

May 24, 2023

**AUTHORIZE CONTINUED RETENTION OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION
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 Workers' Compensation 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 or designee and, if satisfactory, processed for payment.

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

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION STATUS: None.

FINANCIAL: Charge \$221,000.00 to Talent Department - Professional Services:
Budget Classification Fiscal Year 2024.....12470-210

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**

	Firm/Practitioner	Not to exceed Authority
1.	Klauke Law Group	\$55,250.00
2.	Brady Connolly & Masuda, P.C.	\$55,250.00
3.	Nyhan, Bambrick, Kinzie & Lowry, P.C.	\$55,250.00
4.	Leahy Eisenberg & Fraenkel LTD	\$55,250.00
	TOTAL NTE AUTHORITY:	\$221,000.00

The firms are paid as an ALAE off WC claims and as part of the CCMSI allocated budget.