

# FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

## Agenda Summary Report

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| <b>DATE SUBMITTED:</b> 09/12/2023  | <b>PREPARED BY:</b> Office of Public Defense |
| <b>BOARD MEETING DATE:</b> 09/20/2023  | <b>DEPARTMENT:</b> Office of Public Defense  |
| <b>ITEM:</b> (Select One) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent Agenda <input type="checkbox"/> Brought Before the Board<br><span style="margin-left: 400px;">Time needed: Choose an item.</span>  |  |
| <b>SUBJECT:</b> Professional Services Agreement with Michael Vander Sys for Criminal Defense in Franklin County District Court Therapeutic Courts  |  |
| <b>FISCAL IMPACT:</b> None--Grant Funded (funds moved into our budget for remaining 2023, future funds awarded for 2024)   |  |
| <b>BACKGROUND:</b> The need for Therapeutic Courts has developed over time and has reached a point where the burdens it imposes on the judicial system are nothing less than overwhelming. In a word, the people who qualify for mental health diversion and substance use disorder programs are not currently receiving the support they need. As a community, these individuals cannot be released absent some sort of supervision and where possible an effort made to deal with their mental health and substance abuse disorders. Since this is a court created program, indigent defense representation is required. |  |
| <b>RECOMMENDATION:</b> Approve Professional Services Contract as presented   |  |
| <b>COORDINATION:</b><br>Larry Zeigler, Office of Public Defense Manager<br>Whitney Conner, Coordinator<br>Trinity Orosco, District Court Judge   |  |
| <b>ATTACHMENTS:</b> (Documents you are submitting to the Board)<br>ASR<br>Professional Services Contract<br>Resolution   |  |
| <b>HANDLING / ROUTING:</b> (Once document is fully executed and imported into Document Manager, <u>submitting party is responsible for the distribution of completed document to necessary parties</u> )<br><u>Copy: OPD</u>   |  |

*I certify the above information is accurate and complete.*

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 Larry Zeigler, Office of Public Defense Manager

**FRANKLIN COUNTY RESOLUTION \_\_\_\_\_**

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

**EXECUTION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH ATTORNEY  
MICHAEL VANDER SYS TO PROVIDE PUBLIC DEFENSE SERVICES IN  
FRANKLIN COUNTY DISTRICT COURT TO DEFENDANTS PARTICIPATING IN  
FRANKLIN COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH COURT PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, Franklin County is obligated by law to provide indigent defense services in Franklin County District Court for defendants participating in or contemplating participating in Franklin County Mental Health Court program (“MHC Cases”); and

**WHEREAS**, Franklin County provides representation in Mental Health Court by way of a contracted attorney; and

**WHEREAS**, Franklin County wishes to contract with Michael Vander Sys for such services to expire December 31, 2025; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the professional services agreement with attorney Michael Vander Sys for services provided in Franklin County District Court to defendants participating, or contemplating participating in Franklin County Mental Health Court, commencing October 1, 2023 and expiring December 31, 2025 with a per month compensation rate in the amount of \$5,000 (plus other allowable case premiums, reimbursements and other fees as provided in the professional services agreement) be approved as proposed.

**DATED** this ..... day of ....., 20 ....

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

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Chair

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Chair Pro Tem

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Member

***ATTEST:***

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Clerk of the Board

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE  
LEGAL REPRESENTATION TO INDIGENT PERSONS IN  
FRANKLIN COUNTY DISTRICT COURT  
MENTAL HEALTH COURT  
CONTRACT # VANDER12312025MH**

| CONTRACT SUMMARY         |                                       |                        |   |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------|---|
| Contract Type            | Mental Health Court                   |                        |   |
| Contract Number          | VANDER12312025MH                      | Contract Holder        | Michael Vander Sys  |
| WSBA #                   | 45186                                 | Effective Dates        | 10/01/23-12/31/25   |
| Caseload Cap             | n/a                                   | Compensation           | \$5000  |
| Assigned Court           | District Court<br>Mental Health Court | Compensation Structure | <input type="checkbox"/> By the case<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Monthly<br><input type="checkbox"/> Hourly<br><input type="checkbox"/> By the case but paid monthly |
| Compensation Payable To: | Fortitude Law, PLLC                   |                        |   |

**THIS AGREEMENT** is entered into by and between **Michael Vander Sys**, attorney at law, Washington State Bar Association #**45186** ("Attorney"), **dba Fortitude Law, PLLC**, and **FRANKLIN COUNTY**, a State of Washington political subdivision ("County"), for and on behalf of the Franklin County District Court.

**THIS AGREEMENT IS ENTERED INTO BASED UPON THE FOLLOWING FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES:**

- A. The County has the legal responsibility to provide legal defense services to indigent persons charged with misdemeanor criminal offenses alleged to have been committed within the County's jurisdictional boundaries. The County further has the legal responsibility to provide public defense services to indigent persons who are contemplating, or are actively participating in Franklin County's Mental Health Court.
- B. Attorney is engaged in the private practice of law, has direct experience in litigating cases involving persons charged with criminal offenses, has specific experience working with and representing indigent defendants participating in Franklin County's Mental Health Court, and desires to contract with the County to provide legal services to indigent persons subject to misdemeanor criminal charges in the Franklin County District Court and to indigent persons contemplating, or actively participating in, Franklin County's Mental Health Court.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, for and in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements contained herein, the County and Attorney hereby agree as follows:

1. **AGREEMENT TERM.** This Agreement shall be deemed effective for all purposes as of **October 1, 2023** and shall continue thereafter through and including **December 31, 2025**, unless earlier terminated pursuant to the applicable terms and provisions of this Agreement. Upon expiration of this Agreement, depending on County's staffing needs, County may elect to utilize any legally appropriate means (including, but not limited, a Request for Qualifications) to select contract awardees. Thereupon, depending on factors including, but not limited to, County's staffing needs, number of qualified applicants, and Attorney's performance during the term of this Agreement, County may choose to re-award a contract to Attorney, to other attorneys, or to no-one, at its sole and exclusive discretion.

2. **ATTORNEY'S OFFICE LOCATION.**

a. Attorney presently and regularly maintains an office adequate and appropriate for the practice of law at **7105 W Hood Place Ste. A101, Kennewick, WA 99336**. Attorney's current local office telephone is **509-416-6041**; and Attorney's current office/work e-mail address is [mike@fortitudelawpllc.com](mailto:mike@fortitudelawpllc.com).

b. Throughout the entire term of this Agreement, Attorney shall continue to maintain (or have access to) such an office, such telephone and fax numbers, and such e-mail address; provided that, however, Attorney may relocate Attorney's office to another location within the greater Tri-Cities, Washington, and/or Attorney may change Attorney's telephone/fax number to another greater Tri-Cities local telephone/fax number, and/or Attorney may change Attorney's e-mail address, provided that Attorney must provide immediate written notice of such change(s) to the Franklin County Public Defense Manager ("PDM"), the Franklin County Prosecuting Attorney, and the Franklin County District Court Administrator ("District Court Administrator").

c. Regardless of the location or manner in which Attorney decides to maintain an office, throughout the entire term of this Agreement the office facility must comply with any and all applicable public defense standards adopted by the Washington Supreme Court.

