

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 444

Approved October 11, 2019

RESOLVED, That the Members of the Providence City Council hereby Authorize Approval of the following Contract Award by the Board of Contract and Supply, in accordance with Section 21-26 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence.

Various Vendors  
(Law Department)

\$1,400,000.00

Adler Pollock & Sheehan, P.C.  
Timothy M. Bliss, Attorney at Law  
DeSisto Law LLC  
Sharon G. Garner  
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Handy Law LLC  
Henneous, Carroll, Lombardo, LLC  
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**IN CITY COUNCIL**

**OCT 03 2019**

READ AND PASSED

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PRES.

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CLERK

I HEREBY APPROVE.

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Mayor  
Date: 10/11/19

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## Office of the Internal Auditor

July 16, 2019

Mr. Shawn Selleck  
City Clerk's Office  
City of Providence  
25 Dorrance Street  
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Shawn:

I am writing to request that the following requested contract awards be submitted to the City Council and the Finance Committee for approval:

▪ **Law Department:**

- Award to various vendors to retain outside legal counsel and associated expert accountant services up to \$1,400,000.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gina M. Costa".

Gina M. Costa  
Internal Auditor

Cc: Jeff Dana, City Solicitor  
Molly Hannon Associate Director of Purchasing  
James J. Lombardi, III, Treasurer/Senior Advisor to City Council



**CITY OF PROVIDENCE**

Jorge O. Elorza, Mayor

July 8, 2019

Mayor Jorge O. Elorza  
Chairman, Board of Contract & Supply  
Providence City Hall  
25 Dorrance Street  
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

Re: Notification of Outside Legal Counsel Status

Dear Mayor Elorza:

The City Solicitor has plenary, unilateral authority to retain outside legal counsel and associated expert accountant service to represent the City or any City department or agency.

Section 603 of the Providence Home Rule Charter clearly vests the Solicitor with broad authority to represent the City and all agencies in such a manner, and with such personnel, as the Solicitor deems appropriate. It does not require the Solicitor to obtain City Council approval, or that of any subsidiary entity including the Board of Contract and Supply, in order to retain outside counsel. The authority to manage the City's legal affairs is implicitly recognized in Section 21-26 of the Code of Ordinances, which excludes "legal" contracts from the list of contracts which require approval. To the same effect, see R.I.G.L. §45-55-14.

By this letter, I write to inform the Board that during FY20, the Law Department may be utilizing the services of the attorneys or law firms listed on the attachment, with a total budget of \$1,400,000. If we engage additional legal counsel, we will so advise the Board.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey Dana".

Jeffrey Dana  
City Solicitor

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**CITY OF PROVIDENCE**

Jorge O. Elorza, Mayor

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