

FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL  
 BY: *Robert J. DeWitt*  
 DATE: 12/17/08  
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**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
 COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**FROM:** Human Resources Department

**SUBMITTAL DATE:**  
 December 11, 2008

**SUBJECT:** Contracts for Defense Attorney & Investigator Panels for Workers' Compensation

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** Approve the law firm of Stockwell, Harris, Widom, Woolverton & Muehl to be added to our panel of attorneys.

**BACKGROUND:** The County had previously established a panel of Defense Attorneys pursuant to the Board's approval. The Defense Attorneys on the panel represent those who have demonstrated the skills and expertise to assist the County of Riverside in the provision of benefits to employees while, at the same time, aiding in efforts to reduce cost.

*[Handwritten Signature]*

Ronald W. Komers  
 Asst. County Executive Officer/Human Resources Dir.

<b>FINANCIAL DATA</b>	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:	2008/09

<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS:</b>	Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Requires 4/5 Vote	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

BY: *[Signature]*  
 Elizabeth J. Olson

County Executive Office Signature

- Consent
- Policy
- Consent
- Policy

Dept Recomm.:  
 Per Exec. Ofc.:

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

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**BACKGROUND continued:**

The addition of Stockwell, Harris, Widom, Woolverton & Muehler to the County of Riverside panel of Defense Attorney will expand the level of expertise within the panel. The firm has been carefully screened and evaluated. Their experience and proven record in both Workers' Compensation and Industrial Retirement Disability litigation will assist in the mitigation of claim cost and expense.

County Counsel has approved the contracts as to form. Workers' Compensation Division has approved the contracts as to content and standards.