

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1, FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP, COUNTY OF SOMERSET, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE RETENTION OF CLEARY, GIACOBBE, ALFIERI, & JACOBS FOR THE POSITION OF DISTRICT SPECIAL COUNSEL**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Franklin, Somerset County, Board of Fire Commissioners, District No. 1, ("Board") has a need to appoint Special Counsel for the District; and





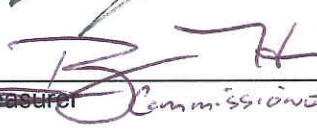


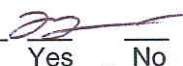


**WHEREAS**, the firm of Cleary, Giacobbe, Alfieri & Jacobs has submitted a proposal indicating that the firm will provide the legal services as sought by the Board at a rate of \$150.00 per hour; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board wishes to retain Cleary, Giacobbe, Alfieri & Jacobs for the purpose of providing the legal services sought by the Board; and


**WHEREAS**, funds are available for this purpose.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Fire Commissioners, District No.1, Township of Franklin, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The Board hereby authorizes the retention of Cleary, Giacobbe, Alfieri & Jacobs with offices located at 5 Ravine Drive, P.O. Box 533 Matawan, New Jersey as Special Counsel for the Board at an hourly rate of \$155.00 per hour and in an amount not to exceed \$7,500.00.
2. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a professional service in accordance with the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law because said services are performed by a person authorized by law to practice a recognized profession.
2. Notice of this action shall be published once in the Board's official newspaper as required by law.

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Chairman	Yes	No	Abstain
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Clerk	Yes	No	Abstain
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Treasurer	Yes	No	Abstain
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Commissioner	Yes	No	Abstain
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Commissioner	Yes	No	Abstain

Adopted: March 01, 2016

Adopted this 1<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2016 and certified as a true copy of an original.  
  
District Clerk

BRUCE W. PADULA, PARTNER  
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*Reply to: Matawan Office*

March 1, 2016

**VIA E-mail: dcuddy@ftfd1.com**

Commissioners of Fire District No. 1  
Township of Franklin  
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**Re: Proposal for Professional Services: Labor Counsel**

Dear Commissioners:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit the qualifications of our Firm, Cleary Giacobbe Alfieri Jacobs, LLC, to the Franklin Township Fire Commission No. 1 for consideration as Labor Counsel for 2016.

Our vast knowledge and experience with issues specific to fire commissions enables us to provide you with unparalleled legal services. As you may be aware, the Firm was recently retained by the Fire Commission to oversee its current Labor Law matters. During this time, I assisted the Franklin Township Fire Commission No. 1 in various legal matters and am familiar with its issues and concerns.

Our law firm is well-versed in the handling of collective bargaining and contractual negotiations, interest and grievance arbitration matters, personnel and disciplinary matters, litigation matters and complex issues pertinent to government entities. In addition, we presently represent approximately one hundred (100) public entities throughout New Jersey with great success. This experience puts our Firm in a unique position to assist the Franklin Township Fire Commission with its present and future legal and labor law issues.

As a Firm, we strive to respond quickly and efficiently to our clients' needs, I along with other members of the Firm, will be available to attend regularly scheduled meetings and special meetings, as needed. I have enclosed the required qualification documents, proposed fee structure and compensation information for your review. Biographical information for all of the Firm's attorneys can be found in the attached Firm Resume. You can also learn more about our Firm by visiting our website at [www.cgajlaw.com](http://www.cgajlaw.com).

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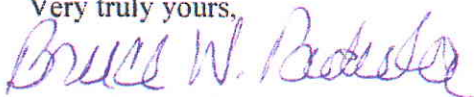
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This firm will furnish legal services at the rate of \$155.00 per hour. Please don't hesitate to contact me directly with any questions or concerns that you may have.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,



Bruce W. Padula, Esq.

Enclosures