3. **ATTORNEY'S QUALIFICATIONS.** Attorney acknowledges and agrees that the County has an obligation to provide competent and effective legal counsel to indigent persons subject to proceedings in the Franklin County District Court. Attorney shall perform all services hereunder in strict accordance with the usual skills and professional ethical standards exercised by attorneys engaged in the defense of persons accused of misdemeanor crimes in the state of Washington and generally exercised by members of the Washington State Bar Association (WSBA). Without limitation in that regard, Attorney acknowledges and agrees that Attorney has a fundamental duty and responsibility to effectively promote and protect the best interests and rights of all persons whom Attorney is appointed to represent under this Agreement. Attorney acknowledges and agrees that he or she independently, solely, and exclusively bears professional responsibility for decisions, actions, and omissions, made in the course of providing professional legal services pursuant to this Agreement. None of the actions or omissions of County or its agents (specifically including County's Public Defense Manager) shall be

interpreted as supervising, directing, or otherwise controlling Attorney's exercise of professional discretion.

a. As of the date of this Agreement, Attorney represents and warrants that Attorney is unconditionally licensed to practice law within the state of Washington; has had at least one (1) year of direct trial experience in criminal defense or criminal prosecution matters (or will be part of an intensive and closely supervised mentorship program sponsored by the County's Office of Public Defense); otherwise meets applicable requirements of the Washington Standards for Indigent Defense ("SID") applicable to misdemeanor and gross misdemeanor cases; has not been subject to a termination proceeding involving a previous personal service agreement for indigent defense services; has not been censured, admonished, or otherwise formally disciplined for past conduct or behavior that would negatively reflect on Attorney's duty and ability to effectively and competently render legal services hereunder; has not been suspended or disbarred from the practice of law in any state or jurisdiction at any time in the past; and does not have any bar association complaints filed and pending against him/her.

(i) This Agreement may be subject to review and, if applicable and/or necessary, further action pursuant to paragraph 17 below in the event that Attorney's license to practice law in Washington is revoked or otherwise limited or restricted; in the event that a court of competent jurisdiction formally determines and expressly finds that Attorney has rendered ineffective assistance of counsel to any person; in the event that Attorney is censured, admonished, or otherwise formally disciplined for conduct or behavior that negatively reflects on Attorney's duty and ability to effectively and competently render legal services hereunder; or in the event that Attorney is suspended or disbarred from the practice of law in any other state or jurisdiction.

(ii) Attorney shall notify the County in writing within three (3) business days if any event specified in paragraph 3.a.(i) above occurs or if any bar association complaint is filed against Attorney. Failure to do so shall constitute a substantial and incurable breach of this Agreement and shall subject this Agreement, at the election of County, to immediate termination.

Attorney acknowledges and agrees that the County may conduct criminal history background check(s) on Attorney including any such recurring checks as Counties may deem appropriate, in their sole discretion, even at a time after execution of this Agreement. Attorney acknowledges and agrees that this Agreement shall be deemed immediately and automatically terminated upon the County receiving a non-complying or otherwise unsatisfactory criminal history background check report.

d. During each calendar year of the term of this Agreement Attorney shall obtain at least seven (7) hours of WSBA-accredited Continuing Legal Education (CLE) credits in courses directly relating to Attorney's public defense practice under this Agreement. Attorney shall provide the Public Defense Manager with written proof and confirmation that such CLE credits have been obtained no later than by December 31<sup>st</sup> of each calendar year. Additionally, during each calendar year during the term of this Agreement, in addition to participating in any specialized training-related activity specified in RCW 10.101.060(1)(a)(iii) or otherwise specifically required by other applicable law or court rule, Attorney shall attend at least one (1) public defense services-related training

seminar sponsored and/or approved by the Washington State Office of Public Defense ("WSOPD"), and any CLE credit earned by Attorney by attending such training seminar(s) may be applied towards the above-mentioned minimum seven (7) hours. The County may provide Attorney's name and address to the WSOPD for purposes of the WSOPD notifying Attorney of any such upcoming training seminars. Attorney shall provide the PDM with written proof and confirmation that such required training seminar has been attended by Attorney no later than by December 31<sup>st</sup> of each calendar year.

e. Attorney represents and warrants that, throughout the entire term of this Agreement, Attorney's private law practice caseload; Attorney's schedule; and Attorney's office resources, equipment, and support staff will allow Attorney to competently undertake and effectively perform all services required under this Agreement. Attorney represents and warrants that Attorney's private law practice and schedule will not interfere with Attorney's ability to timely and efficiently perform such services including, without limitation, Attorney's ability to prepare for and attend regularly scheduled trials and dockets or Attorney's ability to schedule and conduct face-to-face meetings with the persons Attorney is appointed to represent under this Agreement for purposes of discussing, preparing, and pursuing the most viable defense(s) and/or resolution available and keeping such persons reasonably apprised as to the status of their case.

f. Pursuant to RCW 10.101.050, no later than 15 calendar days after the end of each calendar year during the term of this Agreement, Attorney shall provide the PDM with a written report showing the total number and specific types of private practice cases (which for purposes of this Agreement shall include pro bono cases, retained-fee cases, and any cases handled by Attorney under any other professional/personal services agreement) in which Attorney provided legal services during the preceding year.

Additionally, in the event that the public defense reporting requirements under RCW 10.101.050, other applicable statute or relevant case law are later amended/modified (or, in the case of case law, reasonably required as a best practice) Attorney shall correspondingly comply with any such amended/modified reporting requirements without added compensation upon written notice from the County to do so.

g. Attorney recognizes and acknowledges that Attorney is required by Washington Supreme Court Order to meet certain Supreme Court-adopted Standards for Indigent Defense ("Defense Standards") to provide quality representation to indigent criminal defendants, and to periodically file certain certifications attesting to Attorney's compliance with such Defense Standards. Attorney understands and acknowledges that Attorney's compliance with such Defense Standards and periodic certification filing requirements is a direct professional and ethical obligation between Attorney and any Court in which Attorney appears while performing services under this Agreement. Attorney further acknowledges and understands that, though Attorney's compliance with such Defense Standards and such periodic certification filing requirements is not an express term of this Agreement and therefore not subject to the County's monitoring or control, Attorney's noncompliance with such Defense Standards and/or such filing requirements would directly impair Attorney's ability to perform and fulfill Attorney's basic obligations under this Agreement. Accordingly, if the County is notified by any Court in which Attorney appears to perform services under this Agreement that Attorney has failed to comply with such Defense Standards or such periodic certification filing requirements, Attorney shall then be considered to be in substantive breach of this Agreement and this

Agreement shall then become subject to potential termination under the provisions of paragraph 17.b. below.

h. Attorney understands and acknowledges that Attorney is solely and personally responsible to obtain and maintain all necessary state and local government business licenses and/or other approvals necessary to operate Attorney's private legal services business.

