

**AUTHORIZE RETENTION OF THE LAW FIRM
ROOKS, PITTS AND POUST**

THE GENERAL COUNSEL REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Retention of the law firm Rooks, Pitts and Poust.

DESCRIPTION: The law firm Rooks, Pitts and Poust has been retained by the General Counsel to represent individually-named defendants in the litigation captioned Jane Doe v. Board, et. al., 01 L 03738, now pending in the Circuit Court of Cook County. Rooks, Pitts and Poust and its principal, Karen Howard have extensive experience in tort litigation of this type and the General Counsel has determined that it is in the best interest of the Board and the individual defendants that separate counsel be retained for the individuals. Authorization for the firm's services is requested in the amount of \$35,000. 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 \$35,000.00 to Law Department - Legal and Supportive Services - Professional Services:
Budget Classification Fiscal Year 2002 0014-210-000-1011-5410

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.

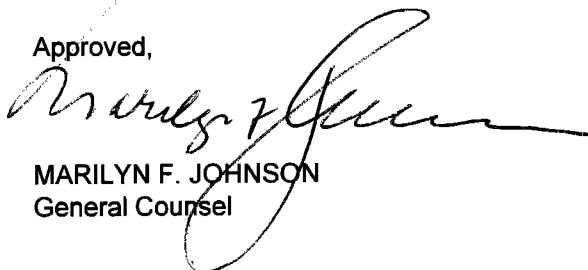
Conflicts - The agreement shall not be legally binding on the Board if entered into in violation of the provisions of 105 ILCS 5/34-21.3 which restricts the employment of, or the letting of contracts to, former Board Members during the one year period following expiration or other termination of their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

Indebtedness - The Board's Indebtedness Policy adopted July 26, 1995, (95-0726-EX3), as amended from time to time, is hereby incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

Ethics - The Board's Ethics Code adopted September 27, 1995, (95-0927-RU3), as amended from time to time, is hereby incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

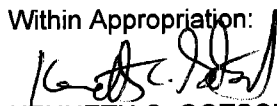
Contingent Liability - The agreement shall contain the clause that any expenditure beyond the current fiscal year is deemed a contingent liability, subject to appropriation in the subsequent fiscal year budget(s).

Approved,



MARILYN F. JOHNSON
General Counsel

Within Appropriation:



KENNETH C. GOTSCH
Chief Fiscal Officer