

March 22, 2023

- AMEND BOARD REPORT 23-0222-AR4**
- AMEND BOARD REPORT 23-0125-AR8**
- AMEND BOARD REPORT 22-1207-AR4**
- AMEND BOARD REPORT 22-0928-AR2**
- AMEND BOARD REPORT 22-0824-AR5**
- AMEND BOARD REPORT 22-0727-AR7**
- AMEND BOARD REPORT 22-0622-AR5**

**AUTHORIZE CONTINUED RETENTION OF VARIOUS OUTSIDE COUNSEL LAW FIRMS  
ON AN HOURLY OR FLAT FEE BASIS**

**THE GENERAL COUNSEL REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:**

Continued retention of various outside counsel law firms for Fiscal Year 2023.

This July 2022 amends #17 Ice Miller LLP.

This August 2022 amends #12 Gordon Rees Scully Mansukhani, LLP.

This September 2022 amends #12 Gordon Rees Scully Mansukhani, LLP for additional spending authority for new matters and #17 Ice Miller LLP.

This December 2022 amends #16 Colette Holt & Associates, #20 Katten Muchin Rosenman, LLP, and #25 Nielsen, Zehe & Antas, P.C. for additional spending authority.

This January 2023 amends #17 Ice Miller LLP and #25 Nielsen, Zehe & Antas, P.C. for additional spending authority.

This February 2023 amends #16 Colette Holt & Associates for additional spending authority.

This March 2023 amends #9 Engler Callaway Baasten & Sruga, LLC. for additional spending authority.

**DESCRIPTION:** The General Counsel has continued the retention of various outside counsel law firms (see attached list of firms) to provide legal services to the Board in fiscal year 2023 on an hourly or flat fee basis, including, but not limited to the following legal services: representation in administrative hearings, affirmative litigation, consultative services, litigation defense, transactions, and such other matters as deemed appropriate by the General Counsel. The law firms and the not-to-exceed amounts authorized are set forth in Attachment A. As invoices are received, they will be reviewed by the General Counsel and, if satisfactory, processed for payment.

**LSC REVIEW:** LSC approval is not applicable to this report.

**AFFIRMATIVE ACTION STATUS:** None.

**FINANCIAL:** Charge \$5,363,800.00 ~~\$5,338,800.00~~ to Law Department - Professional Services:  
Budget Classification Fiscal Year 2023.....10210-115

**GENERAL CONDITIONS:**

Inspector General – Each party to the agreement shall acknowledge that, in accordance with 105 ILCS 5/34-13.1, the Inspector General of the Chicago Board of Education has the authority to conduct certain investigations and that the Inspector General shall have access to all information and personnel necessary to conduct those investigations.

Conflicts – The agreement shall not be legally binding on the Board if entered into in violation of the provisions of 105 ILCS 5/34-21.3 which restricts the employment of, or the letting of contracts to, former Board members during the one year period following expiration or other termination of their terms of office.

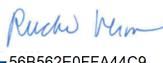
Indebtedness – The Board’s Indebtedness Policy adopted June 26, 1996 (96-0626-PO3), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

Ethics – The Board’s Ethics Code adopted May 25, 2011 (11-0525-PO2), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

Contingent Liability – The agreement shall contain the clause that any expenditure beyond the current fiscal year is deemed a contingent liability, subject to appropriation in the subsequent fiscal year budget(s).

APPROVED,

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General Counsel

**ATTACHMENT A****OUTSIDE COUNSEL LAW FIRMS**

<b>Firm/Practitioner</b>	<b>Not to exceed Authority</b>
1. Akerman LLP	\$50,000.00
2. Ancel Glink, P.C.	\$75,000.00
3. Borkan & Scahill, Ltd.	\$100,000.00
4. Brothers & Thompson, P.C.	\$10,000.00
5. Burke, Warren, Mackay & Serritella, P.C.	\$250,000.00
6. Clauss ADR, Inc.	\$40,000.00
7. Cournane, Brendan	\$200,000.00
8. Del Galdo Law Group, LLC	\$675,000.00
9. <u>Engler Callaway Baasten &amp; Sraga LLC</u>	<u>\$75,000.00</u> <del>\$50,000.00</del>
10. Fitzpatrick, Margaret	\$10,000.00
11. Franczek, P.C.	\$1,050,000.00
12. Gordon Rees Scully Mansukhani, LLP [Note: Amended in Board Report 22-0824-AR5 by \$25,000.00] [Note: Amended in Board Report 22-0928- AR2 by \$75,000.00]	\$110,000.00
13. Half (Robert) a Temporary Legal Services Agency	\$850,000.00
14. Hinshaw Culbertson	\$75,000.00
15. Hogan, Linda	\$40,000.00
16. Holt (Colette) & Associates [Note: Amended in Board Report 22-1207-AR4 by \$86,427.50] [ <u>Note: Amended in Board Report 23-0222- AR4 by \$47,372.50</u> ]	\$153,800.00

17.	Ice Miller LLP [Note: Amended in Board Report 22-0727-AR7 by \$30,000.00] [Note: Amended in Board Report 22-0928-AR2 by \$50,000.00] [Note: Amended in Board Report 23-0125-AR8 by \$50,000.00]	\$155,000.00
18.	Jackson Lewis P.C.	\$25,000.00
19.	Jarecki Law Group	\$200,000.00
20.	Katten Muchin Rosenman, LLP [Note: Amended in Board Report 22-1207-AR4 by \$140,000.00]	\$170,000.00
21.	Laner Muchin, LTD.	\$125,000.00
22.	LegalPeople	\$300,000.00
23.	Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP	\$10,000.00
24.	Lowder, Lee Ann	\$20,000.00
25.	Nielsen, Zehe & Antas, P.C. [Note: Amended in Board Report 22-1207-AR4 by \$150,000.00] [Note: Amended in Board Report 23-0125-AR8 by \$50,000.00]	\$300,000.00
26.	Reiter Burns, LLP	\$30,000.00
27.	Robinson, Stewart, Montgomery & Doppke LLC	\$25,000.00
28.	Salvatore, Prescott, Porter & Porter, PLLC	\$65,000.00
29.	Schiff Hardin, LLP	\$50,000.00
30.	Sotos Law Firm, P.C.	\$25,000.00
31.	Taft Stettinius & Hollister, LLP	\$25,000.00
32.	Thompson Coburn LLP	\$50,000.00
33.	Yahnig, Esther	\$25,000.00
	TOTAL NTE AUTHORITY:	<u>\$5,363,800.00</u> <del>\$5,338,800.00</del>