4. **OTHER INDIGENT DEFENSE AGREEMENTS.** The County has entered into separate and independent professional services agreements with other licensed attorneys, and also employs in-house staff attorneys to primarily provide criminal defense services to persons accused of misdemeanor crimes in Franklin County District Court. Attorney agrees to fully cooperate and coordinate with said other attorneys, the Franklin County District Court, the District Court Administrator and the PDM to establish a process to effectuate the efficient and equitable distribution of case appointments between Attorney and said other attorneys (collectively the "Franklin County District Court Criminal Defense Panel"). The District Court Administrator and/or the PDM shall have the inherent discretion and authority to monitor and control (and reasonably modify/change) such process. Attorney shall accept all case assignments made by the District Court or PDM even if the case does not originate from the docket to which attorney is assigned.

5. **CONTRACT DUTIES.** During the term of this Agreement, Attorney's duties shall consist of full public defense representation to all participants or prospective participants in Mental Health Court ("MHC").

More specifically, Attorney shall have the following duties regarding cases accepted into MHC:

- a) Attendance at all MHC "Team meetings";
- b) Attendance at all MHC dockets;
- c) Meeting with MHC participants as necessary to advise them about the MHC process or system, assist them with participation hurdles, encourage compliance, answer questions, and prepare to advocate against sanctions;
- d) Preparation for, and advocacy on behalf of, clients at any sanctions hearings;
- e) Taking any and all other action necessary to effectively advocate for the legal rights and interests of, participants in MHC as would be required of Attorney by the Rules of Professional Conduct and such standards as are recognized by the appellate courts of Washington State that would be applicable to attorneys defending participants in a similar therapeutic court;

Attorney shall have the following duties regarding cases involving *prospective* MHC participants (ie that have been identified as potential candidates for MHC or have been referred to MHC for review, but have not yet been formally accepted into the MHC program):

- a) Meeting with potential MHC participants to discuss the MHC program and advise them of their legal rights and options in regard thereto ("Pre-MHC Counseling");
- b) Participation in MHC case screening with the MHC Manager or other MHC staff or team members;

- c) Consulting with other criminal defense lawyers as requested to assist them with referrals to the MHC program;
- d) If the case has been appointed to Attorney pre-MHC acceptance, then Attorney shall attend pre-trial court dates with the client and take any necessary action, including, but not limited to, advising the court and prosecutor of the fact that the case may be admitted to MHC, in order to protect the rights of such a client until a decision is made whether to admit the case to MHC;

6. **CONTINUED REPRESENTATION.**

Attorney has a duty to timely and fully complete all cases appointed to Attorney under this Agreement. "Timely and fully complete" means, for each case, continuing to represent the defendant up to and including the time of final disposition of their case whether by way of conviction, dismissal of all charges (as a result of a finding of not guilty or as a result of an empanelled jury being unable to reach a verdict), or a change of plea and entering of a sentencing. Provided, however, that if a particular case must be re-tried for any reason whatsoever, including declaration of a mistrial or a hung jury, Attorney shall be entitled to an additional trial per diem for the additional trial but shall not be eligible for any additional credit. However, if restitution is not agreed upon at time of sentencing and a separate restitution hearing is necessitated, then Attorney shall represent the defendant at such restitution hearing in order to have "timely and fully completed" the case. In cases where a defendant is placed on a deferred prosecution or stipulated order of continuance program, then Attorney shall be responsible for providing legal representation to such a defendant in the event the defendant is accused of a violation of the terms of such a program and is ordered to show cause why their participation in such a program should not be terminated unless other arrangements for appointment of counsel have been made by the Office of Public Defense. The determination of case credit entitlement at such subsequent representation shall be governed by the provisions of Article 8(b) herein.

Attorney's responsibility to provide continuing legal representation to clients upon expiration or termination of this Agreement shall be as stated in Section 17 Termination.

7. **NUMBER OF APPOINTMENTS.**

Throughout the term of this Agreement, the Attorney shall keep and maintain records consistent with the provisions of this Agreement in a format adequate to accurately track and monitor Attorney's appointments hereunder. The caseload that Attorney is expected to assume, and the associated compensation, under this Agreement shall be based on a total program size of **75 participants** at any given time.

8. **CASE EQUIVALENTS.**

This section is inapplicable given Attorney's exclusive duties representing participants in the Franklin County Mental Health Court program with a participant cap as stated above.

9. **CLIENT ELIGIBILITY.** The Franklin County District Court (or its designee), consistent with applicable laws, rules and standards, shall determine the eligibility of any particular person for representation by Attorney under this Agreement. Attorney is under no obligation to determine a person's eligibility or continuing eligibility to receive publicly provided representation. If Attorney is appointed to represent a person and subsequently discovers that the client's circumstances have changed such that the client is no longer entitled to court appointed counsel,



or that the client may have obtained appointed counsel initially by fraud, misrepresentation or omission, assuming that clear standards for financial eligibility have been communicated to the client by the court, then pursuant to RPC 4.1(b) Attorney should, unless prohibited by another Rule of Professional Conduct, advise the court of the circumstances. If the Franklin County District Court (or its designee) nevertheless determines that such person is not eligible for publicly provided representation, the appointment of Attorney to represent such person shall be rescinded and such person shall be required to retain his/her own legal counsel. Attorney shall not thereafter represent such person in such matter on a retained-fee basis unless such person applies for and receives the Franklin County District Court's permission allowing such representation. Nothing contained herein shall prevent Attorney from representing a person on a retained-fee basis in an action in which Attorney has not been appointed by the Franklin County District Court to represent such person, or from representing a person on a retained-fee basis whom Attorney has been appointed by the Franklin County District Court to represent provided that the matter(s) involving the retained representation are wholly independent and unrelated to the matter for which Attorney was appointed.

