## CITY COUNCIL

# The City of Orange Township, New Jersey

DATE

September 5, 2023

NUMBER 348-2023

TITLE:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SERVICES OF THE ANTOINE LAW FIRM, LLC, TO REPRESENT POLICE OFFICER JOSHUA ANDERSON, POLICE OFFICER TAAL HARRIS, POLICE OFFICER PALMIERI, POLICE OFFICER RICHARD ROSAMILIA AND POLICE OFFICER RYAN MCKAY IN THE MATTER OF "NICHOLAS VICTORIA V. JOSHUA ANDERSON, ET AL" DOCKET NO. 2:23-CV-03765 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$10,000.00 FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2023

WHEREAS, there exists a need for the City of Orange Township to retain legal representation on behalf of City of Orange Township in connection with litigation, "Nicholas Victoria v. Joshua Anderson, et al."; and,

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 450-2022, adopted on November 14, 2022, authorized The Antoine Law Firm, LLC, to represent the City, its officers and employees; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. authorizes 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, a certification of funds is not required because the payer of this agreement is the City's insurance carrier, PEJIF.

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

- 1. The Mayor and the City Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute the attached Agreement, in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00, with The Antoine Law Firm, LLC, 542 Morristown Road, Linden, New Jersey 07036.
- 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.
- 3. That the Agreement herein and this resolution is contingent upon certification of funds and appropriate funding to render payment for the services provided herein.

Adopted: September 3, 2023	
Joyce Lanier	Tency A. Eason
City Clerk	Council President

#### **AGREEMENT**

THIS AGREEMENT, made this day of ,2023, by and between the CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP, a municipal corporation of the State of New Jersey, having its principal office at 29 North Day Street, Orange, New Jersey 07050 (hereinafter referred to as "City") and The Antoine Law Firm, LLC, 542 Morristown Road, Linden, NJ 07036 (hereinafter referred to as "Counsel");

#### WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, the City of Orange Township agrees to retain special counsel on behalf of the City and The Antoine Law Firm, LLC, is agreeable to perform all the necessary legal matters pursuant to Resolution No. 450-2022, adopted on November 14, 2022 and Counsel is agreeable to perform such legal services for the City, as to such matters.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of the terms and conditions set forth herein, it is agreed as follows:

- 1. The Antoine Law Firm, LLC, is hereby retained as Special Counsel for City of Orange Township for the following matters: Nicholas Victoria v. Police Officer Joshua Anderson, Police Officer Taal Harris, Police Officer Richard Rosamilia and Police Officer Ryan McKay, John Doe Individuals (1-100), et al. Counsel shall carry out all responsibilities in regard to such matters. All services shall be performed under the supervision and discretion of the City Attorney.
- 2. The City of Orange Township agrees to compensate Counsel for such legal services at the hourly rate of \$150.00, not to exceed Ten Thousand (\$10,000.00) Dollars, as follows:

Payment for services rendered by Counsel shall be due upon presentation of an official voucher with attached, detailed itemization which shall include a description of services rendered, hours expended, as well as disbursements claimed. It is agreed that all vouchers must be accepted by the City as to form and documentation before payment will be made. All statements for services rendered will be presented to the City on a monthly basis and should be received by the City no later than the last working day of the month following the month for which the services are rendered.

- 3. Counsel shall provide proof of professional liability insurance and shall maintain such insurance in effect during the term of this Agreement. Counsel shall indemnify and hold the City harmless against any liability, claims or costs arising out of any claim for negligence arising out of the performance of their duties hereunder.
- 4. The failure of the City at any time to insist upon a strict performance of any terms, conditions and covenants herein shall not be deemed a waiver of any subsequent breach or default in the terms, conditions and covenants herein contained.
- 5. This Agreement shall be binding on the heirs, successors, and assigns of each party hereto. The term of this Agreement shall be for a period not to exceed one (1) year from the date of this Agreement and The Antoine Law Firm, LLC, shall continue to serve in all matters assigned to him/her as to this issue prior to the end of the term to their completion.
- 6. Counsel shall serve under the supervision and discretion and at the pleasure of the City Attorney.
- 7. This Agreement contains all the terms and conditions agreed upon by the parties hereto, and there are no other agreements, oral or otherwise, between the parties regarding the subject matter of this Agreement.
- 8. No alterations, changes, modifications or variations of this Agreement or the terms thereof shall be valid unless in writing and signed by both of the parties hereto or their duly authorized representative.
- 9. This Agreement is made subject to and shall be construed and governed by the laws of the State of New Jersey.
- 10. During the performance of this Contract, Counsel agrees as follows:
  - (a) Counsel will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of age, race, creed, national origin, ancestry, marital status or sex. Counsel will take affirmative action to ensure that such applicants are recruited and employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status or sex. Such action shall include, but not be limited to the following: employment, upgrading,

demotion or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and, selection for training, including apprenticeship.

(b) Counsel agrees to comply with any regulations promulgated by the Treasurer of the State of New Jersey, pursuant to <u>P.L.</u> 1975, <u>c.</u> 127, as amended and supplemented from time to time.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, and intending to be legally bound hereby, the parties have hereunto affixed their hands and seals the day and year first written above.

	CITT OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP
	By:
	Dwayne D. Warren, Esq., Mayor
ATTEST:	
Joyce Lanier, Municipal Clerk	**
Joyce Daniel, Municipal Clerk	THE ANTOINE LAW FIRM, LLC
	By:
ATTEST:	The Antoine Law Firm, LLC.
in a	
Approved as to form and sufficiency:	
Gracia Robert Montilus	
City Attorney	

## CITY COUNCIL

# The City of Orange Township, New Jersey

DATE November 14, 2022

NUMBER <u>450-2022</u>

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

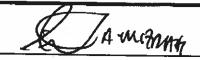
WHEREAS, on September 22, 2022, the City of Orange Township published Requests for Qualifications to establish a pool of qualified counsels to provide legal representation to the City, its officers and employees, in connection with lawsuits filed under the New Jersey Tort Claims Act, the Conscientious 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:

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



- Chasan Lamperello, Mallon & Cappuzzo 300 Lighting Way, Ste. 200 Secaucus, New Jersey 07094
- Antonelli Kantor, P.C.
   354 Eisenhower Pkwy, Ste. 1000
   Livingston, New Jersey 07039
- Flanagan, Barone & O'Brien, LLC
   Essex Avenue, Ste. 200
   Bernardsville, New Jersey 07924
- Renaud DeAppolonio, LLC
   190 North Avenue E.
   Cranford, New Jersey 07016
- Law Office of Marco De Stefano, Esq., LLC 2030 Emerson Avenue Union, New Jersey 07083
- Aloia Law Firm, LLC
   Broad Street, Suite 510
   Bloomfield, New Jersey 07003
- 14. Biancamano & Di Stefano, P.C.Executive Plaza10 Parsonage Road, Suite 300Edison, New Jersey 08837
- La Corte, Bundy, Varady & Kinsella
   989 Bonnel Court
   Union, New Jersey 07083
- Simmons Law LLC
   1349 Lake Street
   Plainfield, New Jersey 07060
- 17. Marmero Law, LLC44 Euclid StreetWoodbury, 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

Joyce L. Banier City Clerk

Tency A. Eason
Council President

## **RESOLUTION NO. 450-2022**

ON CONSENT AGENDA

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING - November 14, 2022** 

**MOTION TO ADOPT: Coley** 

SECOND: Montague, III

YEAS: Coley, Hilbert, Montague, III, Wooten & Council President Eason

NAYS: None

**ABSTENTIONS: None** 

ABSENCES: Ross & Summers-Johnson

# STOR PAWERSEY BUSINESS REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE

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DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY DIVISION OF REVENUE PO BOX 282 TRENTON, N J 08649-0262

**TAXPAYER NAME:** 

THE ANTOINE LAW FIRM LLC

ADDRESS:

52 UNDERWOOD STREET APT. 1L NEWARK NJ 07038-0703 EFFECTIVE DATE:

03/19/18

TRADE NAME:

SEQUENCE NUMBER:

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ISSUANCE DATE:

03/19/18

New Jersey Division of Revenue

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(Rev. October 2018) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

#### **Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification**

▶ Go to www.irs.gov/FormW9 for instructions and the latest information.

