

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



ITEM: 3.13  
(ID # 18436)

**MEETING DATE:**  
Tuesday, March 08, 2022

**FROM :** HUMAN RESOURCES:

**SUBJECT:** HUMAN RESOURCES: Approve the attached lists of Pre-Qualified Legal Counsel, Defense Attorney and Investigator Panels for Risk Management and Workers Compensation Specialized Legal Services; All Districts. [\$0]

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the attached lists of Pre-Qualified Legal Counsel and Investigators for Risk Management and Workers Compensation Specialized Legal Services; and
2. Authorize the Risk Management Steering Committee (Executive Office, County Counsel, and Human Resources) and Workers Compensation Division Manager to utilize the services of the selected firms on an as needed basis; and
3. Authorize the Purchasing Agent, in accordance with Ordinance No. 459, based on the availability of fiscal funding and approved as to form by County Counsel to: Sign any agreements or amendments with firms on the approved lists.

**ACTION:**



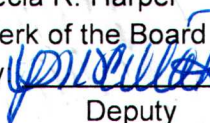
Brenda Diederichs, Assistant CEO / Human Resources Director 2/17/2022

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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

On motion of Supervisor Spiegel, seconded by Supervisor Perez and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes: Jeffries, Spiegel, Washington, Perez and Hewitt  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Date: March 8, 2022  
xc: HR, E.O., Co.Co.

Kecia R. Harper  
Clerk of the Board  
By   
Deputy

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<b>FINANCIAL DATA</b>	<b>Current Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>Next Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>Total Cost:</b>	<b>Ongoing Cost</b>
<b>COST</b>	\$ N/A	\$ N/A	\$ N/A	\$ N/A
<b>NET COUNTY COST</b>	\$ N/A	\$ N/A	\$ N/A	\$ N/A
<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS: N/A</b>			<b>Budget Adjustment: N/A</b>	
			<b>For Fiscal Year: N/A</b>	

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

**BACKGROUND:**

**Summary for Risk Management Pre-Qualified List**

In July 2017, the Risk Management Steering Committee (RMSC) which consists of the Executive Office, County Counsel, and Human Resources was established to provide a high-level review of the County's risk management process to reduce liability exposures and associated expenses. In addition, the RMSC reviews lawsuits served on the County and assigns counsel that is best suited to represent the County's interests.

In order to best represent the County in these cases, the RMSC proposes the updated attached list of panel firms be approved by the Board of Supervisors. These 32 firms have represented many public entities across the state and have significant experience in diverse areas such as civil rights, dangerous conditions of public property, employee relations, general government law, taxation law, election law, and appellate law, just to name a few. This panel will allow the County the flexibility to draw from firms with significant and varied expertise to best match the appropriate firm with a particular case or issue.

The RMSC will review cases when they are served on the County and determine whether County Counsel or special counsel will represent the County. The RMSC will then assign the case to the firm best suited to represent the County in that case. The approval of this pre-qualified list of 32 law firms will allow the RMSC to make assignments to the firm with the necessary experience and background to best represent the County. The goal is to obtain the best, most cost-effective representation designed to achieve the optimal result for the County.

For this reason, approval of the Risk Management Pre-Qualified List of Legal Counsel in Attachment A is being requested.

**Summary for Workers Compensation Pre-Qualified Lists**

On July 1, 2003, the Board approved Agenda No. 3.23, authorizing contracts with a panel of outside defense attorneys and investigators since the inception of the self-insured programs for workers' compensation.

The Human Resources Workers Compensation Division provides workers compensation coverage for those who are injured in the course and scope of their employment. The County of

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Riverside is self-administered and self-insured for its workers compensation insurance liabilities. The County of Riverside has established the Workers Compensation Division in the Human Resources Department to fulfill these legal requirements, provide benefits to industrially injured employees of the County of Riverside, and to protect the County from fraud and abuse. The County of Riverside has held a zero tolerance for fraud.

The Workers Compensation Division has developed the panel of 13 law firms that are knowledgeable and effective in the defense and litigation of the workers' compensation system.

The Workers Compensation Division also maintains a panel of 6 investigator firms which each have a reputation for innovative problem solving in gathering facts needed to document abuse and fraud cases.

For the above reasons, approval of the Workers Compensation Pre-Qualified Defense Attorney and Investigator Panels in Attachments B and C is being requested.

**Prev. Agn. Ref.:** M.O. 3.23 of 07/01/03; M.O. 3.13 of 10/16/18; M.O. 3.9 of 01/07/20

**Impact on Residents and Businesses**

A pre-qualified list of additional firms will allow the County to better select counsel with the appropriate expertise with each specific case. This will result in a more cost effective and efficient handling of cases.

