

CITY COUNCIL

The City of Orange Township, New Jersey

DATE January 17, 2023

NUMBER 39-2023

TITLE: **A RESOLUTION RETAINING ANTONELLI, KANTOR & RIVERA, LLC. AS SPECIAL COUNSEL WITH REGARD TO VARIOUS LEGAL MATTERS AND LITIGATION REGARDING THE CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$75,000.00 FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2023**

WHEREAS, various items of litigation and legal issues have been brought up from time to time for the City of Orange to address including but not limited to issues of public sector labor law, personnel matters, local governance inquiries, and other municipal law matters; and

WHEREAS, In Resolution No. 450-2022, adopted on November 14, 2022, Antonelli, Kantor & Rivera, LLC is a law firm authorized to represent the City, its officers and employees; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. requires that the resolution authorizing the award of a contract for "Professional Services" without competitive bids, and that said contract itself must be available for public inspection as set forth herein; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer of the City of Orange Township has prepared the necessary Certificate of Availability of Funds, a copy of which is attached hereto certifying that funds will be available for this purpose in Account No. 2-01-20-155-000-519, contingent upon Council approval and inclusion of said item in the Temporary Budget and adopted 2023 Budget, there will be sufficient funds to contract with Antonelli, Kantor & Rivera, LLC.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Orange Township, New Jersey, as follows:

1. The Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute the attached Agreement, in an amount not to exceed one hundred thousand dollars \$75,000.00, with Antonelli, Kantor & Rivera, P.C., 354 Eisenhower Parkway, Ste. 1000, Livingston, New Jersey 07039.
2. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law because the services in the field of law required are specialized, and require expertise in employment law generally.

Adopted: January 17, 2023

Joyce L. Lanier, City Clerk

Tency A. Eason, Council President

 R. M. EASON

The City of Orange Township

Agreement for Legal Services

This Agreement entered into as of the _____ day of _____, 2023, and is effective as of December 1, 2022, between:

City of Orange Township,
29 North Day Street, Orange New Jersey 07050 (“City”)

and

Antonelli, Kantor & Rivera, P.C.
354 Eisenhower Parkway, Ste. 1000
Livingston, New Jersey 07039, (“Ramon E. Rivera, Esq.”)

Under the terms and conditions as follows:

- 1) The City desires to engage the services of Ramon Rivera, Esq. and his firm Antonelli, Kantor & Rivera, P.C. as it pertains to legal needs of the City from time to time.
- 2) Ramon E. Rivera, Esq. and his approve designees shall perform all services as requested by the City including but not limited to labor, employment, personnel and like matters. The City Attorney retains the sole discretion as to the assignment of work to Ramon E. Rivera, Esq.
- 3) Antonelli, Kantor & Rivera, P.C. shall be compensated by the City for all services rendered at a rate of \$150.00 per hour. Ramon E. Rivera, Esq. shall submit monthly invoices for services rendered. The monthly invoice shall be accompanied by a cover letter setting forth year to date billing.
- 4) Ramon E. Rivera, Esq. shall not be entitled to any other form of remuneration or benefit other than that identified herein.
- 5) Ramon E. Rivera, Esq. shall be required to provide monthly updates. Additional information may be requested by the City Attorney.
- 6) The performance of work under this contract may be terminated by the City whenever the City through its administration determines that the termination is necessary in the best interests of the City. Any such termination shall be

effected by delivery to Ramon E. Rivera, Esq. a Notice of Termination which specifies the date upon which the contract is terminated.

- 7) In the event the City does terminate this Agreement, Antonelli, Kantor & Rivera, P.C. shall be entitled to compensation to the date of the termination.
- 8) Antonelli, Kantor & Rivera, P.C. shall commence work upon the execution of this Agreement.
- 9) Ramon E. Rivera, Esq. shall maintain private malpractice insurance in the amount of at least \$1,000,000 and provide a copy of same to City.
- 10) This Agreement has an expiration date of December 31, 2023. Any extension of this Agreement must be done in writing and agreed to by the City and Antonelli, Kantor & Rivera, P.C.

In Witness Hereof, the City and Ramon E. Rivera, Esq. have executed this agreement the day and year first written above.

Attest:

ANTONELLI, KANTOR & RIVERA, P.C.

