

**TERM CONTRACT FOR LEGAL SERVICES FOR TORT LITIGATION
(RFP-604986-25/LTT)**

THIS AGREEMENT is dated as of the ____ day of _____ 20____, by and between **DEAN, RINGERS, MORGAN & LAWTON, P.A.**, duly authorized to conduct business in the State of Florida, whose address is 201 E. Pine St., Suite 1200, Orlando, FL 32801, in this Agreement referred to as “**CONTRACTOR**”, and **SEMINOLE COUNTY**, a charter county and political subdivision of the State of Florida, whose address is Seminole County Services Building, 1101 E. 1st Street, Sanford, Florida 32771, in this Agreement referred to as “**COUNTY**”.

W I T N E S S E T H:

WHEREAS, COUNTY desires to retain the services of a competent and qualified contractor to provide legal services for tort litigation for Seminole County; and

WHEREAS, COUNTY has requested and received expressions of interest for the retention of services of contractors; and

WHEREAS, CONTRACTOR is competent and qualified to provide materials and services to COUNTY, and desires to provide materials and services according to the terms and conditions stated in this Agreement,

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual understandings and covenants set forth in this Agreement, COUNTY and CONTRACTOR agree as follows:

Section 1. Materials and/or Services. COUNTY hereby retains CONTRACTOR to provide materials and services as further described in the Scope of Services attached as Exhibit A and made a part of this Agreement. CONTRACTOR is also bound by all requirements as contained in the solicitation package, all addenda to this package, and CONTRACTOR’s submission in response to this solicitation. Required materials and services will be specifically enumerated, described, and depicted in the Purchase Orders authorizing purchase of specific materials and

services. This Agreement standing alone does not authorize the purchase of materials and services or require COUNTY to place any orders for work.

Section 2. Term. This Agreement takes effect on the date of its execution by COUNTY and continues for a period of three (3) years. At the sole option of COUNTY, this Agreement may be renewed for two (2) successive periods not to exceed one (1) year each. Renewals are wholly contingent on the availability of funds. Expiration of the term of this Agreement will have no effect upon Purchase Orders issued pursuant to this Agreement and prior to the expiration date. Obligations entered by both parties under such Purchase Orders will remain in effect until delivery and acceptance of the materials authorized by the respective Purchase Order. The first three (3) months of the initial term are considered probationary. During the probationary period, COUNTY may immediately terminate this Agreement at any time, with or without cause, upon written notice to CONTRACTOR.

Section 3. Authorization for Materials and/or Services. Authorization for provision of materials and services by CONTRACTOR under this Agreement must be in the form of written Purchase Orders issued and executed by COUNTY. A sample Purchase Order is attached as Exhibit B. Each Purchase Order will describe the materials and services required, state the dates for delivery of materials and services, and establish the amount and method of payment. The Purchase Orders must be issued under and incorporate the terms of this Agreement. COUNTY makes no covenant or promise as to the number of available Purchase Orders or that CONTRACTOR will perform any Purchase Order for COUNTY during the life of this Agreement. COUNTY reserves the right to contract with other parties for the services contemplated by this Agreement when it is determined by COUNTY to be in the best interest of COUNTY to do so.

Section 4. Time for Completion. The materials and services to be provided by CONTRACTOR will be delivered, as specified in such Purchase Orders as may be issued under this Agreement, within the time specified in the Purchase Order.

Section 5. Compensation. COUNTY shall compensate CONTRACTOR for the materials and services provided for under this Agreement on a Fixed Fee basis at the rates as outlined in Exhibit C. When a Purchase Order is issued on a Fixed Fee basis, then the applicable Purchase Order Fixed Fee amount will include any and all reimbursable expenses and will be based on the unit pricing attached to this Agreement, or as reduced in the quoting process leading to specific Purchase Orders.

Section 6. Payment and Billing.

(a) CONTRACTOR shall supply all materials and services required by the Purchase Order, but in no event will CONTRACTOR be paid more than the negotiated Fixed Fee amount stated within each Purchase Order.

(b) For Purchase Orders issued on a Fixed Fee basis, CONTRACTOR may invoice the amount due based on the percentage of total Purchase Order materials and services actually provided, but in no event may the invoice amount exceed a percentage of the Fixed Fee amount equal to a percentage of the total services actually completed.

(c) COUNTY shall make payments to CONTRACTOR when requested as materials and services are provided, but not more than once monthly. Each Purchase Order will be invoiced separately. At the close of each calendar month, CONTRACTOR shall render to COUNTY an itemized invoice, properly dated, describing any materials and services provided, the cost of the materials and services provided, the name and address of CONTRACTOR, Purchase Order Number, Contract Number, and any other information required by this Agreement.

(d) Submittal instructions for invoices are as follows:

- (1) The original invoice must be emailed to:
AP@SeminoleClerk.org
- (2) The original invoice may also be mailed or delivered to:
Director of County Comptroller's Office
Seminole County Board of County Commissioners
P.O. Box 8080
Sanford, FL 32772-8080
- (3) A copy of the invoice must be sent to:
Seminole County Risk Management Division
1101 E. 1st St.
Sanford, FL 32771

(e) Upon review and approval of CONTRACTOR's invoice, COUNTY shall pay CONTRACTOR the approved amount in accordance with the terms as set forth in Chapter 218, Part VII, Florida Statutes.

(f) The COUNTY's performance and obligation to pay under this Agreement is wholly contingent upon the COUNTY's receipt of sufficient appropriation.

Section 7. General Terms of Payment and Billing.

(a) Upon satisfactory delivery of materials and services required under this Agreement and upon acceptance of the materials and services by COUNTY, CONTRACTOR may invoice COUNTY for the full amount of compensation provided for under the terms of this Agreement less any amount already paid by COUNTY.

(b) COUNTY may perform or have performed an audit of the records of CONTRACTOR at any time during the term of this Agreement and after final payment to support final payment under this Agreement. Audits may be performed at a time mutually agreeable to CONTRACTOR and COUNTY. Total compensation to CONTRACTOR may be determined subsequent to an audit as provided for in this Section and the total compensation so determined

will be used to calculate final payment to CONTRACTOR. Performance of this audit will not delay final payment as provided by subsection (a) of this Section.

(c) CONTRACTOR shall maintain all books, documents, papers, accounting records, and other evidence pertaining to materials and services provided under this Agreement in such a manner as will readily conform to the terms of this Agreement. CONTRACTOR shall make such materials available at CONTRACTOR's office at all reasonable times during the term of this Agreement and for five (5) years from the date of final payment under the contract for audit or inspection as provided for in subsection (b) of this Section.

(d) In the event any audit or inspection conducted after final payment but within the period provided in paragraph (c) of this Section reveals any overpayment by COUNTY under the terms of the Agreement, CONTRACTOR shall refund such overpayment to COUNTY within thirty (30) days of notice by COUNTY.

Section 8. No Waiver by Forbearance. COUNTY's review of approval and acceptance of, or payment for the materials or services required under this Agreement does not operate as a waiver of any rights under this Agreement, or of any cause of action arising out of the performance of this Agreement. CONTRACTOR is and will always remain liable to COUNTY in accordance with applicable law for any and all damages to COUNTY caused by CONTRACTOR's negligent or wrongful provision of any of the materials or services provided under this Agreement.

Section 9. Termination.

(a) COUNTY may, by written notice to CONTRACTOR, terminate this Agreement or any Purchase Order issued under this Agreement, in whole or in part, at any time, either for COUNTY's convenience or because of the failure of CONTRACTOR to fulfill its obligations under this Agreement. Upon receipt of such notice, CONTRACTOR shall immediately discontinue all services affected, unless the notice directs otherwise, and deliver to COUNTY all

data, drawings, specifications, reports, estimates, summaries, and any and all such other information and materials of whatever type or nature as may have been accumulated by CONTRACTOR in performing this Agreement, whether completed or in process.

(b) If the termination is for the convenience of COUNTY, CONTRACTOR will be paid compensation for services performed to the date of termination.

(c) If the termination is due to the failure of CONTRACTOR to fulfill its obligations under this Agreement, COUNTY may take over the work and carry it to completion by other agreements or otherwise. In such case, CONTRACTOR will be liable to COUNTY for all reasonable additional costs associated with CONTRACTOR's failure to fulfill its obligations under this Agreement.