**Additional Fiscal Information**

This Board action does not obligate any County funds. It would allow the Purchasing Agent and County Counsel, pursuant to Ordinance No. 459 and availability of fiscal funding, to approve any future agreements with firms on the approved lists. Legal fees would be paid on the claim files through charges to the Departments approved budgets at actuarially calculated rates.

**Contract History and Price Reasonableness**

Ordinance No. 459 allows for selection and award of contracts for workers compensation services and legal services including investigative services and retention of special counsel necessary to assist County Counsel from a Board-approved panel of firms.

The requested panels of legal and investigator service providers were established by interviewing firms in their area of expertise and negotiating fixed rates for services to be rendered, and agreements entered into, on an as-needed basis. Firms continuing on the panel are rated on their performance as far as responsiveness, billing practices, and ability to move and settle cases every three to five years, and the panels are adjusted as needed.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

**ATTACHMENT A.** Risk Management Pre-Qualified List of Legal Counsel

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- ATTACHMENT B.** Workers Compensation Pre-Qualified Defense Attorney Panel  
**ATTACHMENT C.** Workers Compensation Pre-Qualified Investigator Panel



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Suzanna Haskley, Assistant Director of Purchasing and Fleet Service

2/22/2022



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Gregory V. Priamos, Director County Counsel

2/24/2022

**ATTACHMENT A****Risk Management Pre-Qualified List of Legal Counsel**

<b>No.</b>	<b>Name of Firm</b>	<b>Address</b>
1.	Aarvig & Associates, APC	101 E Redlands Blvd, Ste 275 Redlands, CA 92373 aarviglaw.com
2.	Arias & Lockwood, a professional corporation	1881 S Business Center Dr, Ste 9A San Bernardino, CA 92408 ariaslockwood.com
3.	Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo, a professional law corporation	3880 Lemon St, Ste 350 Riverside, CA 92501 aalrr.com
4.	Bent Caryl & Kroll, LLP	6300 Wilshire Blvd, Ste 1415 Los Angeles, CA 90048 bcklegal.com
5.	Best Best & Krieger LLP	3390 University Ave, 5th Floor P.O. Box 1028 Riverside, CA 92502 bbklaw.com
6.	Bonne, Bridges, Mueller, O'Keefe & Nichols, Professional Corporation	355 S Grand Ave, Ste 1750 Los Angeles, CA 90071 bonnebridges.com
7.	Burke, Williams & Sorensen, LLP	1770 Iowa Ave, Ste 240 Riverside, CA 92507 bwslaw.com
8.	Cole Huber LLP	3401 Centrelake Dr, Ste 670 Ontario, CA 91761 socialinfo@colehuber.com
9.	Carpenter, Rothans & Dumont, LLP	500 S Grand Ave, 19th Floor Los Angeles, CA 90071 crdlaw.com
10.	Collins + Collins, LLP	790 E Colorado Blvd, 6th Floor Pasadena, CA 91101 ccllp.law
11.	Dean Gazzo Roistacher LLP	440 Stevens Ave, Ste 100 Solana Beach, CA 92075 deangazzo.com
12.	Disenhouse Law APC	3833 Tenth St Riverside, CA 92501 disenhouselaw.wordpress.com
13.	Ford, Walker, Haggerty & Behar, LLP	391 N Main St, Ste 201 Corona, CA 92880 fwhb.com

14.	Ferguson, Praet & Sherman, a professional corporation	1631 E 18th St Santa Ana, CA 92705
15.	Graves & King LLP	3610 Fourteenth St, 2nd Floor Riverside, CA 92501 gravesandking.com
16.	Greines, Martin, Stein & Richland LLP	5900 Wilshire Blvd, 12th Floor Los Angeles, CA 90036 gmsr.com
17.	Jones & Mayer	3777 N Harbor Blvd. Fullerton, CA 92835 jones-mayer.com
18.	Kjar, McKenna & Stockalper LLP	841 Apollo St, Suite 100 El Segundo, CA 90245 kmslegal.com
19.	Law Offices of S. Henslee Smith	1578 N Batavia St Orange, CA 92867
20.	Hurrell Cantrall LLP	300 S Grand Ave, Ste 1300 Los Angeles, CA 90071 hurrellcantrall.com
21.	Law Offices of Michael R. Kaiser	801 E Tahquitz Cyn Wy, Ste 101 Palm Springs, CA 92262 mkaiserlaw.com
22.	Lawrence Beach Allen & Choi, a professional corporation	100 W Broadway, Ste 1200 Glendale, CA 91210
23.	Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith LLP	633 W 5th St, Ste 4000 Los Angeles, CA 90071 lewisbrisbois.com
24.	Liebert Cassidy Whitmore, a professional corporation	6033 W Century Blvd, Ste 500 Los Angeles, CA 90045 lcwlegal.com
25.	Lynberg & Watkins, a professional corporation	1150 S Olive St, 8 <sup>th</sup> Floor Los Angeles, CA 90015 lynberg.com
26.	Manning & Kass, Ellrod, Ramirez, Trester LLP	801 S Figueroa St, 15th Floor Los Angeles, CA 90017 manningllp.com
27.	Morgenstern Law Group, a professional law corporation	5850 Canoga Ave, Ste 600 Woodland Hills, CA 91367 morgensternlawgroup.com
28.	Renne Public Law Group, LLP	350 Sansome St, Ste 300 San Francisco, CA 94104 rennepubliclawgroup.com
29.	Smith Law Offices, LLP	4001 11th St Riverside, CA 92501 smitlaw.com