By:

Ramon E. Rivera, Esq.
A Member of the Firm

Attest:

THE CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP

Joyce L. Lanier
Municipal Clerk

By:

Dwayne D. Warren, Mayor

Approved as to Form and Sufficiency

Gracia Robert Montilus, City Attorney

CITY COUNCIL**The City of Orange Township, New Jersey**DATE November 14, 2022NUMBER 450-2022

TITLE: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A LIST OF LAW FIRMS TO REPRESENT THE CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP IN REGARDS TO LITIGATION MATTERS ON AN AS NEEDED BASIS FOR A PERIOD OF ONE (1) YEAR FROM JANUARY 1, 2023 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023

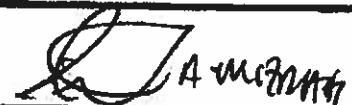
WHEREAS, on September 22, 2022, the City of Orange Township published Requests for Qualifications to establish a pool of qualified counsels to provide legal representation to the City, its officers and employees, in connection with lawsuits filed under the New Jersey Tort Claims Act, the Conscientious Employee Protection Act (CEPA), Laws Against Discrimination (LAD), contract matters and/or challenges to governmental action, and such other areas of municipal law as may be required; and

WHEREAS, seventeen (17) law firms have submitted resumes in response to the Request for Qualifications; and

WHEREAS, the Qualified Purchasing Agent evaluated the background and experience of each firm submitting responses to the City's Request for Qualifications; and

WHEREAS, the City Attorney recommends the law firms:

1. David C. Stanziale, LLC
552 High Mountain Road
North Halendon, New Jersey 07508
2. Lamb Kretzer, LLC
110B Meadowlands Parkway, Ste. 201
Secaucus, New Jersey 07094
3. The Antoine Law Firm, LLC
52 Underwood Street, Apt. 1L
Newark, New Jersey 07106
4. Florio, Kenny & Raval, LLP
125 Chubb Avenue
Lyndhurst, New Jersey 07071
5. Michael A. Armstrong & Associates, LLC
79 Mainbridge Lane
Willingboro, New Jersey 08046
6. Steven S. Glickman, LLC
150 Morris Avenue, Ste. 303
Springfield, New Jersey 07081
7. Bell, Shivas & Bell, P.C.
150 Mineral Springs Drive
P.O. Box 220
Rockaway, New Jersey 07866



Michael A. Armstrong

8. Chasan Lamperello, Mallon & Cappuzzo
300 Lighting Way, Ste. 200
Secaucus, New Jersey 07094
9. Antonelli Kantor, P.C.
354 Eisenhower Pkwy, Ste. 1000
Livingston, New Jersey 07039
10. Flanagan, Barone & O'Brien, LLC
4 Essex Avenue, Ste. 200
Bernardsville, New Jersey 07924
11. Renaud DeAppolonio, LLC
190 North Avenue E.
Cranford, New Jersey 07016
12. Law Office of Marco De Stefano, Esq., LLC
2030 Emerson Avenue
Union, New Jersey 07083
13. Aloia Law Firm, LLC
2 Broad Street, Suite 510
Bloomfield, New Jersey 07003
14. Biancamano & Di Stefano, P.C.
Executive Plaza
10 Parsonage Road, Suite 300
Edison, New Jersey 08837
15. La Corte, Bundy, Varady & Kinsella
989 Bonnel Court
Union, New Jersey 07083
16. Simmons Law LLC
1349 Lake Street
Plainfield, New Jersey 07060
17. Marmero Law, LLC
44 Euclid Street
Woodbury, New Jersey 08096

WHEREAS, said firms will only be selected to provide legal services on an as needed basis; and

WHEREAS, all recommended firms have agreed to provide legal services at an hourly rate of \$150.00 per hour; and

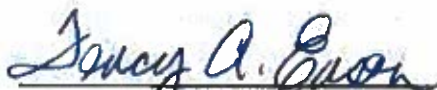
WHEREAS, the City Attorney has determined that the above referenced law firms are qualified to provide the legal services as set forth above.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Orange Township, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into Agreements with said law firms as required.

Adopted: **November 14, 2022**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Joyce L. Danier".

Joyce L. Danier
City Clerk

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tency A. Eason".

Tency A. Eason
Council President



STATE OF NEW JERSEY BUSINESS REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE

Taxpayer Name: ANTONELLI KANTOR PC
Trade Name:
Address: 354 EISENHOWER PARKWAY, SUITE 1000
LIVINGSTON, NJ 07039
Certificate Number: 2108712
Effective Date: February 03, 2017
Date of Issuance: November 10, 2021

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