

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

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FROM: Human Resources Department

SUBMITTAL DATE:
December 8, 2003

SUBJECT: Contract for Outside Defense Panel for Human Resources, Risk Management Division

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board ratify the attached new defense attorney Agreement for Legal Services.

BACKGROUND: Since the inception of the General Liability and Medical Malpractice self-insured programs, the County has utilized for the most part local outside Defense Attorneys based on their specific background, expertise and specialty in law. This Defense Panel, working under Human Resources/Risk Management's direction, has helped the County of Riverside succeed in achieving a high win/loss ratio and savings on expenses.

A number of our current Medical Malpractice Defense Panel attorneys from the firm Bonnie Bridges Mueller O'Keefe & Nicholas have separated from this firm and have established a new firm, Lubrani & Smith for the same purpose. Risk Management will retain their services by entering into an Agreement for Legal Services with Lubrani & Smith. The billing rates will remain the same as the current Panel rates of \$125.00 per hour. (continued on page two)

Ronald W. Komers
Asst. County Executive Officer/HR Director

FINANCIAL DATA	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ 15,000	In Current Year Budget:	Yes
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$	Budget Adjustment:	No
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ 45,000	For Fiscal Year:	2003/04
SOURCE OF FUNDS: ISF-Malpractice Insurance				Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30 <input type="checkbox"/>
				Requires 4/5 Vote <input type="checkbox"/>

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

County Executive Office Signature

- Policy
- Consent
- Dept's Recomm.:
- Per Exec. Ofc.:

Prev. Agn. Ref.: | **District:** | **Agenda Number:**

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In addition, the firm will be added to the General Liability Defense Panel. Mr. Doug Smith has extensive litigation experience in the various aspects of General and Auto Liability and the County will benefit from the addition of this firm to the County's General Liability Defense Panel.

County Counsel has reviewed the contracts and approved it as to form.