public School Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1, et seq.;
- 5) A notice of this action shall be published once in the official newspaper designated by NJSIG, and is on file and available for public inspection at the office of NJSIG.

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I certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a Resolution passed by the New Jersey Schools Insurance Group at the meeting duly held on the 21st day of September, 2022.

New Jersey Schools Insurance Group

By: _____
Christopher Russo, Chairperson

Board Secretary
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DATE:

MOVED BY:

SECONDED BY:

VOTE: