

CITY COUNCIL

The City of Orange Township, New Jersey

DATE February 6, 2024

NUMBER 97-2024

TITLE: **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE AGREEMENT WITH THE ANTOINE LAW FIRMS, LLC AS SPECIAL COUNSEL TO REPRESENT THE CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP IN THE MATTER, “ANTHONY ANTONUCCI, ET AL. V. CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP” DOCKET NO. ESX-L-005093-21 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$20,000.00 FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2024**

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 433-2021, as amended by Resolutions 248-2022 and 152-2023, The Antoine Law Firms, LLC, was and remains a law firms authorized to represent the City of Orange Township; and

WHEREAS, the City awarded the contract to The Antoine Law Firms, LLC under the “fair and open process” of the Pay-to-Play Law, N.J.S.A. 19-44A-20.4 et seq; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A 40A:11-15 limits the term of professional services contract to twelve (12) months; and

WHEREAS, the lawsuit is still ongoing and it is necessary for the City to renew its professional service contract with The Antoine Law Firms, LLC for an additional twelve (12) months period; and

WHEREAS, The Antoine Law Firms, LLC agreed to provide these services at an hourly rate of \$150.00, including expenses; 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. 4-01-20-155-000-519, contingent upon Council approval and inclusion of said item in the Temporary Budget and adopted 2024 Budget, there will be sufficient funds to contract with The Antoine Law Firms, LLC.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Orange Township, authorizes extending the contract with The Antoine Law Firms, LLC, 52 Underwood Street, #1L, Newark, New Jersey 07106, until December 31, 2024, in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00

Adopted: February 6, 2024

Joyce Lanier, Municipal Clerk

Tency A. Eason, Council President



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**AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT
EXTENSION AGREEMENT**

THIS EXTENSION AGREEMENT is made this _____ day of _____, 2024 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 Firms, LLC, 52 Underwood Street, #1L, Newark, New Jersey 07106 (hereinafter referred to as "Counsel");

It is mutually understood and agreed by and between the undersigned contracting parties to amend the previously executed Agreement as follows:

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 of one (1) year from the date of this Agreement and The Antoine Law Firms, 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.

All other terms and conditions that are not hereby amended are to remain in full force and effect.

CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP

By: _____
**Dwayne D. Warren, Esq.,
Mayor**

ATTEST:

Joyce Lanier, Municipal Clerk

THE ANTOINE LAW FIRMS, LLC

By: _____

ATTEST:

Approved as to form and sufficiency

**Gracia Robert Montilus
City Attorney**

COPY

**BUSINESS ENTITY DISCLOSURE CERTIFICATION
FOR NON-PAIR AND OPEN CONTRACTS
Required Pursuant To Ordinance 4-70, et seq.
CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP, NEW JERSEY**

Part I - Vendor Affirmation

The undersigned, being authorized and knowledgeable of the circumstances, does hereby certify that

The Antoine Law Firm, LLC

(Contractor)

has not made and will not make any reportable contributions pursuant to Ordinance 4-70 et seq. that would bar the award of this contract in the one year period preceding the date of reorganization to any of the following named candidate committee, joint candidates committee; or political party committee representing the elected officials of the **CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP** as defined pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-3(p), (q) and (r).

Deputy DA Warren, Eric Meyer	
Hon. Kerry J. Coley	
Hon. Adrienne K. Weston	
Hon. Tony A. Esch	
Hon. Clifford B. Ross	
Hon. Quintavia L. Hillbert	
Hon. Jamie Summers-Johnson	
Hon. Wayne M. Montagna	

Part II - Ownership Disclosure Certification

I certify that the list below contains the names and home addresses of all owners holding 10% or more of the issued and outstanding stock of the undersigned.

Check the box that represents the type of business entity:

- Partnership
 Corporation
 Sole Proprietorship
 Subchapter S Corporation
 Limited Partnership
 Limited Liability Corporation
 Limited Liability Partnership

Name of Stock or Shareholder	Home Address
Wilson David Antoine	6 Eton Rd, Livingston, NJ 07039

Part III - Signature and Attestation:

The undersigned is fully aware that if I have misrepresented in whole or part this affirmation and certification, I and/or the business entity, will be liable for any penalty permitted under law.

Name of Business Entity: The Antoine Law Firm, LLC

Signed: [Signature] Title: Managing Partner

Print Name: Wilson David Antoine Date: November 6, 2023

Subscribed and sworn before me the 6th day of November, 2023

[Signature] (Affiant)

My Commission expires: 2023

KATHLEEN BUCHNER
Notary Public, State of New Jersey
My Commission Expires Aug 3, 2028

& title of affiant) (Corporate Seal)

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
BUSINESS REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE

DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY
DIVISION OF REVENUE
PO BOX 252
TRENTON, N J 08646-0252

TAXPAYER NAME:

THE ANTOINE LAW FIRM LLC

ADDRESS:

52 UNDERWOOD STREET APT. 1L
NEWARK NJ 07036-0703

EFFECTIVE DATE:

03/19/18

TRADE NAME:

SEQUENCE NUMBER:

2217682

ISSUANCE DATE:

03/19/18



Director
New Jersey Division of Revenue

(04-08) D205846V

CITY COUNCIL

The City of Orange Township, New Jersey

DATE March 21, 2023

NUMBER 152-203

TITLE:

RESOLUTION RENEWING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH THE ANTOINE LAW FIRM, LLC AS SPECIAL COUNSEL TO REPRESENT THE CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP IN THE MATTER, "ANTHONY ANTONUCCI, ET AL. V. CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP, DOCKET NO. ESX-L-005093-21, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$20,000.00 FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2023"

