

R-16-21

**RESOLUTION PROFESSIONAL LABOR COUNSEL SERVICES
AS A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highlands has a need for professional labor counsel services as a non-fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A.-19:44A-20.5; and

WHEREAS, such professional legal services can only be provided by licensed professionals and Bruce Padula, Esq., of the law firm of Cleary, Giacobbe, Alfieri & Jacobs, LLC is so recognized; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has determined and certified in writing that the value of the contract may exceed \$17,500; and

WHEREAS, this contract is to be awarded at an hourly rate of \$150 per hour for an amount not to exceed \$20,000 plus reimbursable expenses for professional bond counsel services for the Borough of Highlands for the period January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016. All rates based on the services utilized are provided for in the contract between Cleary, Giacobbe, Alfieri & Jacobs, LLC and the Borough of Highlands; and

WHEREAS, the firm Cleary, Giacobbe, Alfieri & Jacobs, LLC has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that the firm has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Borough of Highlands in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit the firm from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract; and

WHEREAS, the firm of Cleary, Giacobbe, Alfieri & Jacobs, LLC has completed and submitted a Political Contribution Disclosure form in accordance with P.L. 2005, c 271; and

WHEREAS, certification of availability of funds is hereby provided contingent upon adequate funding being provided in the 2016 adopted budget.

Current Fund Legal = \$20,000

Patrick DeBlasio, Chief Financial Officer

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et. seq. requires that notice with respect to contracts for professional services awarded without competitive bids must be publicly advertised;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Borough Council of the Borough of Highlands as follows:

1. That Bruce Padula, Esq. of the firm of Cleary, Giacobbe, Alfieri & Jacobs, LLC is hereby retained to provide professional labor counsel services as described above for an amount not to exceed \$20,000 plus reimbursable expense for the period of January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016.
2. The contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a) because it is for services performed by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession. The Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized to sign the contract.
3. A copy of the Resolution as well as the contract shall be placed on file with the Borough Clerk of the Borough of Highlands.
4. The Borough Clerk is hereby directed to publish notice of this award as required by law.
5. The attached contract is hereby approved and the Mayor and Borough Clerk area hereby authorized to execute contract.

	INTRODUCED	SECONDED	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
BROULLON			X			
CARD				X		
D'ARRIGO				X		
WELLS		X	X			
NOLAN	X		X			
ON CONSENT AGENDA			YES	X	NO	

Date: January 1, 2016 _____

CAROLYN CUMMINS, BOROUGH CLERK

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was duly adopted by the Governing Body of the Borough of Highlands at a meeting held January 1, 2016.

BOROUGH CLERK/DEPUTY CLERK