

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

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FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL  
BY: AP Klotter 3/25/09  
DATE: MARSHAL L. VICTOR

Departmental Concurrence

**FROM:** Executive Office

**SUBMITTAL DATE:**  
March 24, 2009

**SUBJECT:** Indigent Defense Contracts for *People vs. Jackson C. Daniels, Jr.*

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Supervisors ratifies the attached two contracts, with attorneys Steven L. Harmon and Paul Grech, Jr., for legal services in connection with the above high-profile death penalty case.

**BACKGROUND:** The double-homicide case of *P. vs. Jackson Daniels* was remanded to Riverside Superior Court in December, 2007. The case involves the 1984 shooting of two Riverside police officers. In January, 2008, the court assigned as counsel for Mr. Daniels the attorneys who had represented him for the preceding 23 years, at the rate of \$170 per hour, at County expense. In January, 2009, the court relieved that defense team from the case and asked local attorneys Steve Harmon and Paul Grech to represent Mr. Daniels. The Harmon and Grech team is highly respected and qualified to handle this difficult and unusual case. Although the overall cost to defend this case is hard to estimate, if each attorney bills for 1,500 hours, the legal bills will total \$510,000. As with other death penalty defense expenses, recommendations to adjust the Indigent Defense budget will be submitted once costs are incurred. County Counsel prepared the attached contracts, in conformance with county standards.

Kathryn Field  
Kathryn Field, Deputy County Executive Officer

<b>FINANCIAL DATA</b>	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	est. \$100,000	In Current Budget:	no
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	est. \$100,000	Budget Adjustment:	no
	Annual Net County Cost:	est. \$400,000	For Fiscal Year:	FY 2008-09

<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS:</b> Indigent Defense Budget & General Fund Contingency	Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Requires 4/5 Vote	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

**APPROVE**  
BY: Gary M. Christmas  
Gary M. Christmas

County Executive Office Signature

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

Prev. Agn. Ref.: none | District: ALL | Agenda Number:

ATTACHMENTS FILED  
WITH THE CLERK OF THE BOARD

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