WHEREAS, by Resolution Nos. 433-2021 and 248-2022, The Antoine Law Firm, LLC, was, and remains a law firm authorized to represent the City of Orange Township ("the City"), its officers and employees; and

WHEREAS, the City awarded the contract to The Antoine Law Firm, LLC under the "fair and open process" of the Pay-to-Play Law, N.J.S.A. 19-44A-20.4 et seq; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-15 limits the term of professional services contract to twelve (12) months; and

WHEREAS, the lawsuit is still ongoing and it is necessary for the City to renew its professional service contract with The Antoine Law Firm, LLC for an additional twelve (12) months period; and

WHEREAS, The Antoine Law Firm, LLC agreed to provide these services at an hourly rate of \$150.00, including expenses; 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. 3-01-20-155-000-519, contingent upon Council approval and inclusion of said item in the Temporary Budget and adopted 2023 Budget, there will be sufficient funds to contract The Antoine Law Firm, LLC.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township, authorizes extending the contract with The Antoine Law Firm, LLC, 542 Morristown Road, Linden, New Jersey 07036 until December 31, 2023, in an amount not exceed \$20,000.00.

Adopted: March 21, 2023

Joyce Lanier
City Clerk

Tency A. Eason
Council President


A. M. RAM
CITY ATTORNEY

CITY COUNCIL**The City of Orange Township, New Jersey**DATE September 21, 2021NUMBER 433-2021

TITLE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SERVICES OF THE ANTOINE LAW FIRM, LLC, TO REPRESENT CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP IN THE MATTER OF "ANTHONY ANTONUCCI ET AL. V. CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP" DOCKET NO. ESX-L-005093-21 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$20,000.00 FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2021

WHEREAS, there exists a need for the City of Orange Township to retain legal representation on behalf of the City of Orange Township in connection with litigation, "Anthony Antonucci v. City of Orange Township"; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 61- 2021, adopted on February 2, 2021, authorized The Antoine Law Firm, LLC, to represent the City of Orange Township, 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, the Chief Financial Officer of the City of Orange Township has prepared the necessary Certificate of Availability of Funds which certifies that funds are available in the Department of Law – Account No. 1-01-20-155-000-519.

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 \$20,000.00, 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 21, 2021


Joyce Labier
City Clerk
Kerry J. Coley
Council President

APPROVED AS TO FORM, SUFFICIENCY AND LEGALITY


Gracia Robert Montilus

RESOLUTION NO. 433-2021

ON CONSENT AGENDA

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING - September 21, 2021

MOTION TO ADOPT: Ross

SECOND: Johnson, Jr.

YEAS: Eason, Johnson, Jr., Ross, Summers-Johnson, Wooten & Council President Coley

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENCES: Montague, III

CITY COUNCIL

The City of Orange Township, New Jersey

DATE May 17, 2022

NUMBER 248-2022

TITLE: A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 433-2021 TO AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL ATTORNEY FEES FOR THE ANTOINE LAW FIRM, LLC, AS SPECIAL COUNSEL IN CALENDAR YEAR 2022 WITH REGARD TO "ANTHONY ANTONUCCL ET AL. V. CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP" DOCKET NO. ESX-L-005093-21 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$20,000.00

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 433-2021, adopted on September 21, 2021, The Antoine Law Firm, LLC was, and remains a law firm authorized to represent the City, its officers and employees; and

WHEREAS, the agreement referenced and authorized by Resolution 433-2021 was limited to an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 as a condition of said authorization; and

WHEREAS, the contract with The Antoine Law Firm, LLC to provide legal services expired; and


WHEREAS, the City of Orange Township has a continuing need for representation with regard to the matters and issues already set forth in Resolution No. 433-2021; 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 2022 Budget, there will be sufficient funds to contract The Antoine Law Firm, LLC.

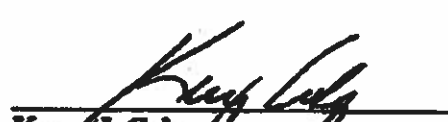
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Orange Township, that the Addendum to the Agreement between the City of Orange Township and The Antoine Law Firm, LLC, is hereby approved in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor Dwayne D. Warren, is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Addendum to the Agreement.

Adopted: **May 17, 2022**



Joyce Lohler
City Clerk



Kerry J. Coley
Council President



CITY COUNCIL**The City of Orange Township, New Jersey**DATE February 2, 2021NUMBER 61-2021

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 RETROACTIVE FROM JANUARY 1, 2021 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2021

WHEREAS, on October 29, 2020, 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, ten (10) 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. Michael A. Armstrong & Associates, LLC
79 Mainbridge Lane
Willingboro, New Jersey 08046
4. Childress & Jackson, LLC
280 South Harrison Street, Ste. 303
East Orange, New Jersey 07018
5. Florio, Kenny & Raval, LLP
125 Chubb Avenue
Lyndhurst, New Jersey 07071
6. Ruderman & Roth, LLC
150 Morris Avenue, Ste. 303
Springfield, New Jersey 07081
7. The Antoine Law Firm, LLC
52 Underwood Street, Apt. 1L
Newark, New Jersey 07106

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. Purcell, Mulcahy & Flanagan, LLC
4 Essex Avenue, Ste. 200
Bernardsville, New Jersey 07924

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 be and is hereby authorized to enter into Agreements with said law firms for a one (1) year period retroactively dating back to January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.

Adopted: February 2, 2021



Joyce L. Lanier
City Clerk



Tency A. Easton
Council Vice President

RESOLUTION NO. 61-2021

ON CONSENT AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING – February 2, 2021

MOTION TO ADOPT: Montague, III

SECOND: Ross

**YEAS: Eason, Johnson, Jr., Montague, III, Ross, Summers-Johnson and
Wooten**

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENCES: Council President Coley