(d) CONTRACTOR will not be liable for such additional costs if the failure to perform the Agreement arises without any fault or negligence of CONTRACTOR, but CONTRACTOR will be responsible and liable for the actions by its subcontractors, agents, employees, persons, and entities of a similar type or nature. Matters beyond the fault or negligence of CONTRACTOR include acts of God or of the public enemy, acts of COUNTY in its sovereign or contractual capacity, fires, floods, epidemics, quarantine restrictions, strikes, freight embargoes, and unusually severe weather, but in every case the failure to perform must be beyond the control and without any fault or negligence of CONTRACTOR.

(e) If after notice of termination for CONTRACTOR's failure to fulfill its obligations under this Agreement it is determined that CONTRACTOR had not so failed, the termination will be conclusively deemed to have been effected for the convenience of COUNTY. In such event, adjustment in the Agreement price will be made as provided in subsection (b) of this Section.

(f) The rights and remedies of COUNTY provided for in this Section are in addition and supplemental to any and all other rights and remedies provided by law or under this Agreement.

Section 10. Conflict with Contract Documents. Wherever the terms of this Agreement conflict with any Purchase Order issued pursuant to it or any other contract documents, including bids or proposals previously submitted by CONTRACTOR, this Agreement will prevail. For the avoidance of doubt, bid/proposals and any other documents submitted by CONTRACTOR are not incorporated into this Agreement, unless expressly stated otherwise.

Section 11. Equal Opportunity Employment. CONTRACTOR shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment for work under this Agreement because of race, color, religion, sex, age, disability, or national origin. CONTRACTOR shall take steps to ensure that applicants are employed, and employees are treated during employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, age, disability, or national origin. This provision includes, but is not limited to the following: employment, upgrading, demotion or transfer, recruitment advertising, layoff or termination, rates of pay or other forms of compensation and selection for training including apprenticeship.

Section 12. No Contingent Fees. CONTRACTOR warrants that it has not employed or retained any company or person other than a bona fide employee working solely for CONTRACTOR to solicit or secure this Agreement and that it has not paid or agreed to pay any person, company, corporation, individual, or firm, other than a bona fide employee working solely for CONTRACTOR, any fee, commission, percentage, gift, or other consideration contingent upon or resulting from award or making of this Agreement. For the breach or violation of this provision, COUNTY will have the right to terminate the Agreement at its sole discretion without liability and

to deduct from the Agreement price or otherwise recover the full amount of such fee, commission, percentage, gift, or consideration.

Section 13. Conflict of Interest.

(a) CONTRACTOR shall not engage in any action that would create a conflict of interest in the performance of its obligations pursuant to this Agreement with COUNTY or violate or cause others to violate the provisions of Chapter 112, Part III, Florida Statutes, relating to ethics in government.

(b) CONTRACTOR hereby certifies that no officer, agent, or employee of COUNTY has any material interest (as defined in Section 112.312(15), Florida Statutes, as over 5%), either directly or indirectly, in the business of CONTRACTOR to be conducted under this Agreement and that no such person will have any such interest at any time during the term of this Agreement.

Section 14. Assignment. Neither this Agreement nor any interest in it may be assigned, transferred, or otherwise encumbered under any circumstances by either party without prior written consent of the other party and in such cases only by a document of equal dignity with this Agreement.

Section 15. Subcontractors. CONTRACTOR shall first secure the prior written approval of COUNTY before engaging or contracting for the services of any subcontractors under this Agreement. CONTRACTOR will remain fully responsible to COUNTY for the services of any subcontractors under this Agreement.

Section 16. Indemnification of COUNTY. To the fullest extent permitted by law, CONTRACTOR shall hold harmless, release, and indemnify COUNTY, its commissioners, officers, employees, and agents from any and all claims, losses, damages, costs, attorney fees, and lawsuits for damages arising from, allegedly arising from, or related to CONTRACTOR's provision of materials or services under this Agreement caused by CONTRACTOR's act or

omission in the performance of this Agreement. This provision is not to be construed as a waiver by COUNTY of its sovereign immunity, except to the extent waived pursuant to Section 768.28, Florida Statutes, as this statute may be amended from time to time.

Section 17. Insurance.

(a) CONTRACTOR, at its sole expense, shall maintain the insurance required under this Section at all times throughout the duration of this Agreement and have this insurance approved by COUNTY's Risk Manager with the Resource Management Department. CONTRACTOR shall immediately provide written notice to the COUNTY upon receipt of notice of cancellation of an insurance policy or a decision to terminate an insurance policy.

(1) CONTRACTOR shall require and ensure that each of its sub-vendors or subcontractors providing services under this Agreement, if any, procures and maintains insurance of the types and to the limits specified in this Agreement until the completion of their respective services.

(2) Neither approval by COUNTY nor failure by COUNTY to disapprove the insurance furnished by CONTRACTOR will relieve CONTRACTOR of its full responsibility for liability, damages, and accidents.

(3) Neither COUNTY's review of the coverage afforded by or the provisions of the policies of insurance purchased and maintained by CONTRACTOR in accordance with this Section, nor COUNTY's decisions to raise or not to raise any objections about either or both, in any way relieves or decreases the liability of CONTRACTOR.

(4) If COUNTY elects to raise an objection to the coverage afforded by or the provisions of the insurance furnished, then CONTRACTOR shall promptly provide to COUNTY such additional information as COUNTY may reasonably request, and CONTRACTOR shall remedy any deficiencies in the policies of insurance within ten (10) days.

(5) COUNTY's authority to object to insurance does not in any way whatsoever give rise to any duty on the part of COUNTY to exercise this authority for the benefit of CONTRACTOR or any other party.

(b) General Requirements.

(1) Before commencing work, CONTRACTOR shall furnish COUNTY with a current Certificate of Insurance on a current ACORD Form signed by an authorized representative of the insurer evidencing the insurance required by this Section and Exhibit D. **The Certificate must have the Agreement number for this Agreement clearly marked on its face**, and including the following as Certificate Holder:

Seminole County, Florida
Seminole County Services Building
1101 East 1st Street
Sanford, Florida 32771

The Certificate of Insurance must evidence, and all policies must be endorsed to provide the COUNTY with not less than thirty (30) days (10 days for non-payment) written notice prior to the cancellation or non-renewal of coverage directly from the Insurer and without additional action of the Insured or Broker. Until such time as the insurance is no longer required to be maintained, CONTRACTOR shall provide COUNTY with a renewal or replacement Certificate of Insurance within ten (10) days after the expiration or replacement of the insurance for which a previous certificate has been provided.

(2) In addition to providing the Certificate of Insurance, upon request of the COUNTY, CONTRACTOR shall provide COUNTY with a certified copy of each of the policies of insurance providing the coverage required by this Agreement within thirty (30) days after receipt of the request. Certified copies of policies may only be provided by the Insurer, not the agent or broker.

(3) Deductible and self-insured retention amounts must be declared to and approved by COUNTY and must be reduced or eliminated upon written request from COUNTY. The risk of loss within the deductible amount, if any, in the insurance purchased and maintained pursuant to this document must be borne by CONTRACTOR.

(4) The insurer's cost of defense, including attorney's fees and attorney's fees on appeal, must not be included within the policy limits, but must remain the responsibility of the insurer for all General Liability, Auto Liability, Employers' Liability, and Umbrella Liability coverages.

(5) In the event of loss covered by Property Insurance, the proceeds of a claim must be paid to COUNTY and COUNTY shall apportion the proceeds between COUNTY and CONTRACTOR as their interests may appear.

(6) Additional Insured: Seminole County, Florida, its commissioners, officials, officers, and employees must be included as Additional Insureds under General Liability, Umbrella Liability, Business Auto Liability, Pollution Liability, and Cyber Liability policies. Such is only applicable if the aforementioned policies are required per this Agreement or Exhibit D. Such policies shall provide exception to any "Insured versus Insured" exclusion for claims brought by or on behalf of Additional Insureds.

(7) Coverage: The insurance provided by CONTRACTOR pursuant to this Agreement must apply on a primary and non-contributory basis and any other insurance or self-insurance maintained by the Seminole County Board of County Commissioners or COUNTY's officials, officers, or employees must be in excess of and not contributing with the insurance provided by CONTRACTOR.

(8) Waiver of Subrogation: All policies must be endorsed to provide a Waiver of Subrogation clause in favor of the Seminole County, Florida and its respective officials, officers,

and employees. This Waiver of Subrogation requirement does not apply to any policy that includes a condition that specifically prohibits such an endorsement or voids coverage should the Named Insured enter into such an agreement on a pre-loss basis.

