



**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**FROM:** Executive Office


**SUBMITTAL DATE:** June 4, 2003

**SUBJECT:** Amendment to Indigent Defense Contract

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Supervisors approve the attached amendment to the existing contract with Criminal Defense Lawyers, and authorize the chairman to sign the amendment on behalf of the Board.

**BACKGROUND:**

The existing contract with the general partnership Criminal Defense Lawyers provides for legal services to indigents as directed by the Court when the Public Defender has a conflict preventing representation. This firm handles criminal cases in Riverside and the midcounty region. The current contract provides \$73,000 per month to investigative and administrative trust accounts, although actual costs thus far in the contract period have been much lower. The attached amendment allows the County to suspend these payments when the trust account balances become excessive, giving the County greater control of the monies and retaining interest earned in the General Fund. There is no current fiscal impact although there may be minor savings later in the contract term. County Counsel prepared and approved the attached amendment.

  
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Kathryn Field, Principal Management Analyst

**FINANCIAL DATA:**

<b>CURRENT YEAR COST:</b>	\$0	<b>ANNUAL COST:</b>	\$0
<b>NET COUNTY COST:</b>	\$0	<b>IN CURRENT YEAR BUDGET:</b>	yes
		<b>BUDGET ADJUSTMENT:</b>	no

**SOURCE OF FUNDS:** Indigent Defense Budget

**C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:** APPROVE.



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**County Executive Office Signature**

Department Recommendation:  Policy  Consent  
Per Executive Office:  Policy  Consent

Prev. Agn. ref. 3.47 of 9/24/02

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