

May 24, 2023

**AUTHORIZE CONTINUED RETENTION OF REAL ESTATE  
OUTSIDE COUNSEL LAW FIRMS**

**THE GENERAL COUNSEL REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:**

Continued retention of various outside counsel law firms for Fiscal Year 2024.

**DESCRIPTION:** The General Counsel has continued the retention of outside counsel law firms (see attached list of firms) to provide legal services to the Board in fiscal year 2024 on an hourly or flat fee basis, to represent the Board of Education in real estate and construction matters. The law firms and the not-to-exceed amounts authorized are set forth in Attachment A. As invoices are received they will be reviewed by the General Counsel and the Director of Real Estate and if satisfactory, processed for payment.

**LSC REVIEW:** LSC approval is not applicable to this report.

**AFFIRMATIVE ACTION STATUS:** The firm Hill Law Offices is a Women-Owned Business Enterprise (WBE). The firm Neal & Leroy, LLC is a certified Minority Business Enterprise (“MBE”).

**FINANCIAL:** Charge: \$150,000.00 to Department of Real Estate – Cell Tower Installation Program  
Budget Classification FY 2023-2024.....11910.124.54125.253201.000388

Charge: \$1,000,000.00 to Department of Real Estate  
Budget Classifications FY 2024.....11910.230.54125.251148.000000

Future year funding is contingent upon budget appropriations and approval.

**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.

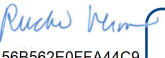
Conflicts – The agreement shall not be legally binding on the Board if entered into in violation of the provisions of 105 ILCS 5/34-21.3 which restricts the employment of, or the letting of contracts to, former Board members during the one year period following expiration or other termination of their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

Indebtedness – The Board’s Indebtedness Policy adopted 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,

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RUCHI VERMA  
General Counsel

**ATTACHMENT A****OUTSIDE COUNSEL LAW FIRMS**

	<b>Firm/Practitioner</b>	<b>Not to exceed Authority</b>
1.	Hill Law Offices (Deborah Hill)	\$150,000.00
2.	Neal & Leroy, LLC	\$1,000,000.00
	<b>TOTAL NTE AUTHORITY:</b>	<b>\$1,150,000.00</b>