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Board of Trustees Meeting of June 15, 2022
Action Item
Outside Counsel
NJSIG No. 0622-08

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 February 2021, NJSIG issued requests for qualifications for outside counsel for General Litigation (C-2021-0003); Complex General Litigation (C-2021-0004); School / Education Litigation (C-2021-0005); General Workers' Compensation Litigation (C-2021-0006); and Complex Workers' Compensation Litigation (C-2021-0007). 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 July 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 continue to be eligible to handle matters on behalf of NJSIG members. 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: general litigation, complex general litigation, school/education litigation, general workers' compensation litigation and complex workers' compensation litigation.

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.

New Jersey Schools Insurance Group
Resolution Authorizing the Execution of
Contracts Pursuant to the Public School Contracts Law

NJSIG No. 0622-08

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’s members in claims; and,

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. General Litigation (C-2021-0003):
 - i. Adams Gutierrez & Lattiboudere LLC;
 - ii. Anderson & Shah, LLC;
 - iii. Biancamano & DiStefano;
 - iv. Birchmeier & Powell, LLC;
 - v. Brown & Connery LLP;

- vi. Buglione, Hutton & DeYoe, LLC;
- vii. Busch Law Group;
- viii. Capehart Scatchard;
- ix. Cleary Giacobbe Alfieri Jacobs, LLC;
- x. Diego F. Navas, Attorney-at-Law;
- xi. DiFrancesco Bateman, P.C.;
- xii. Eric M. Bernstein & Associates;
- xiii. Florio Perrucci Steinhardt Cappelli Tipton & Taylor LLC;
- xiv. Hill Wallack, LLP;
- xv. Inglesino Webster Wyciskala & Taylor LLC;
- xvi. Keenan & Doris LLC;
- xvii. Law office of Stephen E. Gertler;
- xviii. Methfessel & Werbel;
- xix. Pashman Stein Walder Hayden;
- xx. Purcell Mulcahy Flanagan, LLC;
- xxi. Shain Schaffer;
- xxii. Stahl & Delaurentis PC;
- xxiii. Weiner Law Group LLP; and
- xxiv. Wiley Malehorn Sirota & Raynes.

b. Complex General Litigation (C-2021-0004):

- i. Anderson & Shah, LLC;

- ii. Biancamano & DiStefano;
 - iii. Birchmeier & Powell, LLC;
 - iv. Capehart Scatchard;
 - v. Cleary Giacobbe Alfieri Jacobs LLC;
 - vi. Diego F. Navas, Attorney-at-law;
 - vii. DiFrancesco Bateman;
 - viii. Hill Wallack LLP;
 - ix. Inglesino Webster Wyciskala & Taylor LLC;
 - x. Methfessel & Werbel; and
 - xi. Pashman Stein Walder Hayden.
- c. School / Education Litigation (C-2021-0005):
- i. Busch Law Group;
 - ii. Capehart Scatchard;
 - iii. Cleary Giacobbe Alfieri Jacobs, LLC;
 - iv. Machado Law Group; and
 - v. Purcell Mulcahy Flanagan, LLC.
- d. General Workers' Compensation Litigation (C-2021-0006):
- i. Biancamano & Di Stefano;
 - ii. Braff, Harris, Sukoneck & Maloof;
 - iii. Brown & Connery, LLP;
 - iv. Buglione, Hutton & DeYoe, LLC;

- v. Cleary Giacobbe Alfieri Jacobs, LLC;
- vi. Hill Wallak, LLP;
- vii. Leitner Tort DeFazio & Brause;
- viii. Shain Schaffer; and
- ix. Weiner Law Group LLP.

e. Complex Workers' Compensation Litigation (C-2021-0007):

- i. Biancamano & Di Stefano;
- ii. Braff, Harris, Sukoneck & Maloof;
- iii. Brown & Connery, LLP;
- iv. Capehart Scatchard;
- v. Cleary Giacobbe Alfieri Jacobs, LLC; and
- vi. Leitner Tort DeFazio & Brause.

- 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) The Chief Legal Officer/General Counsel, with the advice of the Claims Manager, is hereby authorized to retain firms designated as Outside Counsel that have executed a professional service agreement as to each respective area to represent NJSIG members in specific matters in accordance with NJSIG Policy 2212;

- 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.

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 15th day of June, 2022.

New Jersey Schools Insurance Group

By: _____
Christopher Russo, Ed.D., Chairperson

Board Secretary
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