10. **CONFLICTS.** Notwithstanding any other terms or provisions contained in this Agreement to the contrary, Attorney shall not be required to accept, and Attorney shall decline to accept, an appointment under this Agreement if the particular appointment would create a true and bona fide conflict of interest for Attorney or would otherwise cause or constitute an actual violation of any generally recognized ethical or professional standards common and applicable to attorneys in the state of Washington. Furthermore, in the event a true and bona fide conflict of interest arises subsequent to Attorney receiving an appointment under this Agreement (or in the event Attorney's continued involvement in a pending case would cause or constitute an actual violation of any such ethical or professional standards), Attorney shall immediately make the Franklin County District Court aware of such development for purposes of the District Court taking immediate action to appoint another attorney to assume and undertake legal representation in such case. Under no circumstance shall Attorney ever be required to bear the cost of seeking or compensating conflict counsel.

11. **SCOPE OF REPRESENTATION; FILE RETENTION.** Attorney agrees to and shall represent all persons whom Attorney is appointed to represent hereunder with the same skill and commitment as Attorney exercises and expends when representing persons on a private and/or retained-fee basis. Without limitation in that regard, such representation should include the investigation of the underlying facts, the research of all relevant law, interviewing of potential witnesses, retention and use of investigators and/or experts when warranted and necessary, appropriate communication with the client, review of potential plea alternatives, review of potential collateral consequences associated with a plea/conviction (e.g., potential immigration or civil commitment consequences), and the preparation for and appearance on behalf of the client in all stages of District Court proceedings including, without limitation, arraignments, pre-trial hearings, motions, trials, sentencing/disposition proceedings, contempt proceedings, appeals (limited to the preparation and filing of any and all pleadings necessary and appropriate to perfect any appeal or statutory writ to a higher court, including the appointment of publicly-provided counsel, if and when applicable), and post-conviction reviews.

a. Without limiting Attorney's duty to initially meet with an indigent person to discuss his/her case as soon as reasonably possible following Attorney's appointment to the case, when Attorney is appointed to an "in custody" case (i.e., a case in which the person is confined/incarcerated), Attorney should use best efforts to meet face-to-face within three (3) business days of Attorney receiving the appointment (unless the

circumstances of a particular case reasonably require that Attorney make earlier initial contact with the person), otherwise, as soon thereafter as is reasonably feasible.

b. Additionally, throughout Attorney's representation of any person under this Agreement, Attorney shall maintain reasonably appropriate contact/communications with the person so as to keep him/her fully apprised as to the status of his/her case (with the specific manner and frequency of such contact/communications left entirely to Attorney's professional judgment); and Attorney should use best efforts to apprise the person of any new development in his/her case within three (3) business days of Attorney learning of such development (unless the circumstances of a particular case reasonably require that Attorney make earlier contact with the person), otherwise, as soon thereafter as is reasonably feasible. Without limiting any of the foregoing provisions of this paragraph, with regard to any court hearing involving a represented person, Attorney should contact such person (preferably in person or at least via telephone) to discuss his/her case and the purpose of the hearing no later than one (1) business day prior to the hearing date.

Attorney shall compile and maintain appropriate case records for each person whom Attorney is appointed to represent hereunder. The manner of storage, the portion or portions of case records that must be stored, and the required period of storage, shall comply with any and all applicable Rule of Professional Conduct, Washington State Bar Ethics Opinion, case law, and court rule.

d. Upon Attorney pleading guilty or being convicted of any of the following-described offenses, Attorney shall notify the PDM of such plea/conviction within seven (7) calendar days thereafter, and Attorney's failure to timely report within such timeframe shall constitute misconduct and a serious and incurable breach of this agreement that shall result in the immediate and automatic termination of this Agreement. Even if County is timely notified, County may elect, at its sole discretion, to terminate Agreement and if it elects to do so, may do so with ten (10) days written notice to Attorney:

- (i) Any felony offense as defined in RCW 9.94A.030 and RCW 9A.44.130; under the laws of the State of Washington, any other State, or Federal law, or any misdemeanor sex offense.
- (ii) Any crime specified in RCW Chapter 9A.44 when the victim was a juvenile in the custody of, or under the jurisdiction of, the Juvenile Rehabilitation Administration, Washington Department of Social and Health Services; and/or
- (iii) Any violent offense as defined in RCW 9.94A.030 or its equivalent in any other State or Federal Statute
- (iv) Any crime of dishonesty or deception.

## 12. **COMPENSATION.**

Attorney shall be compensated in the amount of **\$5,000.00 per month.**

All compensation shall be payable to **Fortitude Law PLLC** since Attorney is a principal with that law firm.

13. **COSTS AND EXPENSES.**

a. Attorney acknowledges and agrees that Attorney shall not be entitled to claim or receive any reimbursement/payment from the County for any law practice-related overhead costs or expenses incurred by Attorney during the course of rendering legal services under this Agreement (including, without limitation, costs and expenses associated with Attorney's office, office staff, office equipment/facilities, and/or other office or law practice-related resources).

b. The County recognizes, however, that in certain circumstances the need may arise for Attorney to incur certain types of out-of-pocket expenses or otherwise retain professional services directly related to an indigent person's case such as private investigator fees, psychological or psychiatric evaluations, interpreter fees, scientific test fees, expert witness fees, and costs of out-of-area travel, meals and lodging.

(i) Attorney shall be entitled to receive reimbursement for the actual cost of such out-of-pocket expenditures provided that, however, Attorney shall not incur any such expense nor shall Attorney be entitled to be reimbursed for any such expense unless such expense has been pre-approved pursuant to ex-parte motion and court order (or other court-designated or delegated process) that expressly determines and finds that such expense is necessary and reasonable in accordance with applicable court rules, procedures, and standards. Such court order (or other court-designated or delegated process) shall state and provide a specific dollar amount for the requested and authorized expenditure; provided that, in the event it is not reasonably possible to state and provide a specific dollar amount for a particular requested expenditure, such order may nevertheless provide authorization for the expenditure but shall establish and set forth a maximum dollar expenditure amount. In regard to any reimbursement to Attorney for any court-approved expenditures and costs pertaining to case-related travel, meals, and lodging, any reimbursement to Attorney for such expenditures and costs shall not exceed the locally adjusted amounts that are established and published by the Federal General Services Administration.