(9) Provision: Commercial General Liability and Umbrella Liability Policies, if required by this Agreement or Exhibit D, must be provided on an occurrence rather than a claims-made basis.

(c) Insurance Company Requirements. Insurance companies providing the insurance must meet the following requirements.

(1) Such companies must be either: (a) authorized by maintaining Certificates of Authority or Letters of Eligibility issued to the companies by the Florida Office of Insurance Regulation to conduct business in the State of Florida, or (b) with respect only to the coverage required by this Agreement for Workers' Compensation/Employers' Liability, authorized as a group self-insurer by Section 624.4621, Florida Statutes, as this statute may be amended from time to time.

(2) In addition, such companies other than those authorized by Section 624.4621, Florida Statutes, as this statute may be amended from time to time, must have and maintain a Best's Rating of "A-" or better and a Financial Size Category of "VII" or better according to A.M. Best Company.

(3) If, during the period which an insurance company is providing the insurance coverage required by this Agreement, an insurance company, (A) loses its Certificate of Authority or Letter of Eligibility, (B) no longer complies with Section 624.4621, Florida Statutes, as this statute may be amended from time to time, or (C) fails to maintain the Best's Rating and Financial Size Category, then CONTRACTOR shall immediately notify COUNTY as soon as CONTRACTOR has knowledge of any such circumstance and, upon request of COUNTY,

immediately replace the insurance coverage provided by the insurance company with a different insurance company meeting the requirements of this Agreement. Until such time as CONTRACTOR has replaced the unacceptable insurer with an insurer acceptable to the COUNTY, CONTRACTOR will be deemed to be in default of this Agreement.

(d) Specifications. Without limiting any of the other obligations or liabilities of CONTRACTOR, CONTRACTOR, at CONTRACTOR's sole expense, shall procure, maintain, and keep in force amounts and types of insurance conforming to the minimum requirements set forth in Exhibit D. Except as otherwise specified in this Agreement, the insurance must become effective prior to the commencement of work by CONTRACTOR and must be maintained in force until final completion or such other time as required by this Agreement. The amounts and types of insurance must conform to the following minimum requirements:

(1) Workers' Compensation/Employers' Liability.

(A) CONTRACTOR's insurance must cover CONTRACTOR and its subcontractors of every tier for those sources of liability which would be covered by the latest edition of the standard Workers' Compensation and Employers Liability Policy (NCCI Form WC 00 00 00 A), as filed for use in Florida by the National Council on Compensation Insurance. In addition to coverage for the Florida Workers' Compensation Act, where appropriate, coverage is to be included for the United States Longshoremen and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act, Federal Employers' Liability Act and any other applicable federal or state law.

(B) Subject to the restrictions of coverage found in the standard Workers' Compensation and Employers Liability Policy, there must be no maximum limit on the amount of coverage for liability imposed by the Florida Workers' Compensation Act, and if applicable, the United States Longshoremen's and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act or any other

coverage customarily insured under Part One of the standard Workers' Compensation and Employers Liability Policy.

(C) The minimum limits to be maintained by CONTRACTOR are as specified in Exhibit D.

(D) If CONTRACTOR asserts an exemption to the provisions of Chapter 440, Florida Statutes, Workers' Compensation, as this statute may be amended from time to time, CONTRACTOR shall provide notification to COUNTY's Risk Manager with the Resource Management Department and shall complete the COUNTY's Workers' Compensation Waiver Request. Approval of exemption is subject to COUNTY's sole discretion. If approved, the named individuals listed in COUNTY'S approved exemption will be the only individuals authorized to perform work under this Agreement.

(E) Any vendor or contractor, including CONTRACTOR, using an employee leasing company must complete the COUNTY'S Leased Employee Affidavit.

(2) Commercial General Liability.

(A) CONTRACTOR's insurance must cover CONTRACTOR for those sources of liability which would be covered by the latest edition of the standard Commercial General Liability Coverage Form (ISO Form CG 00 01), as filed for use in the State of Florida by the Insurance Services Office, or equivalent acceptable to COUNTY. Such coverage must not contain any endorsements excluding or limiting Products/Completed Operations, Contractual Liability, or Separation of Insureds. If CONTRACTOR's work, or work under its direction, control, or sub-contract, requires blasting, explosive conditions, or underground operations, the comprehensive general liability coverage shall contain no exclusion relative to blasting, explosion, collapse of structures, or damage to underground property.

(B) ISO Endorsement CG 20 10 or CG 20 26 and CG 20 37 or their equivalent must be used to provide such Additional Insured status.

(C) The minimum limits to be maintained by CONTRACTOR are as specified in Exhibit D.

(3) Business Auto Liability.

(A) CONTRACTOR's insurance must cover CONTRACTOR for those sources of liability which would be covered by Section II of the latest edition of the standard Business Auto Policy (ISO Form CA 00 01), as filed for use in the State of Florida by the Insurance Services Office. Coverage must include owned, non-owned, and hired autos or any auto. In the event CONTRACTOR does not own automobiles, CONTRACTOR shall maintain coverage for hired and non-owned auto liability, which may be satisfied by way of endorsement to the Commercial General Liability policy or separate Business Auto Liability policy. If the contract involves operations governed by Sections 29 or 30 of the Motor Carrier Act of 1980, endorsement MCS-90 is required.

(B) If CONTRACTOR'S operations involve pollutants as defined in the ISO Form CA 00 01, Form CA9948, Pollution Liability – Broadened Coverage for Covered Autos, is required.

(C) The minimum limits to be maintained by CONTRACTOR are as specified in Exhibit D.

(4) Professional Liability Insurance.

(A) CONTRACTOR shall maintain an Errors & Omissions Liability policy providing professional liability coverage for any damages caused by wrongful acts, errors, or omissions.

(i) In the event that the professional liability insurance required by this contract is written on a claims-made basis, CONTRACTOR warrants that any retroactive date under the policy will precede the effective date of this Agreement and that either continuous coverage will be maintained, or an extended discovery period will be exercised for a period of three (3) years beginning at the time work under this contract is completed.

(ii) If CONTRACTOR contends that any of the insurance it maintains pursuant to other sections of this clause satisfies this requirement (or otherwise insures the risks described in this section), then CONTRACTOR shall provide proof of such satisfactory coverage, subject to approval of COUNTY.

(B) The minimum limits to be maintained by CONTRACTOR are as specified in Exhibit D.

(e) The maintenance of the insurance coverage set forth in this Section may not be construed to limit or have the effect of limiting CONTRACTOR's liability under the provisions of Section 16 concerning indemnification or any other provision of this Agreement.

Section 18. Dispute Resolution.

(a) In the event of a dispute related to any performance or payment obligation arising under this Agreement, the parties shall exhaust COUNTY administrative dispute resolution procedures prior to filing a lawsuit or otherwise pursuing legal remedies. COUNTY administrative dispute resolution procedures for proper invoice and payment disputes are set forth in Section 22.15, "Prompt Payment Procedures," Seminole County Administrative Code. COUNTY administrative dispute resolution procedures for contract claims related to this Agreement, other than for proper invoice and payment disputes, are set forth in Section 220.11, "Contract Claims," Seminole County Code of Ordinances.

(b) In any lawsuit or legal proceeding arising under this Agreement, CONTRACTOR hereby waives any claim or defense based on facts or evidentiary materials that were not presented for consideration in COUNTY administrative dispute resolution procedures set forth in subsection (a) above of which CONTRACTOR had knowledge and failed to present during COUNTY administrative dispute resolution procedures.

(c) In the event that COUNTY administrative dispute resolution procedures are exhausted, and a lawsuit or legal proceeding is filed, the parties shall exercise best efforts to resolve disputes through voluntary mediation and to select a mutually acceptable mediator. The parties participating in the voluntary mediation shall share the costs of mediation equally.

Section 19. Representatives of COUNTY and CONTRACTOR.

(a) It is recognized that questions in the day-to-day conduct of performance pursuant to this Agreement may arise. Upon request by CONTRACTOR, COUNTY shall designate and advise CONTRACTOR in writing of one or more of its employees to whom to address all communications pertaining to the day-to-day conduct of this Agreement. The designated representative will have the authority to transmit instructions, receive information, and interpret and define COUNTY's policy and decisions pertinent to the work covered by this Agreement.

