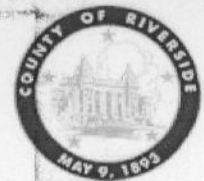


**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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FROM: Human Resources Department

SUBMITTAL DATE:
March 17, 2005

SUBJECT: Contracts for Outside Defense Panel for Risk Management

RECOMMENDED MOTION: 1) Approve the attached panel contract for La Follette, Johnson, DeHaas, Fesler, Silberberg and Ames, effective March 1, 2005; 2) Authorize the chairperson to sign three (3) sets of the contracts; and 3) Retain one (1) set and return two (2) sets of the executed Agreement to Human Resources for distribution.

BACKGROUND: Since the inception of the self insured programs of the General Liability and Medical Malpractice, the County has utilized, for the most part, local outside Defense Attorneys based on their background and specialty in law as authorized participants on the County's Defense Panel. The Defense Panel, and other outside single assignment defense counsel, working under Human Resources/Risk Management's direction, has helped the County of Riverside succeed in achieving a high win/loss ration and reduced expenses.

Departmental Concurrence

FORM APPROVED
COUNTY COUNSEL

MAR 17 2005

BY *Robert Lopez*

[Signature]

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

FINANCIAL DATA	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$	In Current Year Budget:	Yes
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$	Budget Adjustment:	No
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$	For Fiscal Year:	2004/05

SOURCE OF FUNDS: General Liability Fund	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 *[Signature]*

- Policy
- Policy
- Consent
- Consent

Dep't Recomm.:
Per Exec. Ofc.:

Prev. Agn. Ref.: | District: | Agenda Number: 3.27

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BACKGROUND continued

Michael Bell has left the firm Bell, Orrock & Watase to join the above named firm. Currently, Michael Bell is representing the County of Riverside on seven litigated claim files. Due to Michael Bell's expertise in Federal court cases as well as others, we are recommending Michael Bell continue on these files until each has been concluded and closed. The contract is for a single case assignment for each of the seven case files and will terminate when each case file is finalized.

County Counsel has reviewed the contract and approved them as to form. County Counsel also recommends the case files remain with Michael Bell.