(ii) In addition to any other prerequisites imposed by court rules, procedures, or standards, as a precondition to Attorney being reimbursed for an expenditure under this paragraph, Attorney shall be required to submit a vendor warrant payment voucher to the County that identifies the specific expenditure(s) for which reimbursement is sought (exercising appropriate discretion to protect client confidentiality given that such vouchers are matters of public record unless sealed by the court at Attorney's request) and that has attached thereto a copy of the court order(s) that specifically pre-approved and authorized such expenditure(s) (unless sealed by the court at Attorney's request) together with attached copies of all written payment receipts relating to such incurred expenditure(s) (unless sealed by the court at Attorney's request). Attorney's administrative time expended to prepare, submit, and process vouchers shall not be billable to the County. All payment vouchers and requests for reimbursement under this paragraph shall be subject to the court's review and final approval for payment. Attorney shall submit such payment vouchers to the District Court Administrator within sixty (60) days of Attorney incurring the expense(s) for which

reimbursement is sought, and the County shall have the right to deny payment of any voucher that is not timely submitted within said requisite sixty (60) day period.

14. **INDEMNIFICATIONS AND HOLD HARMLESS.** Attorney agrees to and shall fully indemnify the County and its elected/appointed representatives, officers, employees, and agents; and to hold the County and its elected/appointed representatives, officers, employees, and agents fully harmless; from and for any and all losses, damages, costs, charges, claims, demands, suits, or actions of whatsoever nature directly or indirectly arising out of or by reason of Attorney's (or any person, employee, agent, contractor, or entity acting for or on behalf of Attorney or at Attorney's request or direction) acts, defaults, errors and/or omissions of whatsoever nature in the performance of legal services to any person under this Agreement. In the event any suit or legal proceeding is brought against the County or any of its elected/appointed representatives, officers, employees or agents at any time on account of or by reason of any such acts, defaults, errors and/or omissions, Attorney hereby covenants and agrees to assume the defense thereof (through counsel acceptable to the County) and to defend the same at Attorney's sole cost and expense and to pay any and all costs, charges, attorneys' fees, and other expenses as well as any and all judgments or awards that may be incurred by or entered against the County or any of its elected/appointed representatives, officers, employees or agents in such suits or other legal proceedings. Without limiting the intended broad scope and application of the indemnification and hold harmless provisions of this paragraph, for purposes of this paragraph, Attorney waives, with respect to the County only, any immunity that would otherwise be available to Attorney under the Industrial Insurance Act provisions of Title 51 RCW or any other similar workers/employee disability or benefit law. The indemnification and hold harmless provisions of this paragraph shall survive the termination or expiration of this Agreement.

15. **INSURANCE.**

a. Attorney shall obtain and maintain, at Attorney's sole cost and expense, a policy of professional liability insurance in an amount of not less than \$1,000,000.00 per claim nor less than \$1,000,000.00 in the aggregate during the policy term and with a maximum deductible of not more than \$10,000.00.

(i) Said policy shall include coverage as an additional insured for any other person(s) or attorney(s) acting for or on behalf of Attorney in the performance of this Agreement; shall provide professional liability insurance coverage for any acts, errors and/or omissions by Attorney (and/or such additional insureds) during the course of performing legal services under this Agreement; shall require that the insurance company provide the County with no less than thirty (30) days prior written notice in the event the policy is cancelled or materially altered; shall comply with all applicable state of Washington insurance requirements; and shall be issued by an insurance company rated A- or better by A.M. Best authorized to conduct business and issue insurance in the state of Washington.

(ii) Attorney shall continuously maintain the professional liability insurance coverage required by this paragraph 15.a. throughout the entire term of this Agreement, throughout any other longer time period during which Attorney is obligated to continue performing services and duties hereunder, and for a period of no less than thirty-six (36) consecutive months after Attorney has fully completed all services and duties required hereunder.

b. Attorney shall also obtain and maintain, at Attorney's sole cost and expense, a policy of Commercial General Liability insurance (including Endorsement Form CG2011 or direct equivalent insurance industry additional insured endorsement form and including Contractual Liability coverage) in the amount of not less than \$1,000,000.00 per occurrence nor less than \$2,000,000.00 in the aggregate during the policy term. Additionally, if Attorney is an employer, Attorney shall obtain and maintain, at Attorney's sole cost and expense, a policy of Statutory Workers Compensation and Employers Liability/Stop Gap insurance in the amount of not less than \$1,000,000.00.

(i) The policy of Commercial General Liability insurance shall be written on an occurrence basis; shall name the County, the Franklin County Superior Court, and their elected/appointed representatives, officers, employees and agents as additional insureds; shall be primary coverage for both defense and indemnity and non-contributory with any insurance coverage maintained by the County; and shall provide for waiver of subrogation rights as to the County.

(ii) The insurance policies required by this paragraph 17.b shall require that the insurance company provide the County with no less than thirty (30) days prior written notice in the event the policy is cancelled or materially altered; shall comply with all applicable state of Washington insurance requirements; and shall be issued by an insurance company rated A- or better by A.M. Best authorized to conduct business and issue insurance in the state of Washington.

(iii) Attorney shall continuously maintain the insurance coverage required by this paragraph 17.b. throughout the entire term of this Agreement and throughout any other longer time period during which Attorney is obligated to continue performing services and duties hereunder.

c. Contemporaneously with Attorney's execution of this Agreement, Attorney shall provide the County with copies or certificates of the insurance policies and coverage (including any endorsements) required under this paragraph 17, and Attorney shall annually provide the County with the same type of documented proof and confirmation that such insurance policies and coverage continue to exist no later than thirty (30) days after the policies' annual renewal date(s).

16. **COMPLAINTS; PERFORMANCE MONITORING.** In the event that the PDM, another employee/representative of the County's Office of Public Defense, or the Franklin County District Court receives an oral/written communication from a person represented by Attorney under this Agreement that in substance asserts an unresolved complaint about the legal services rendered to such person by Attorney and such complaint is not amenable to resolution by simply facilitating the communication between the client and attorney, the employee/representative receiving such communication shall promptly request and obtain a written, dated, and signed statement from the complainant describing and detailing the relevant facts and circumstances underlying and alleged in the complaint, copies of which shall promptly be provided to the County, the Franklin County Court Administrator and the PDM.

a. Upon receiving such complaint, the PDM, without limitation to any other action the County may deem necessary/appropriate to pursue under this Agreement, shall promptly forward a copy of the complaint to Attorney and request and obtain Attorney's written, dated, and signed response thereto (which Attorney shall prepare and provide to

the County and the PDM within five (5) business days, who then shall provide the represented person with a copy of the response within five (5) business days thereafter). The PDM shall review the complaint and Attorney's response and take any action deemed necessary with Attorney and/or the represented person to address and resolve the complaint, and the disposition of the complaint shall be communicated to the represented person as soon as reasonably possible. The PDM then may follow-up with the Franklin County District Court within five (5) business days thereafter to confirm or advise that the complaint has been, or is in the process of being, addressed and disposed of. This stated procedure does not interfere with or otherwise impair the Franklin County District Court's ability and/or duty to monitor the performance of attorneys appearing before the court.

b. Additionally, during the term of this Agreement, in order to help ensure that indigent persons are consistently provided effective legal representation, and without limitation to any other means or methods of performance monitoring/evaluation the County may deem necessary/appropriate, Attorney acknowledges that the County and/or the PDM have the right to periodically ask, without limitation, the Franklin County District Court and/or the District Court Administrator and/or other attorneys and/or persons previously represented by Attorney to provide the County with an evaluation/assessment of the quality and effectiveness of Attorney's performance of legal services and related duties and obligations under this Agreement, provided that such inquiry shall not be made of any person represented, absent a complaint from such person, during the course of representation.