(b) At all times during the normal work week, CONTRACTOR shall designate or appoint one or more representatives who are authorized to act on behalf of CONTRACTOR and bind CONTRACTOR regarding all matters involving the conduct of the performance pursuant to this Agreement, and who will keep COUNTY continually and effectively advised of such designation.

Section 20. All Prior Agreements Superseded. This Agreement incorporates and includes all prior negotiations, correspondence, conversations, agreements, or understandings applicable to the matters contained in this Agreement and the parties agree that there are no

commitments, agreements, or understandings concerning the subject matter of this Agreement that are not contained or referred to in this document. Accordingly, it is agreed that no deviation from the terms of this Agreement may be predicated upon any prior representations or agreements, whether oral or written.

Section 21. Modifications, Amendments, or Alterations. No modification, amendment, or alteration in the terms or conditions contained in this Agreement will be effective unless contained in a written amendment executed with the same formality and of equal dignity with this Agreement.

Section 22. Independent Contractor. Nothing in this Agreement is intended or may be construed as in any manner creating or establishing a relationship of co-partners between the parties, or as constituting CONTRACTOR (including its officers, employees, and agents) as an agent, representative, or employee of COUNTY for any purpose or in any manner whatsoever. CONTRACTOR is and will remain forever an independent contractor with respect to all services performed under this Agreement.

Section 23. Employee Status. Persons employed by CONTRACTOR in the performance of services and functions pursuant to this Agreement have no claim to pension, workers' compensation, unemployment compensation, civil service, or other employee rights or privileges granted to COUNTY's officers and employees, either by operation of law or by COUNTY.

Section 24. Services Not Provided For. No claim for services provided by CONTRACTOR not specifically provided for in this Agreement will be honored by COUNTY.

Section 25. Public Records Law.

(a) CONTRACTOR acknowledges COUNTY's obligations under Article 1, Section 24, Florida Constitution and Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, to release public records to members of the public upon request. CONTRACTOR acknowledges that COUNTY is required to comply

with Article 1, Section 24, Florida Constitution and Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, in the handling of the materials created under this Agreement and this statute controls over the terms of this Agreement. Upon COUNTY's request, CONTRACTOR shall provide COUNTY with all requested public records in CONTRACTOR's possession or shall allow COUNTY to inspect or copy the requested records within a reasonable time and at a cost that does not exceed costs as provided under Chapter 119, Florida Statutes.

(b) CONTRACTOR specifically acknowledges its obligations to comply with Section 119.0701, Florida Statutes, with regard to public records and shall perform the following:

(1) CONTRACTOR shall keep and maintain public records that ordinarily and necessarily would be required by COUNTY in order to perform the services required under this Agreement,

(2) CONTRACTOR shall provide COUNTY with access to public records on the same terms and conditions that COUNTY would provide the records and at a cost that does not exceed the cost provided in Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, or as otherwise provided by law.

(3) CONTRACTOR shall ensure public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements are not disclosed, except as authorized by law.

(c) Upon termination of this Agreement, CONTRACTOR shall transfer, at no cost to COUNTY, all public records in possession of CONTRACTOR, or keep and maintain public records required by COUNTY under this Agreement. If CONTRACTOR transfers all public records to COUNTY upon completion of this Agreement, CONTRACTOR shall destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. If CONTRACTOR keeps and maintains the public records upon completion of this Agreement, CONTRACTOR shall meet all applicable requirements for retaining public records.

All records stored electronically must be provided to COUNTY, upon request of COUNTY, in a format that is compatible with the information technology systems of COUNTY.

(d) Failure to comply with this Section will be deemed a material breach of this Agreement for which COUNTY may terminate this Agreement immediately upon written notice to CONTRACTOR. CONTRACTOR may also be subject to statutory penalties as set forth in Section 119.10, Florida Statutes.

(e) **IF CONTRACTOR HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO CONTRACTOR'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS CONTRACT, CONTRACTOR MAY CONTACT THE CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS, THE SEMINOLE COUNTY PURCHASING AND CONTRACTS MANAGER, AT 407-665-7116, PURCH@SEMINOLECOUNTYFL.GOV, PURCHASING AND CONTRACTS DIVISION, 1301 E. SECOND STREET, SANFORD, FL 32771.**

Section 26. Governing Law, Jurisdiction, and Venue. The laws of the State of Florida govern the validity, enforcement, and interpretation of this Agreement. The sole jurisdiction and venue for any legal action in connection with this Agreement will be in the courts of Seminole County, Florida.

Section 27. Compliance with Laws and Regulations. In providing all services pursuant to this Agreement, CONTRACTOR shall abide by all statutes, ordinances, rules, and regulations pertaining to or regulating the provision of such services, including those now in effect and subsequently adopted. Any violation of these statutes, ordinances, rules, or regulations will

constitute a material breach of this Agreement and will entitle COUNTY to terminate this Agreement immediately upon delivery of written notice of termination to CONTRACTOR.

Section 28. Patents and Royalties. Unless otherwise provided, CONTRACTOR is solely responsible for obtaining the right to use any patented or copyrighted materials in the performance of this Agreement. CONTRACTOR, without exception, shall indemnify and save harmless COUNTY and its employees from liability of any nature or kind, including costs and expenses for or on account of any copyrighted, patented, or unpatented invention, process, or article manufactured or supplied by CONTRACTOR. In the event of any claim against COUNTY of copyright or patent infringement, COUNTY shall promptly provide written notification to CONTRACTOR. If such a claim is made, CONTRACTOR shall use its best efforts to promptly purchase for COUNTY the legitimate version of any infringing products or services or procure a license from the patent or copyright holder at no cost to COUNTY that will allow continued use of the service or product. If none of these alternatives are reasonably available, COUNTY shall return the article on request to CONTRACTOR and receive reimbursement, if any, as may be determined by a court of competent jurisdiction.

Section 29. Notices. Whenever either party desires to give notice to the other, it must be given by written notice, sent by registered or certified United States mail, return receipt requested, addressed to the party for whom it is intended at the place last specified. The place for giving of notice will remain such until it has been changed by written notice in compliance with the provisions of this Section. For the present, the parties designate the following as the respective places for giving of notice:

For COUNTY:

Seminole County Risk Management Division
1101 E. 1st. St.
Sanford, FL 32771

With a copy to:

Seminole County Purchasing & Contracts Division
1301 E. Second Street
Sanford, FL 32771

For CONTRACTOR:

Dean, Ringers, Morgan & Lawton, P.A.
201 E. Pine St., Suite 1200
Orlando, FL 32801

Section 30. Rights At Law Retained. The rights and remedies of COUNTY provided for under this Agreement are in addition and supplemental to any other rights and remedies provided by law.

Section 31. Headings and Captions. All headings and captions contained in this Agreement are provided for convenience only, do not constitute a part of this Agreement, and may not be used to define, describe, interpret or construe any provision of this Agreement.

Section 32. E-Verify System Registration.

(a) CONTRACTOR must register with and use the E-Verify system to verify the work authorization status of all new employees prior to entering into this Agreement with COUNTY. If COUNTY provides written approval to CONTRACTOR for engaging with or contracting for the services of any subcontractors under this Agreement, CONTRACTOR must require certification from the subcontractor that at the time of certification, the subcontractor does not employ, contract, or subcontract with an unauthorized alien. CONTRACTOR must maintain a copy of the foregoing certification from the subcontractor for the duration of the agreement with the subcontractor.

(b) If COUNTY has a good faith belief that CONTRACTOR has knowingly violated this Section, COUNTY shall terminate this Agreement. If COUNTY terminates this Agreement with CONTRACTOR, CONTRACTOR may not be awarded a public contract for at least one (1) year after the date on which this Agreement is terminated. If COUNTY has a good faith belief that

a subcontractor knowingly violated this Section, but CONTRACTOR otherwise complied with this Section, COUNTY must promptly notify CONTRACTOR and order CONTRACTOR to immediately terminate its agreement with the subcontractor.

(c) CONTRACTOR shall execute and return the Affidavit of E-Verify Requirements Compliance, attached to this Agreement as Exhibit E, to COUNTY.

Section 33. Foreign Country of Concern Attestation. When providing services to COUNTY involving access to personally identifiable information, as defined in Section 501.171, Florida Statutes, CONTRACTOR shall also execute and return the Foreign Country of Concern Attestation, attached and incorporated to this Agreement as Exhibit F. Through this attestation, CONTRACTOR affirms that it is neither owned nor controlled by a government of a Foreign Country of Concern, nor organized under the laws of such a country, as required by section 287.138, Florida Statutes.