30.	Thompson & Colegate LLP	3610 Fourteenth St P.O. Box 1299 Riverside, CA 92502 tclaw.net
31.	Wood Smith Henning & Berman LLP	21804 Cactus Ave, Ste 200 Riverside, CA 92518 wshblaw.com
32.	Woodruff, Spradlin & Smart, a professional corporation	555 Anton Blvd, Ste 1200 Costa Mesa, CA 92626 wss-law.com

**ATTACHMENT B****Workers Compensation Pre-Qualified Defense Attorney Panel**

<b>No.</b>	<b>Name of Firm</b>	<b>Address</b>
1.	Adams, Ferrone & Ferrone, Attorneys at Law, a law corporation	4333 Park Terrace Dr, Ste 200 Westlake Village, CA 91361 adamsferrone.com
2.	Bradford & Barthel, LLP	3270 Inland Empire Blvd, Ste 200 Ontario, CA 91764 P.O. Box 348450 Sacramento, CA 95834 bradfordbarthel.com
3.	Bredfeldt, Odukoya & Han, LLP	17300 Red Hill Ave, Ste 150 Irvine, CA 92614 980 Montecito Drive, Ste 201 Corona, CA 92879 riverside@bohlawfirm.com
4.	Brett M. Ehman, Attorney at Law	2971 W Montague Ave, Ste 203 North Charleston, SC 29418 ehmanlaw.com
5.	Floyd, Skeren, Manukian & Langevin, LLP	101 Moody Court, Suite 200 Thousand Oaks, CA 91360 floydskerenlaw.com
6.	Gilson Daub, Inc.	3005 S El Camino Real, San Clemente, CA 92672 gilsondaub.com
7.	Hallett, Emerick, Wells & Sareen, Professional Law Corporation	325 W Hospitality Lane, Ste 300 San Bernardino, CA 92408 hmplc.com
8.	Hanna, Brophy, MacLean, McAleer & Jensen, LLP	1500 Iowa Ave, Ste 220 Riverside, CA 92507 hannabrophy.com
9.	Hayford, Felchlin, Valencia, & McWhorter, LLP	3055 Wilshire Blvd, Ste 750 Los Angeles, CA 90010 hayford-felchlin.hub.biz
10.	Jeffrey B. Sellberg	2120 Main Street, Ste 100 Huntington Beach, CA 92648
11.	Michael Sullivan & Associates LLP	400 Continental Blvd, Ste 250 El Segundo, CA 90245 P.O. Box 85059 San Diego, CA 92186 sullivanattorneys.com



12.	Parker & Irwin, a professional corporation	1845 W Redlands Blvd, Ste 103 Redlands, CA 92373 PO Box 11579 San Bernardino, CA 92423 parkerirwinlaw.com
13.	Patrico, Hermanson & Guzman, a professional corporation	4180 Ruffin Road, Ste 275 San Diego, CA 92123 phglaw.com

## ATTACHMENT C

### Workers Compensation Pre-Qualified Investigator Panel

No.	Name of Firm	Address
1.	Insight Subrosa Group, Inc.	5850 Canoga Ave, Ste 400 Woodland Hills, CA 91367 P.O. Box 5189 Fullerton, CA 92838 insightsubrosa.com
2.	National Business Investigations, Inc.	25020 Las Brisas Rd Murrieta, CA 92562 investigations-nbi.com
3.	Premier Group International, an Investigative and Security Corporation	24031 El Toro Rd, Ste 203 Laguna Hills, CA 92653 23052-H Alicia Pkwy, #617 Mission Viejo, CA 92692 pgiexecutives.com
4.	RJN Investigations, Inc.	360 E First St, #696 Tustin, CA 92780 PO Box 55451 Riverside, CA 92517 www.rjninv.com
5.	Robert A Meloy	73450 Country Club Dr, Spc 339 Palm Desert, CA 92260
6.	Stewart Investigative Services, Inc.	111 E State St, Ste 201 Redlands, CA 92373 sisinvestigations.net