## **17. TERMINATION.**

### **Cause for Termination and Notice**

a. In addition to any other automatic or discretionary termination provisions set forth in this Agreement, this Agreement shall automatically terminate in the event that Attorney is suspended/disbarred from the practice of law in Washington, effective without notice as of the date of suspension/disbarment. In the event of automatic termination or termination pursuant to suspension or disbarment, Attorney shall be liable up to \$5,000.00 for any additional costs or expenses incurred by the County and/or the Franklin County District Court relating to the appointment of substitute legal counsel for any person(s) whom Attorney was appointed to represent hereunder; and the County shall be entitled and authorized to setoff and deduct any such additional costs or expenses from any unpaid compensation owing to Attorney hereunder.

Further, in the event that the Franklin County District Court enters an order that prohibits or disqualifies Attorney from receiving any further appointments hereunder for any reason whatsoever, this Agreement shall automatically terminate without further notice as of the date such order is entered by the court. In the event that the court enters such an order because of unethical/unprofessional conduct by Attorney and/or because of Attorney's breach of this Agreement and the court determines at that time that the circumstances justify or require a substitution of appointed counsel for any person(s) whom Attorney was appointed to represent hereunder, Attorney shall be liable up to \$5,000.00 for any additional costs or expenses incurred by the County relating to such substitute appointment(s); and the County shall be entitled and authorized to setoff and

deduct any such additional costs or expenses from any unpaid compensation owing to Attorney hereunder.

b. In addition to the above-referenced automatic termination provisions, the County may elect to terminate this Agreement in the event Attorney fails for whatever reason to comply with any provision of this Agreement after giving Attorney ten (10) business days advance written notice to cure, which notice shall specify the reason(s) for the notice, the act(s) necessary to cure Attorney's failure(s), and the consequence (i.e., termination without further notice) if the failure(s) is/are not cured within the ten (10) day period. The County's right to terminate this Agreement in such regard shall be in addition to any other rights and remedies available to the County.

c. In addition to the foregoing provisions regarding termination, either party may elect to terminate this Agreement with or without cause or reason by providing the other party with ninety (90) days advance written notice of such election ("Early Termination"). Without limiting/waiving other provisions of this Agreement relating to Attorney's obligation and duty to accept and complete cases appointed to Attorney, Attorney's continuing obligation to accept case appointments shall be governed by the provisions of Section 17.f herein.. A ninety (90) day notice of termination given by either party under this paragraph 17.c. shall be fully and immediately effective when received by the recipient party pursuant to the provisions of below paragraph 30 (notwithstanding the inclusion of any contrary terms or language in the notice) without any need for formal or informal acceptance or any other response by the recipient party, and such notice may not thereafter be rescinded/revoked by the party giving such notice unless such rescission/revocation is expressly acknowledged and agreed to by the recipient party in writing in the recipient party's sole discretion.

d. In any event, consistent with the provisions of paragraph 12.e. above and regardless of the manner in which this Agreement is terminated, Attorney acknowledges and agrees that Attorney shall not be entitled to receive any further compensation from the County in the event this Agreement is terminated; provided that, however, Attorney shall be entitled to be paid for all services duly performed by Attorney under this Agreement up to the date of termination (including trial per diems. Additionally, as required by paragraph 6 above, the termination of this Agreement, regardless of the manner of termination, shall not relieve Attorney from the obligation and duty to continue representing all persons whom Attorney was appointed to represent prior to the termination unless Attorney is expressly barred or prohibited from doing so by court order and/or the suspension/disbarment of Attorney from the practice of law in Washington.

e. At the sole and exclusive discretion of County, Attorney may terminate this Agreement with less than 90 days notice with conditions of such Early Termination to be as set out in the next subsection below.

f. The parties agree that in the event of Early Termination of this Agreement with or without cause pursuant to Section 17.c, then Attorney shall continue to provide the services for which he is contracted under this Agreement, for the entirety of the 90 day notice period.

18. **INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR.** Attorney fully understands, acknowledges, and agrees that Attorney shall not be an agent, representative, or employee of the County or the

Franklin County District Court for any type of purpose or situation whatsoever (including, without limitation, for purposes of any type of wage, hours/overtime, workers/industrial insurance compensation, unemployment, fair labor, and/or employee benefit/leave laws, disability act coverage or rules, and/or regulations) and that Attorney, as of the date of this Agreement and throughout its entire term, is and will always be acting and operating as a fully independent contractor. In that regard, strictly subject to Attorney's duties, responsibilities and obligations imposed under this Agreement, Attorney shall have sole and absolute discretion using Attorney's best professional legal judgment to determine the manner and means of providing the legal representation services required under this Agreement; and neither the County, the County's PDM, nor the Franklin County District Court shall have any authority or duty to directly control the actual performance of Attorney's professional services hereunder.

19. **NON-ASSIGNMENT AND TEMPORARY SUBSTITUTIONS.** Except as otherwise expressly provided in paragraphs 19.a-d below, Attorney shall not allow or arrange for any other person to perform any of the services required by this Agreement, nor shall Attorney assign, subcontract out, or otherwise delegate any of Attorney's rights, responsibilities, or obligations under this Agreement.

a. Attorney and any of the other Franklin County District Court Criminal Defense Panel members or staff attorneys employed by Franklin County may mutually agree to make temporary, substitute appearances for each other on routine docket matters and routine court hearings on an as-needed basis as approved by the court and by the person being represented (if that person has previously discussed the case with his/her appointed attorney). Any compensation or consideration (if any) to be paid or given by Attorney to the other Franklin County District Court Criminal Defense Panel members for such substitution(s) shall be a matter of direct negotiation and agreement between Attorney and said other panel members, and said other members shall not be entitled to receive any additional compensation from the County for such substitution(s). Provided, however, that substitution arrangements made by and between any contracted Defense Panel member and a staff attorney employed by Franklin County shall not involve monetary compensation paid either way, and shall only be on a *quid pro quo* or "mutual coverage" basis.

