

**ATLANTIC COUNTY MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND
RESOLUTION #2022- 33**

A RESOLUTION APPROVING COCKERILL, CRAIG & MOORE, LLC

WHEREAS, the Atlantic County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund has been organized pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 40A:10-36 et. seq.*; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of the Atlantic County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund (ACMJIF) find that it is necessary and appropriate to obtain certain legal services so that the claims filed against the member municipalities of the Atlantic County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund and for which the Atlantic County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund is obligated to provide a legal defense may be properly defended; and

WHEREAS, the ACMJIF, under the “Fair and Open” process, issued and advertised a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) on August 13, 2021 for Assigned Defense Counsel for 2022 to be submitted by September 17, 2021, and Craig Annin Baxter, LLP with John C. Grady, Esquire, Jeffrey S. Craig, Esquire and Paul D. Kelly, Esquire as Assigned Defense Counsel responded to the RFQ and was awarded a Contract with the Fund on January 19, 2022; however, as of May 2, 2022, Craig Annin and Baxter, LLP was dissolved and the new law firm of Cockerill Craig & Moore, LLC was established at the same address and telephone number as the prior firm with John C. Grady, Esquire, Jeffrey S. Craig, Esquire and Paul D. Kelly, Esquire becoming partners of the new firm; and

WHEREAS, since Craig Annin Baxter, LLP dissolved and the new firm of Cockerill Craig & Moore, LLC, was formed, began operation and replaced Craig Annin Baxter, LLP as of May 2, 2022 with the same Assigned Defense Counsel, it is deemed to be in the best interest of the ACMJIF that John C. Grady, Esquire and Jeffrey S. Craig, Esquire and Paul D. Kelly, Esquire of Cockerill Craig & Moore, LLC be designated as Assigned Defense Counsel and awarded a Contract under the “Non-Fair and Open” process to provide legal services as a member of the General Liability Defense Panel for 2022; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Commissioners of the Atlantic County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund assembled in a public session on May 18, 2022, that the following law firm and attorneys are hereby designated as Assigned Defense Counsel for the Atlantic County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund and shall be awarded a Contract for 2022 under the “Non-Fair and Open” process:

General Liability Claims:

Cockerill Craig & Moore, LLC with John C. Grady, Esquire, Jeffrey S. Craig, Esquire and Paul D. Kelly, Esquire as Assigned Defense Counsel at a rate of \$170.00 per hour of attorney time, and a Paralegal rate of \$90.00 per hour.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the assignment of specific claims for defense shall be made by the Fund Solicitor and the Claims Administrator for the Atlantic County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund who shall supervise and coordinate the defense of matters in accordance with the policies determined by the Atlantic County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the rates of compensation in the Litigation Management Policy of the Atlantic County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund are hereby amended to comply with the rates set forth in this Resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the copies of this Resolution shall be provided to the Administrator, Solicitor, and Claims Administrator of the Atlantic County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund and those herein appointed for their information and attention.

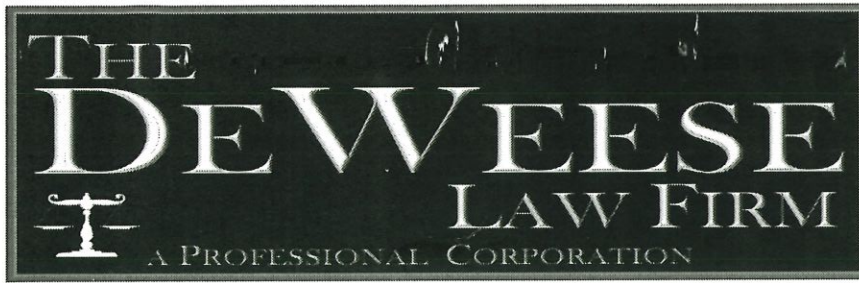
This Resolution was duly adopted by the Atlantic County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund at a public meeting held on May 18, 2022.

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Attest: 
Secretary

By: 
Chairperson

Date: May 18, 2022



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[via regular mail]

Re: Atlantic County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund
2022 Defense Panel Service Contracts

Dear Kris:

Enclosed herewith please find the executed Atlantic County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund Service Contracts for 2022 which I have received from the following law firms:

General Liability

- 1.) Cooper Levenson, P.A.

Workers' Compensation

- 1.) Affanato Marut, LLC; and
- 2.) Pietras, Saracino, Smith & Meeks, LLP.

Please have the Fund Chairperson and the Fund Secretary execute the Contracts. Kindly provide to my office a copy of the fully executed Contracts at your earliest convenience.

If you have any questions or need for additional information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,
THE DEWEESE LAW FIRM, P.C.

David S. DeWeese

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Enclosures