



BOROUGH OF HIGHLANDS
COUNTY OF MONMOUTH

RESOLUTION 24-018

AUTHORIZING AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES – CONFLICT ATTORNEY

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highlands has a need for professional conflict attorney legal services for the calendar year 2024 pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5; and

WHEREAS, such professional services can only be provided by licensed professionals and Maraziti Falcon, LLP are so recognized; and

WHEREAS, Maraziti Falcon, LLP has set forth its proposed services in a written proposal dated December 14, 2023, a copy of which is available at the office of the Borough Clerk; and

WHEREAS, Maraziti Falcon, LLP has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that Maraziti Falcon, LLP 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 Maraziti Falcon, LLP from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract; and

WHEREAS, Maraziti Falcon, LLP has completed and submitted a Political Contribution Disclosure form in accordance with P.L. 2005, c 271; and

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

WHEREAS, certification of the availability of funds has been provided by the Chief Financial Officer contingent upon adoption of the 2024 budget.

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

1. That the firm of Maraziti Falcon, LLP is hereby appointed and retained to provide professional conflict attorney services at an hourly rate of \$195.00 per hour, for the twelve (12) month period beginning January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024, in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00.
2. The Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the contract for the aforesaid professional services.
3. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as “Professional Services” in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(A)(i) because it is for services performed by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession.

4. A copy of this Resolution as well as the contract shall be placed on file with the Clerk of the Borough of Highlands.
5. The Borough Clerk is hereby directed to publish public notice of this award as required by law.

Motion to Approve R 24-018:

	INTRODUCED	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
CERVANTES						
CHELAK						
MELNYK						
OLSZEWSKI						
BROULLON						

This is a Certified True copy of the Original Resolution on file in the Municipal Clerk's Office.

DATE OF VOTE: January 1, 2024

Nancy Tran, Municipal Clerk
Borough of Highlands