b. In the event Attorney needs or desires to take up to a maximum of four (4) consecutive weeks (or such longer requested period of time as may be expressly pre-approved in writing by the PDM on a case-by-case basis, in his/her sole and absolute discretion) leave of absence from the practice of law and/or the requirements of representation under this Agreement during the term of this Agreement and is unable to obtain the assistance of the other Franklin County District Court Criminal Defense Panel members during such temporary absence, Attorney may seek and obtain the assistance of another Washington-licensed attorney to make temporary, substitute appearances for Attorney during such absence on routine docket matters and routine court hearings on an as-needed basis provided that Attorney and such other attorney jointly prepare, sign and file a written certification with the court (with a copy to be provided to the District Court Administrator and the PDM) in all such matters and hearings that expressly certifies that such other attorney has reviewed this Agreement and fully meets all criteria, qualifications, and requirements under this Agreement to render legal services to indigent persons and provided further that such temporary substitution is expressly authorized on the court record by the court and the particular person(s) being represented by Attorney who is/are affected by such substitution of legal counsel.



(i) Any compensation or consideration (if any) to be paid or given by Attorney to such other attorney for such substitution(s) shall be a matter of direct negotiation and agreement between Attorney and such other attorney, and such other attorney shall not be entitled to receive any compensation from the County for such substitution(s).

(ii) Unless called to active military duty, Attorney shall be responsible to ensure that such other attorney fully complies with all terms and conditions of this Agreement during such temporary absence period (including, without limitation, the requirement to maintain the insurance coverage specified in paragraph 15 above), and Attorney shall be liable for any damages or losses sustained as a result of such other attorney's non-compliance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

c. In the event Attorney is called up for active military duty or for direct civilian support of active military operations, Attorney shall provide the County and the PDM with written notice of such event within five (5) business days of Attorney being called up so that the PDM and Attorney can coordinate and arrange for an appropriate substitute attorney to handle Attorney's duties under this Agreement while Attorney is on military leave and any reasonable back-to-civilian-life transition time requested by Attorney upon return. Attorney shall receive no compensation under this Agreement while on leave or during any such transition time.

d. Attorney may sub-contract substantially all of the duties to be provided pursuant to this Agreement provided that all of the following conditions are met:

(i) The proposed sub-contractor meets all the criteria set out in Section 3 of this Agreement; and

(ii) County agrees to the selection of the sub-contractor in its sole and exclusive discretion; and

(iii) Sub-contractor signs an acknowledgement and agreement to abide by all the terms and conditions of this Agreement (in such form as may be required by County); and

(iv) Attorney agrees to continue to be professionally responsible for any sub-contracted work.

Even in the event that Attorney sub-contracts substantially all of the duties to be provided pursuant to this Agreement, Attorney agrees to continue to be professionally responsible for all of the work performed pursuant to this Agreement (even if the work is actually performed by the sub-contractor), and agrees that Attorney's obligations in Section 14. Indemnification and Hold Harmless, continue to apply to any work that is performed by a sub-contractor.

20. **VACANCY AND REPLACEMENT.** In the event this Agreement is terminated by either party prior to the termination date specified in paragraph 1 above, the County may initiate, implement and pursue any actions or process deemed appropriate/necessary to seek, select, and contract with another qualified attorney to replace and succeed Attorney in representing indigent persons in Franklin County District Court.

21. **OTHER APPOINTMENTS.**

Attorney shall not enter into any contract/arrangement to perform criminal prosecution services in any court or jurisdiction. Subject to, and without limiting/waiving, Attorney's duties and obligations under this Agreement, Attorney may enter into a part-time contract/arrangement to receive public defense appointments in another court or jurisdiction, provided that, and on the indispensable condition that, Attorney's duties and obligations under said part-time contract/arrangement will not conflict with or interfere with Attorney's ability to timely and effectively perform Attorney's duties and obligations under this Agreement. Consistent with Attorney's status as an independent contractor, Attorney shall have sole and personal professional responsibility for ensuring that Attorney's obligations on other contracts or arrangements to receive public defense appointments, when combined with this Agreement, are fully in compliance with Washington State Standards for Indigent Defense including, but not limited to, the caseload standards contained therein.

22. **TEMPORARY JUDICIAL SERVICE.** Subject to, and without limiting/waiving, Attorney's duties and obligations under this Agreement, Attorney may temporarily serve as a judge pro tem in any capacity and under any circumstances except on any criminal cases pending before the Franklin County District Court, provided that, and on the indispensable condition that, it would not conflict with or interfere with Attorney's ability to timely and effectively perform Attorney's duties and obligations under this Agreement. Any potential exceptions to the foregoing limitation on Attorney serving as a judge pro tem would be strictly on a case-by-case basis and would be strictly subject to Attorney obtaining the PDM's prior express approval and authorization, which decision shall be decided on a case-by-case basis in the PDM's sole and absolute discretion.

23. **ENTIRE AGREEMENT.** This Agreement constitutes the entire integrated agreement and understanding of the undersigned parties. No amendment, modification or other type of change to this Agreement shall be valid or enforceable unless reduced to writing and signed by the parties.

24. **CAPTIONS; TIME COMPUTATION.**

a. The captions and headings herein are for convenience only and shall not be relied upon or used to interpret or construe this Agreement or any portion thereof.

b. Unless otherwise expressly specified herein, any period of time specified in this Agreement shall expire at 5:00 p.m. (PTZ) of the last calendar day of the specified period of time, unless the last day is Saturday, Sunday, or a legal holiday, as prescribed in RCW 1.16.050, in which event the specified period of time shall expire at 5:00 p.m. (PTZ) of the next business day. Unless otherwise expressly specified herein as being business days only, any period of time specified in this Agreement shall mean and be calculated to include calendar days.

25. **GOVERNING LAW.** This Agreement shall be exclusively construed under and interpreted consistent with the laws of the state of Washington.

26. **BINDING EFFECT.** Strictly subject to the above restrictions against assignment, subcontracting, or delegation, this Agreement shall be binding upon Attorney's heirs, legal/personal representatives, successors, and assigns.

27. **SEVERABILITY.** In the event that any one or more provisions contained in this Agreement shall, for whatever reason, be held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect, such invalid, illegal or unenforceable provision(s) shall not affect any other provision hereof, and this Agreement shall nevertheless be construed and enforced as if such invalid, illegal or unenforceable provision(s) were not contained herein.

28. **NON-WAIVER.** A party's express or implied consent to or waiver of any breach or default by the other party in the performance of such other party's obligations hereunder shall not be deemed or construed to be a consent to or waiver of any other breach or default in the performance by such other party of the same obligations or any other obligation(s) of such other party hereunder.