Section 34. Anti-Human Trafficking Affidavit. In accordance with Section 787.06(13), Florida Statutes, CONTRACTOR shall attest under penalty of perjury, that CONTRACTOR does not use coercion for labor or services as defined in Section 787.06(2), Florida Statutes. Attestations shall be documented using a Human Trafficking Affidavit attached and incorporated to this Agreement as Exhibit G. Such Affidavit shall be required when executing, renewing or extending a contract.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have made and executed this Agreement for the purposes stated above.

ATTEST:

Broussard Cullen & Eldridge, P.A.

, Witness

By: _____
, President

(CORPORATE SEAL)

Date: _____

SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA

Witness

By: _____
Gladys Marrozos, Procurement Administrator

Print Name

Date: _____

Witness

Print Name

As authorized for execution by the Board of
County Commissioners at its _____,
20____, regular meeting.

11/13/2024 (PCD12/27/2024)

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Attachments:

- Exhibit A - Scope of Services
- Exhibit B - Sample Purchase Order
- Exhibit C - Contract Pricing
- Exhibit D - Insurance Requirements
- Exhibit E - Affidavit of E-Verify Requirements Compliance
- Exhibit F - Foreign Country of Concern Attestation
- Exhibit G- Anti-Human Trafficking Affidavit

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Scope of Services

The Seminole County Board of County Commissioners is a qualified self-insured entity with program coverage for General Liability. Claims against the County are investigated, evaluated, and administered by County Risk Management professionals and a third-party administrator. These matters involve highly technical areas of the law which require the retention of skilled and expert legal counsel. Disposition of claims is made by the Risk Manager, with direction from the Resource Management Director, County Manager, or Board of County Commissioners depending on the amount of the claim or settlement.

The County will award one contract for tort litigation services to be administered by the Risk Management Division. The work is primarily general liability concerning defense of lawsuits for bodily injury and automobile liability claims, with the possibility of an occasional errors and omissions or employment practices claim. Workers' compensation and labor matters are not included in this Scope of Services.

The County makes no assurance retention as counsel for the County will result in any minimum number of cases referred.

Attorneys must have extensive experience analyzing and litigating claims made against Florida state and local governments.

Requests for performance of professional services by the Attorney under this agreement will be made in writing by the Risk Manager on behalf of the County.

I. INTRODUCTION

The primary purpose for these guidelines is to provide a clear and uniform framework of how the County wants cases to be managed with respect to handling communications, settlement, and billing.

The County contracts with a Third-Party Administrator (TPA) to handle most aspects of claims management. However, Risk Management plays an active role, particularly in litigation. The TPA has a responsibility to insurance carriers and is responsible for claim reporting to excess insurance carriers.

II. COMMUNICATION

A. All assignments will be referred to you directly by the Risk Manager. Reports shall be directed to the County's Risk Manager, with copies to the TPA claims adjuster who is handling the file and the County Attorney's Office. The attorney shall be available for County meetings as requested.

B. Within thirty (30) days of receipt of the file, attorney shall submit a report containing at least the following information:

1. A statement of the facts as you know them.

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2. Your theory of defense and the legal basis supporting your theory.
3. Relevant investigation and/or discovery required to prevail under your theory.
4. A written analysis of the case which provides the initial evaluation of the case and identifies the strengths and weaknesses of the case.
5. Pertinent statutes and/or case law that may affect the outcome of litigation.

Subsequent reports should provide updates on these items at least every ninety (90) days, or sooner if events dictate.

C. Within sixty (60) days following receipt of the case, counsel shall prepare and send all of the following (except as indicated in this document or otherwise directed):

1. INVESTIGATION: Counsel shall identify any additional information or documentation that is needed to disprove the plaintiffs' claims or to establish defenses. To the extent possible, investigation and information gathering shall be done by the County or through use of resources available through contracts maintained by the County's TPA.

2. STRATEGY: Counsel shall define the strategy to be used in each lawsuit and may include:

- a. The anticipated course of action (i.e., motion to dismiss, motion for summary judgment, negotiated settlement, trial, etc.) to be taken.
- b. The factors or elements which must be proved or disproved and the necessary discovery to establish these defenses or proof.
- c. The timing of the discovery, filing of motions, negotiations, or other objectives.
- d. A description of how the work will be distributed among those who will be working on the case.
- e. The tactics to be used in defending the case and the advantages to be gained using these tactics.

3. BUDGET: Counsel may be asked to provide an estimate of the anticipated cost of each significant aspect of the case including:

- a. Discovery
- b. Motions
- c. Hearing appearances
- d. Other

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- A. Post Pretrial Conference status report must be sent no later than ten (10) days after every Pretrial Conference.
- B. Forty-five (45) days prior to Mediation, attorney shall submit a report which should include issues to be mediated, recommendations, and evaluation.
- C. Attorney must finalize the mediation strategy with the County's Risk Manager at least twenty (20) days prior to mediation.
- D. Sixty (60) days before trial, attorney shall submit a pretrial report to include evaluation and recommendations.
- E. Once you have had a file for six (6) months, attorney will send a letter to the County discussing your plan for closing the file, unless you have sent the County a report in the previous thirty (30) days.
- F. All correspondence should be concise. Use a captioned format to highlight specific and separate issues, i.e., MEDICAL ISSUES, RECOMMENDATIONS FOR WORK TO BE DONE, SETTLEMENT OPTIONS, ETC. Correspondence, other than routine emails, shall be converted to .pdf format; contain the signature of the attorney; be in a searchable format; and be uniquely named in a manner associating the file name with the claim and subject matter.
- G. Discovery, particularly depositions, must be conducted with a specific goal and defense theory in mind. Aimless or misdirected depositions are totally unacceptable. All depositions must be approved by the Risk Manager prior to scheduling. A brief summary of each deposition should be sent as soon as possible after each deposition. Deposition must be coordinated with the Risk Manager's schedule as he/she generally attends all depositions.
- H. All settlement demands should be reported immediately. In all cases, always provide us with all realistic options including compromise and settlement, even if you are convinced, we have a winner. Always provide your professional opinion on which option you believe is in our best interest and never convey a settlement demand from a claimant's attorney without commenting on the reasonableness of the demand along with your recommended response.
- I. Upon request of the County's Risk Manager, and at such other times as deemed necessary, counsel shall provide written or oral evaluation of the litigation. Under no circumstance is counsel to retain services of any provider, such as surveillance, medical evaluation, expert witness, etc. without obtaining prior specific authority from the County's Risk Manager.
- J. Whenever your correspondence contains a request for action on the part of the County's TPA, be certain it is captioned. .

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- K. Subrogation: Be sure to include a separate section in your evaluation report and all subsequent reports addressing the potential for recovery from any other source, if applicable.
- L. CONFIDENTIAL: It is understood that communications between this firm and the named defendants, servicing agency, and Risk Management will be considered work product, which is confidential and privileged until the claim, litigation, or proceedings are concluded. See Florida Statute Section 119.07. It is also understood all such correspondence will most likely eventually become Public Record.
- M. The County expects to receive an electronic copy of all documents filed with the Court by any party. This can be accomplished by providing a County email address to the Court, through the use of an email forwarding service, or by forwarding the documents upon receipt. This should be accomplished as an administrative task and unbilled. Counsel may bill for status reports necessary to explain, expand on, or provide legal advice related to such documents, if necessary. However, documents which are merely administrative or clearly self-explanatory should not incur such reports.

III. SETTLEMENTS

Legal counsel shall not settle any claim or litigation without prior written authorization from the Risk Manager. For claims that have exceeded the County's self-insured retention (SIR), legal counsel shall not settle any claim or litigation without ensuring County or TPA has secured prior written authorization of the Excess Carrier.

IV. BILLING - HOURLY RATE AS STATED IN CONTRACT

All bills for legal services and costs shall be submitted monthly. All bills shall state with particularity the legal work performed, the actual time expended to perform the work, the costs incurred, and who performed the work. Time shall be expressed in increments of one tenth (.10) of one hour. Attorneys submitting the bills for payment are responsible for the content of the bills and will work with the Risk Manager and TPA to resolve any problems or answer questions. All bills shall be directed to the TPA for payment or a bill review company as directed by the County. Travel outside the Counties of Orange, Osceola, Volusia, or Seminole must be pre-approved by the Risk Manager. All copies and postage shall be considered overhead and must not be billed under this agreement.

