

April 24, 2019

**AUTHORIZE CONTINUED RETENTION OF THE LAW FIRM
THE SOTOS LAW FIRM, P.C.**

THE GENERAL COUNSEL REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Continue retention of the law firm The Sotos Law Firm, P.C.

DESCRIPTION: The General Counsel has continued retention of the law firm The Sotos Law Firm, P.C. to represent the Board's former employee, Divelle Yarborough, in relation to the lawsuit *Wordlow v. Yarborough and Board of Education*, Case No. 16 C 8040, pending in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois. Additional authorization is requested in the amount of \$35,000 for the firm's services. 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 Service - Professional Services:
Budget Classification Fiscal Year 2019.....10210-115

GENERAL CONDITIONS:

Inspector General – 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 non-privileged information 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,



JOSEPH T. MORIARTY
General Counsel