29. **DISPUTE RESOLUTION.**

a. The parties hereby specifically waive, release, and irrevocably relinquish any and all right to file a court lawsuit of any type to address any claims or dispute between the parties involving the performance or interpretation of this Agreement or that in any other way relate to, or arise from, this Agreement, and regardless of whether money damages, equitable relief, or any other type of relief is being sought. Provided, however, if necessary due to a party's disregard of and failure to abide by the non-judicial Dispute Resolution provisions contained in this paragraph 31, the other party may pursue court action to seek and obtain an order compelling and enforcing such Dispute Resolution provisions, and as part of such action and court order, the court shall order the party not complying with the requirements of such Dispute Resolution provisions to pay the other party's incurred attorney fees and costs.

b. Accordingly, in furtherance of the parties' above-stated agreement to submit any and all claims and disputes to non-judicial resolution, in the event any type of dispute arises between the parties involving the performance or interpretation of this Agreement, or that in any other way relates to, or arises from, this Agreement, either party may then make written demand on the other party to submit the dispute to mediation through the assistance of an experienced mediator chosen by mutual agreement of the parties who must be a Washington-licensed attorney experienced in contract disputes. The mediation shall occur within thirty (30) days of the mediation demand, unless the parties mutually agree otherwise. The County shall pay one-half of the mediator's fees and expenses, and Attorney shall pay the other one-half of such fees and expenses.

c. In the event that mediation proves unsuccessful in resolving the dispute, the parties shall submit the dispute for resolution via binding arbitration pursuant to RCW Chapter 7.04A. A single arbitrator (who must be a Washington-licensed attorney experienced in contract disputes) shall be selected by agreement of the parties or, in the absence of agreement, each party shall select one (1) arbitrator (who must be a Washington-licensed attorney experienced in contract disputes) and those two (2) so selected arbitrators shall mutually select a third arbitrator (who must be a Washington-licensed attorney experienced in contract disputes). The County shall pay one-half of the fees and expenses of the arbitrator(s), and Attorney shall pay the other one-half of such fees and expenses. The provisions of RCW Chapter 7.04A and applicable Mandatory Arbitration Rules as adopted and implemented in Superior Court shall be binding as to procedure, except as to the right of appeal, which shall not be applicable. Within ten (10) business days after the unsuccessful mediation session, the arbitrator(s) shall be selected

and designated, and the hearing shall be held within thirty (30) business days after designation of the arbitrator(s), unless the parties mutually agree otherwise. The arbitrator(s) shall render a written decision and award within ten (10) business days of such hearing. Without limitation, the arbitrator(s) may award damages, specific performance, and/or injunctive relief, and may register a judgment in Franklin County Superior Court, including judgment by default. The most prevailing party shall be entitled to recover such party's reasonable attorneys' fees, costs and expenses from the other party as a part of the arbitration decision and award. In the event of suit or action to enforce an arbitration award, venue shall lie exclusively in Franklin County Superior Court, and the most prevailing party in such suit or action shall be entitled to recover such party's reasonable attorneys' fees, costs and expenses from the other party.

30. **NOTICES.**

a. Any notices required or permitted to be given by Attorney to the County under this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be either personally delivered to the County's PDM at his/her below-stated office address; mailed to the County's PDM at his/her below-stated office address via certified U.S. mail, postage prepaid; or emailed to the County's PDM at his/her official email address for notices:

Public Defense Manager  
Franklin County Office of Public Defense  
1016 N 4<sup>th</sup> Ave  
Pasco, WA 99301  
[opd@franklincountywa.gov](mailto:opd@franklincountywa.gov)

b. Any notices required or permitted to be given by the County to Attorney under this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be either personally delivered to Attorney at his/her below-stated business address; mailed to Attorney at his/her business address set forth in paragraph 2.a above, via certified U.S. mail, postage prepaid; or emailed to Attorney at his/her business email address set forth in paragraph 2.a.

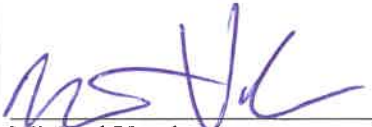
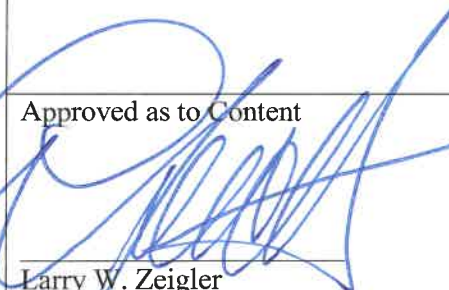
c. Any such notices under this Agreement shall be deemed to have been duly given, made, and received when either personally delivered to the notice recipient in the manner described above; when duly deposited in the U.S. mail addressed to the recipient in the manner described above; or when emailed to the recipient in the manner described above. A party may change the address(es) to which notices are to be sent by giving notice of such change of address(es) in conformity with the above provisions of this paragraph for the giving of notice.

31. **LEGAL COMPLIANCE.** Attorney agrees to and shall strictly follow and comply with any and all federal, state, local, and administrative laws, rules, and regulations applicable to Attorney's pursuit and performance of activities under this Agreement. Without limitation in that regard, Attorney shall timely and fully pay all applicable taxes, fees, licenses, and other payments required by law; and Attorney shall fully comply with any and all anti-discrimination laws and policies including, without limitation, the County's policy that no person will be subjected to discrimination by the County or their contractors based on race, color, national origin, age, sex, marital status, sexual orientation, handicap/disability, personal background, creed, or political or religious affiliation, and shall further comply with the County's policy against sexual harassment.

32. **PUBLIC DEFENSE MANAGER** Attorney acknowledges that the County has employed the PDM to coordinate, monitor, and evaluate the performances and compliance of independent contractor attorneys (like Attorney) under public defense agreements with the County. Attorney further acknowledges that the County has the right and discretion to direct the PDM to assume and fulfill various roles and functions under this Agreement. Though the PDM will not have or attempt to exercise direct control over the manner and means in which Attorney provides legal services under this Agreement, Attorney agrees to reasonably cooperate with the PDM (and his/her designees), and to promptly comply with reasonable requests from the PDM (and/or his/her designees), to allow for the effective monitoring and evaluation of Attorney's performance under this Agreement.

## SIGNATURES APPEAR ON FOLLOWING PAGE

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties hereto have entered into and executed this Agreement on the date set forth below.

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|   |                        | Chair Pro Tem   |      |
|   |                        | Member  |      |
| Approved as to Content  |                        | Constituting the Board of Commissioners for Franklin County, WA |      |
| <br>Larry W. Zeigler                    | <u>9/12/23</u><br>Date |   |      |

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