All outside vendor type expenses such as Court Reporters, Federal Express, Photographs, Process Servers, Court Fees, Experts, etc., shall be billed as "pass through" items, without any markup or multiplier. Copies of the invoice supporting the charge shall be included, as a matter of ongoing practice, with the Attorney's bill for services on which that outside service fee is based.

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V. DEFENSE COUNSEL LITIGATION GUIDELINES

Staffing

We expect only one primary lawyer to be assigned to each case. Seminole County recognizes that circumstances occasionally dictate the use of a second attorney. If a second attorney is necessary, please consult Seminole County Risk Management for approval. Prior approval must be documented.

We endorse the use of paralegals for those aspects of a claim which do not have to be prepared by a lawyer, however a goal should be to minimize the number of people necessary to get the job done, and therefore the following applies:

No one other than approved personnel should charge for time expended on the case. Should an unavoidable schedule conflict arise requiring substitution of one attorney for another, Seminole County should be notified in advance and approval given. Even where approval is granted, Seminole County will not reimburse the firm for any extra time expended by the second attorney to prepare for the activity (which would not have been expended by the assigned attorney). Should there be a change in the staffing of a case, the firm will not be reimbursed for time expended by the new personnel to become familiar with the matter.

Daily Hours Billed

Seminole County will not reimburse for individual timekeepers billing more than 10 hours per day without prior approval from Risk Management.

Secretarial/ Clerical Functions at Professionals Rates

Seminole County requires that only professional services be the subject of billing. There are numerous functions, which are basically administrative, secretarial, or clerical in nature, which are not billable. Some of those functions are as follows:

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1. Scheduling and arrangements for meetings, appointments, depositions, and court appearances: whether by phone, email, or otherwise.
2. Reminder phone calls or emails for scheduled meetings, appointments, depositions, court appearances, etc.
3. Calendaring.
4. Conflict checks.
5. Organizing and re-organizing files (if it does not involve sorting case documents such as individual documents attached to requests for production of documents).

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6. Bates stamping.
7. Indexing file materials (unless it involves indexing case documents wherein professional judgment as to the index categories must be utilized).
8. Tabbing file materials.
9. Pick-up and delivery of documents and records.
10. Telephone calls and or correspondence to copy services, providers, court reporters.
11. Creating and organizing binders, folders, and notebooks.
12. Processing vendor bills.
13. Collating.
14. Organizing for storage.
15. Copying and binding.
16. Filing and re-filing.
17. Inventorying documents.
18. Photocopying documents.
19. Instructions to vendors.
20. Making travel arrangements.

The above list is not all-inclusive.

Seminole County will not pay for secretarial, clerical, or administrative functions performed by attorneys, paralegals, or non-professional staff such as secretarial, clerical, computer, library and/or other non-professional personnel.

Proofreading/Revisions

SEMINOLE COUNTY will not reimburse the firm for time expended on revision or modification of the work product of a junior attorney by a senior attorney. SEMINOLE COUNTY will not reimburse the firm for proofreading documents for typographical/dictation errors or stylistic changes.

Intra-Office or Inter-Office Conferencing and Memoranda

SEMINOLE COUNTY should not be billed for intra-office conferencing and memoranda. Memoranda and letters which simply announce deposition dates; court dates; mediation dates, and similar matters which do not require professional judgment are

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not billable. However, we will pay for the preparation of memoranda summarizing any approved legal research so long as the memorandum is provided to SEMINOLE COUNTY.

Incomplete Phone Calls and Emails

SEMINOLE COUNTY should not be charged for incomplete phone calls, such as when you have merely left a message for a return call. Also, SEMINOLE COUNTY should not be charged for your receipt of telephone messages, where you have merely been left a message to return a phone call. Similarly, simple emails sent requesting a person to call, provide a best time to call, advise if they are available for a call, etc. should not be billed.

Professional Services Requiring Prior Approval

The following activities, outlined in more detail in the sections below, require approval from Seminole County Risk Management before they are performed by your firm:

- Handling of a matter by more than one attorney.
- Multiple personnel attending a function (e.g., deposition, meeting, hearing, trial, etc.).
- Engaging Expert Witnesses.
- Legal Research more than two hours.
- Motion Practice.
- Long distance travel.
- Messenger/Courier/Delivery/Express/Overnight Document and Mail Services (whether by USPS, UPS, FedEx, or other carriers).
- Database/Data Entry charges.

NOTE: All activities requiring approval must be indicated on the invoice with the name of the Seminole County personnel approving. Failure to indicate the person granting prior approval on the invoice will result in non-payment of the billing entry.

Use of Multiple Personnel at a Function

The attendance of more than one attorney, paralegal, etc. representing SEMINOLE COUNTY, whether at a deposition, hearing, mediation, or meeting, is discouraged and prior approval is required from SEMINOLE COUNTY.

Repetitive file reviews, document reviews and/or other preparation by more than one attorney and/or paralegal for depositions, hearings, mediations or meetings is also discouraged and prior approval is required.

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Depositions

Depositions, when properly coordinated, provide information vital to a prompt and fair disposition of the claim. We request that you seek prior approval before scheduling the offensive deposition of any witness. Wait time more than (30) minutes charged on an invoice for a nonappearance at a deposition will not be reimbursed unless client approval is indicated.

Legal Research

You must obtain prior approval from SEMINOLE COUNTY before conducting any legal research for more than two hours.

It should be noted that we should not be charged for routine legal research. Matters of common knowledge among reasonably experienced counsel are non-chargeable items. Where circumstances exist that enable you to utilize your data or brief banks, the company should only be charged for the updating of previously researched materials. Copies of significant research products, such as legal research memoranda, should be forwarded to the SEMINOLE COUNTY.

General/Diary/Status Reviews

SEMINOLE COUNTY will not pay for a general, diary or status file review. A general, diary or status file review is defined as a review which is not precipitated by an event, such as a telephone call or receipt of correspondence, or does not result in the creation of any tangible work product.

Transfer File Reviews

SEMINOLE COUNTY will not pay for file reviews caused by an administrative decision by the firm to transfer the entire case or a portion of a case between firm personnel. Similarly, SEMINOLE COUNTY will not pay for file reviews to add personnel or replace personnel handling a case. SEMINOLE COUNTY will only pay for file review if your firm received a reassigned matter previously handled by other non-firm counsel for purposes of getting "up to speed" on the case.

Qualified Professionals

SEMINOLE COUNTY will only pay professional rates for attorneys, law clerks, or qualified paralegals performing proper functions in relation to a file. Billing for clerical, administrative, word processing, or other non-professional staff is not permitted.

SEMINOLE COUNTY will not pay for services rendered by clerical, library, administrative, computer, data entry, secretarial, or other non-professional personnel. All paralegal level tasks will be reimbursed at a paralegal rate regardless of who performs the task.

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Examples of billable activities, which can often be properly performed by paralegals, are as follows:

Preparation of Subpoena for employment and medical records CAVEAT: If you use a record copy service to issue a subpoena, preparation of the request form is appropriately a secretarial or clerical activity which is not compensable.

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1. Preparation of Subpoena for deposition, Preparation of Notice of Mediation.
2. Preparation of Notice of Deposition, Preparation of Notice of Hearing.
3. Preparation of Notice of Appearance, Preparation of Substitution of Attorney.
4. Preparation of legal documents required to set Depositions, Mediations, and Hearings.
5. Preparation of exhibit list.
6. Organization and re-organization of files if it involves case documents such as separating and cataloging responses to Requests for Production of Documents.
7. Indexing file materials if they are case documents requiring professional judgment with respect to categories.
8. Summarizing medical records and employment records.
9. Preparation of medical indices.
10. Preparation of records request(s).
11. Preparation of Authorization to Secure Records (medical, tax, IRS, employment, union, etc.).
12. Preparation of Notice of Denial, which does not require affirmative defenses, or specific denials.
13. Preparation of Requests to Produce (Form or Standard).
14. Preparation of Interrogatories (Form or Standard).
15. Preparation of Expert Interrogatories (Form or Standard).
16. Preparation of Motions to Compel (Form or Standard).
17. Preparation of form closing papers.

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18. Stipulation to Extend Time to Answer.

The above lists are not all-inclusive.