Give Form to the requester. Do not send to the IRS.

	1 Name (as shown on your income tax return). Name is required on this line; do	not leave this line blank.			
	Vilson David Antoine				
	2 Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above				
	The Antoine Law Firm, LLC				
page 3.	3 Check appropriate box for federal tax classification of the person whose name following seven boxes.	4 Exemptions (codes apply only to certain entitles, not individuals; see instructions on page 3):			
a. Its on	☐ Individual/sole proprietor or ☐ C Corporation ☐ S Corporation single-member LLC	Partnership	☐ Trust/estate	Exempt payee code (if any)	
r typ uctio	Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (C=C corporation, S= Note: Check the appropriate box in the line above for the tax classification	Exemption from FATCA reporting			
Print or type. Specific Instructions on page	LLC if the LLC is classified as a single-member LLC that is disregarded fro another LLC that is <b>not</b> disregarded from the owner for U.S. federal tax pu is disregarded from the owner should check the appropriate box for the tax	code (if any)			
Ġ.	☐ Other (see instructions) ▶	. <u> </u>		(Applies to accounts maintained outside the U.S.)	
	5 Address (number, street, and apt, or suite no.) See instructions.		Requester's name a	and address (optional)	
See	52 Underwood Street, #1L				
0,	6 City, state, and ZIP code				
	Newark, NJ 07106				
	7 List account number(s) here (optional)				
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Par	Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)				
Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on line 1 to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is generally your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the instructions for Part I, later. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see How to get a TIN, later.					
	If the account is in more than one name, see the instructions for line 1. er To Give the Requester for guidelines on whose number to enter.	Also see What Name	and Employer 8 2	- 4 6 9 4 1 1 7	
Par	t II Certification				
Unde	penalties of perjury, I certify that:				
2. I ar Sei	number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification numb n not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from bac vice (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure longer subject to backup withholding; and	kup withholding, or (b	) I have not been r	otified by the Internal Revenue	
3. 1 ar	n a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below); and				
4. The FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that I am exempt from FATCA reporting is correct.					
you ha	ication instructions. You must cross out item 2 above if you have been no ave failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real est sition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contribution than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the certification, but	ate transactions, item a	2 does not apply. For rement arrangemen	or mortgage interest paid, it (IRA), and generally, payments	
Sign		31 <u> </u>	<sub>Date</sub> ▶ Febru	uary 22, 2023	
	neral Instructions	• Form 1099-DIV (d funds)	ividends, including	those from stocks or mutual	
Secti	on references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise	● Form 1099-MISC	(various types of in	ncome, prizes, awards, or gross	

noted.

Future developments. For the latest information about developments related to Form W-9 and its instructions, such as legislation enacted after they were published, go to www.irs.gov/FormW9.

#### **Purpose of Form**

An individual or entity (Form W-9 requester) who is required to file an information return with the IRS must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) which may be your social security number (SSN), individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN), adoption taxpayer identification number (ATIN), or employer identification number (EIN), to report on an information return the amount paid to you, or other amount reportable on an information return. Examples of information returns include, but are not limited to, the following.

• Form 1099-INT (interest earned or paid)

- proceeds)
- Form 1099-B (stock or mutual fund sales and certain other transactions by brokers)
- Form 1099-S (proceeds from real estate transactions)
- Form 1099-K (merchant card and third party network transactions)
- Form 1098 (home mortgage interest), 1098-E (student loan interest), 1098-T (tuition)
- Form 1099-C (canceled debt)
- Form 1099-A (acquisition or abandonment of secured property)

Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN.

If you do not return Form W-9 to the requester with a TIN, you might be subject to backup withholding. See What is backup withholding,