Messenger/Courier/Delivery Express/Overnight Document or Mail Services (whether by USPS, UPS, FedEx, or other carriers)

The use of messenger and expedited mail and document delivery services is considered part of the normal overhead costs of the law firm. The cost of these services is not accepted for reimbursement, except when the use of these services was at SEMINOLE COUNTY request or if an emergency occurs over which the firm has no control. In that event, reimbursement will be subject to prior SEMINOLE COUNTY approval. Prior approval must be noted in the billing entry with the name of the person giving approval.

Computer-Assisted Research/Database Charges

SEMINOLE COUNTY will not pay for computer-assisted research or database charges without prior approval. The use of research tools, such as Westlaw, Lexis, or other like databases or services, must be pre-approved and, if approved, must be billed for actual cost only with no markup or multiplier.

Non-Reimbursable Disbursements

The following costs will not be reimbursed by SEMINOLE COUNTY:

- Clerical or secretarial salaries or overtime expenses for full time or temporary staff
- Photocopies
- Printing charges relating to material received electronically or in electronic format
- Facsimiles
- Postage
- Local and or long-distance telephone charges
- Internet services
- Office supplies
- Document processing, word processing, data input or processing
- Meals for staff in the office, including late meals or conference meals
- Travel-related expenses to and from court appearances, mediations, depositions, hearings, business meetings, witness meetings, etc. in Seminole, Orange, Osceola, and Volusia counties.

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- Travel-related expenses such as alcoholic beverages, rental movies, personal grooming services, private limousine transportation as opposed to taxi or shuttle service, valet services, etc.

EXHIBIT B

FLORIDA SALES: 85-8013708974C-0
FEDERAL SALES/USE: 59-6000856

**Board of County Commissioners
PURCHASE ORDER****ORDER NUMBER: 48148**

ALL PACKING SLIPS INVOICES AND CORRESPONDENCE
MUST REFER TO THIS ORDER NUMBER

ORDER DATE	01/14/2021
REQUISITION	63930 - OR
REQUESTOR	
VENDOR #	409286
ANALYST	

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SUBMIT ALL INVOICES TO:
AP@seminoleclerk.org
Seminole Count Clerk & Comptroller
POST OFFICE BOX 8080
SANFORD, FL 32772
Accts. Payable Inquiries - Phone (407) 665
7656

**ORDER
INQUIRIES**

ITEM #	QTY	UNIT	ITEM DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	EXTENDED PRICE
1.00		EA		0.00	

**THIS ORDER IS SUBJECT TO THE TERMS & CONDITIONS
ON THE REVERSE SIDE OF THIS ORDER.**

TOTAL AMOUNT

00.00

PURCHASING AND CONTRACT DIVISION
1301 EAST SECOND STREET
SANFORD FLORIDA 32771
PHONE (407) 665-7116 / FAX (407) 665-7956

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE FOR THE SEMINOLE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Terms and Conditions

1. Acceptance/Entire Agreement. This Purchase Order ("PO") is entered into between Seminole County, Florida ("County") and the Supplier referenced herein (individually, referred to as "Party," and collectively, "Parties"). By accepting this PO, Supplier accepts all Terms and Conditions contained herein. This PO, including specifications and drawings, if any, and referenced documents, such as solicitations and responses constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties. Whenever terms and conditions of Main Agreement, if any, conflict with any PO issued pursuant to Main Agreement, Main Agreement will control.

2. Inspection. Notwithstanding any prior payment or inspection, all goods/services are subject to inspection/rejection by County at any time, including during manufacture, construction or preparation. To the extent a PO requires a series of performances by Supplier, County reserves right to cancel remainder of PO if goods/services provided during the term of PO are non-conforming or otherwise rejected. Without limiting any rights County may have, County, at its sole option, may require Supplier, at Supplier's expense to: (a) promptly repair or replace any or all rejected goods, or to cure or re-perform any or all rejected services; or (b) refund price of any or all rejected goods or services. All rejected goods will be held for Supplier's prompt inspection at Supplier's risk. Nothing contained in PO will relieve Supplier's obligation of testing, inspection and quality control.

3. Packing & Shipping. Unless otherwise specified, all goods must be packed, packaged, marked and prepared for shipment in a manner that is: (a) in accordance with good commercial practice; (b) acceptable to common carriers for shipment at the lowest rate for the particular good; (c) in accordance with local, state, and federal regulations; and (d) protected against weather. Supplier must mark all containers with necessary lifting, handling, shipping information, PO number, date of shipment and the name of the consignee and consignor. An itemized packing sheet must accompany each shipment.

4. Delivery; Risk of Loss. All goods are FOB destination, and risk of loss will remain with Supplier until delivery by Supplier and acceptance by County. Goods delivered by Supplier that are damaged, defective, or otherwise fail to conform to PO may be rejected by County or held by County at Supplier's risk and expense. County may charge Supplier for cost(s) to inspect, unpack, repack, store and re-ship rejected goods.

5. Delivery of Excess Quantities. If Supplier delivers excess quantities of goods without prior written authorization from County, excess quantities of goods may be returned to Supplier at Supplier's expense.

6. Time is of the Essence. Time is of the essence for delivery of goods /services under PO. Failure to meet delivery schedules or deliver within a reasonable time, as determined by County, entitles County to seek all remedies available at law or in equity. County reserves right to cancel any PO and procure goods/services elsewhere if delivery is not timely. Supplier agrees to reimburse County for all costs incurred in enforcing its rights. Failure of County to cancel PO, acceptance, or payment will not be deemed a waiver of County's right to cancel remainder of PO. Delivery date or time in PO may be extended if Supplier provides a written request in advance of originally scheduled delivery date and time and County agrees to delayed delivery in writing prior to originally scheduled delivery date and time.

7. Warranties. Supplier warrants to County that all goods/services covered by PO conform strictly to specifications, drawings or samples specified or furnished by County, and are free from: (a) defects in title; and (b) latent or patent defects in material or workmanship. If no quality is specified by County, Supplier warrants to County that goods/services are of the best grade of their respective kinds, meet or exceed applicable standards for industry represented, are merchantable (as to goods) and are fit for County's particular purpose. Supplier warrants that at the time County accepts the goods/services, the goods/services will have been produced, sold, delivered and furnished in strict compliance with all applicable federal and state laws, regulations, ordinances, rules, labor agreements and working conditions to which goods/services are subject. Supplier warrants the title to goods furnished under PO is valid, transfer of such title to County is rightful and goods are free of any claims or liens of any nature whatsoever, whether rightful or otherwise, of any person, corporation, partnership or association. All applicable manufacturers' warranties must be furnished to County at time of delivery of goods or completion of service. All warranties are cumulative and are in addition to any other express or implied warranties provided by law.

8. Indemnification. To the fullest extent permitted by law, Supplier assumes any and all liability for damages, breach of PO, loss or injury of any kind or nature whatsoever to persons or property caused by, resulting from or related to the goods/services provided under PO. To the fullest extent permitted by law, Supplier shall indemnify and hold harmless County, its commissioners, officers, employees and agents from and against any and all claims, damages, demands, lawsuits, losses, costs and expenses, including attorneys' fees, patent, copyright or trademark infringement, judgments, decrees of whatsoever nature which County may incur as a result of claims, demands, lawsuits or causes of action of any kind or nature arising from, caused by or related to goods/services furnished by Supplier, its officers, employees, agents, partners, principals or subcontractors. Remedies afforded to County by this section are cumulative with and in no way affect any other legal remedy County may have under PO or at law. Supplier's

obligations under PO must not be limited by any insurance coverage or by any provision in or exclusion or omission from any policy of insurance.

9. Insurance. Supplier, at its sole expense, shall maintain insurance coverage acceptable to County. All policies must name County as an additional insured. All Insurance Certificates must be provided to the Purchasing and Contracts Division within ten (10) days of request. Supplier shall notify County, in writing, of any cancellation, material change, or alteration to Supplier's Certificate of Insurance.

10. Modifications. PO may be modified or rescinded in writing by County.

11. Material Safety Data Sheets. At time of delivery, Supplier agrees to provide County with a current Material Safety Data Sheet for any hazardous chemicals or toxic substances, as required by law.

12. Pricing. Supplier agrees that pricing included on PO shall remain firm through and until delivery of goods and/or completion of services, unless otherwise agreed to by the Parties in writing.

13. Invoicing & Payment. After delivery of goods/services by Supplier and acceptance by the County, the Supplier must electronically submit an original invoice via email to AP@seminoleclerk.org or may mail the invoice, if electronic invoice is not available, to: Seminole County Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller, P.O. Box 8080, Sanford, Florida 32772. Invoices must be billed at pricing stipulated on PO and must include the County's Purchase Order Number. Thereafter, all payments and interest on any late payments will be paid in compliance with Florida Prompt Payment Act, §218.70, Florida Statutes.

14. Taxes. County is exempt from Florida sales tax, federal taxes on transportation charges and any federal excise tax. County will not reimburse Supplier for taxes paid.

15. Termination. County may terminate PO, in whole or in part, at any time, either for County's convenience or because of Supplier's failure to fulfill its obligations under PO, by written notice to Supplier. Upon receipt of written notice, Supplier must discontinue all deliveries affected unless written notice directs otherwise. In the event of termination, County will be liable only for materials procured, work completed or services rendered or supplies partially fabricated, within the authorization of PO. In no event will County be liable for incidental or consequential damages by reason of such termination.

16. Equal Opportunity Employer. County is an Equal Employment Opportunity ("EEO") employer, and as such, requires all Suppliers to comply with EEO regulations with regards to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability or genetic information, as may be applicable to Supplier. Any subcontracts entered into, as authorized by County, must make reference to this clause with the same degree of application being encouraged.

17. Assignment. Supplier may not assign, transfer, or subcontract PO or any right or obligation under it without County's written consent. Any purported assignment, transfer, or subcontract will be null and void.

18. Venue & Applicable Law. The laws of the State of Florida govern validity, enforcement, and interpretation of PO. The sole jurisdiction and venue for any legal action in connection with PO will be in the courts of Seminole County, Florida.

19. Fiscal Non-Funding. In the event sufficient budgeted funds are not available for payment to Supplier for a new fiscal period, County shall notify Supplier of such occurrence and PO will terminate on the last day of the current fiscal period without penalty or expense to County.

20. Public Records. Supplier acknowledges that PO and any related financial records, audits, reports, plans, correspondence and other documents may be subject to disclosure to members of the public pursuant to Chapter 119, Florida Statutes. Supplier shall maintain all public records and, upon request, provide a copy of requested records or allow records to be inspected within a reasonable time. Supplier shall also ensure that any public records that are exempt or confidential from disclosure are not disclosed except as authorized by law. In event Supplier fails to abide by provisions of Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, County may, without prejudice to any other right or remedy and after giving Supplier seven (7) days written notice, during which period Supplier still fails to allow access to such documents, terminate PO. **IF SUPPLIER HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO SUPPLIER'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO PO, CONTACT CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT: 407-665-7116, PURCH@SEMINOLECOUNTYFL.GOV, PURCHASING AND CONTRACTS DIVISION, 1301 E. SECOND STREET, SANFORD, FL 32771.**

21. Right to Audit Records. County will be entitled to audit the books and records of Supplier to the extent that the books and records relate to this PO. Supplier must maintain books and records relating to this PO for a period of three (3) years from the date of final payment under the PO, unless the County authorizes otherwise in writing.

22. Severability. If any section, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of PO are, for any reason, held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion will be deemed separate, distinct, and independent and such holding will not affect validity of remaining portion of PO.

23. Headings & Captions. All headings and captions contained in PO are provided for convenience only, do not constitute a part of PO, and may not be used to define, describe, interpret or construe any provision of PO.

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EXHIBIT C

Dean, Ringers, Morgan & Lawton, PA

PRICE PROPOSAL

RFP-604986-25 - Legal Services for Tort Litigation

POSITION	BILLING RATE HOURLY
Partner	\$185.00
Associate	\$165.00
Paralegals	\$95.00

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RFP-604986-25 LTT - LEGAL SERVICES FOR TORT LITIGATION

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

The following insurance requirements and limits of liability are required:

A. Workers' Compensation & Employers' Liability Insurance:

Workers' Compensation:	Statutory	
Employers' Liability:	\$ 500,000	Each Accident
	\$ 500,000	Disease Aggregate
	\$ 500,000	Disease Each Employee

B. Commercial General Liability Insurance:

\$ 1,000,000	Per Occurrence
\$ 2,000,000	General Aggregate
\$ 1,000,000	Products and Completed Operations
\$ 1,000,000	Personal and Advertising Injury

C. Business Automobile Liability Insurance:

\$ 1,000,000	Combined Single Limit (<u>Any Auto</u> or <u>Owned, Hired, and Non-Owned Autos</u>)
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D. Professional Liability: \$ 5,000,000 Per Claim

~~ End Exhibit ~~

EXHIBIT E

Agreement Name: _____

Agreement Number: _____

AFFIDAVIT OF E-VERIFY REQUIREMENTS COMPLIANCE

The CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with section 448.095, Florida Statutes, and to incorporate in all subcontracts the obligation to comply with section 448.095, Florida Statutes.

1. The CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR shall utilize the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system to verify the employment eligibility of all new employees hired by the CONSULTANT during the term of the Agreement and shall expressly require any subcontractors performing work or providing services pursuant to the Agreement to likewise utilize the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system to verify the employment eligibility of all new employees hired by the subcontractor during the Agreement term.
2. That the CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR understands and agrees that its failure to comply with the verification requirements of Section 448.095, Florida Statutes or its failure to ensure that all employees and subcontractors performing work under Agreement Number _____ are legally authorized to work in the United States and the State of Florida, constitutes a breach of this Agreement for which Seminole County may immediately terminate the Agreement without notice and without penalty. The CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR further understands and agrees that in the event of such termination, the CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR shall be liable to the county for any costs incurred by the County as a result of the CONSULTANT'S/CONTRACTOR'S breach. DATED this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Consultant Name

By: _____

Print/Type Name: _____

Title: _____

STATE OF _____

COUNTY OF _____

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me by means of ☐ physical presence OR ☐ online notarization, this _____ day of _____, 20____, by _____ (Full Name of Affiant).

Print/Type Name _____

Notary Public in and for the County
and State Aforementioned

My commission expires: _____

EXHIBIT F

**FOREIGN COUNTRY OF CONCERN ATTESTATION
(PUR 1355)**

This form must be completed by an officer or representative of an entity submitting a bid, proposal, or reply to, or entering into, renewing, or extending, a contract with a Governmental Entity which would grant the entity access to an individual's Personal Identifying Information. Capitalized terms used herein have the definitions ascribed in [Rule 60A-1.020, F.A.C.](#)

is not owned by the government of a Foreign Country of Concern, is not organized under the laws of nor has its Principal Place of Business in a Foreign Country of Concern, and the government of a Foreign Country of Concern does not have a Controlling Interest in the entity.

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have read the foregoing statement and that the facts stated in it are true.

Printed Name:

Title:

Signature:

Date:

EXHIBIT G

HUMAN TRAFFICKING AFFIDAVIT

CONTRACT # _____

In compliance with Section 787.06(13), Florida Statutes, this Affidavit must be completed by an officer or representative of a nongovernmental entity that is executing, renewing, or extending a contract with Seminole County (the "Governmental Entity").

The undersigned, on behalf of the entity listed below (the "Nongovernmental Entity"), hereby attests under penalty of perjury as follows:

1. I am over the age of 18 and I have personal knowledge of the matters set forth herein.
2. I am an officer or representative of _____, a non-governmental entity and I am authorized to provide this affidavit on behalf of such.
3. Nongovernmental Entity, and any of its subsidiaries or affiliates, do not use coercion for labor or services, as those terms are defined in Section 787.06, Florida Statutes, as may be amended from time to time.
4. If, at any time in the future, Nongovernmental Entity does use coercion for labor or services, Nongovernmental Entity will immediately notify Seminole County and no contracts may be executed, renewed, or extended between the parties.
5. I have read the foregoing affidavit and confirm that the facts stated in it are true, and are made for the benefit of, and reliance by Seminole County.

Nongovernmental Entity: _____

Authorized Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Printed Name: _____

Title: _____

STATE OF _____

COUNTY OF _____

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by means of ☐ physical presence or ☐ online notarization, this ____ day of _____, 20____, by

_____, as _____ on behalf of the

Nongovernmental Entity. They ☐ are personally known to me or ☐ have produced

_____ as identification.

(Affix Notary Stamp or Seal)

Notary Public Signature

Print, Type or Stamp Name of Notary: _____

My commission expires: _____