



BOROUGH OF HIGHLANDS
COUNTY OF MONMOUTH

RESOLUTION 26-015

AUTHORIZING AWARD OF A FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES – CONFLICT ATTORNEYS

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highlands has a need for professional conflict attorney legal services for the calendar year 2026 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 the firms of Maraziti Falcon, LLP, Marmero Law LLC, and Peri Stewart Malia are so recognized; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has reviewed all proposals received and has determined that the Mayor and Borough Council desire to authorize the execution of professional services contracts between the following listed persons/firms and the Borough for the provision of said services for the year 2026; and

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

WHEREAS, certification of availability of funds has been provided by the Chief Financial Officer contingent upon the adoption of the 2026 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, 2026, through December 31, 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$26,000.00.
2. That the firm of Marmero Law, LLC is hereby appointed and retained to provide professional conflict attorney services at an hourly rate of \$150.00 per hour, for the twelve (12) month period beginning January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$26,000.00.
3. That the firm of Peri Stewart Malia is hereby appointed and retained to provide professional conflict attorney services at an hourly rate of \$185.00 per hour, for the twelve (12) month period beginning January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$26,000.00.
4. The Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the contracts for the aforesaid professional services.

5. These contracts are 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.
6. A copy of this Resolution as well as the contracts shall be placed on file with the Clerk of the Borough of Highlands.
7. The Municipal Clerk is hereby directed to publish public notice of this award as required by law.

Motion to Approve R 26-015:

	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, 2026

Nancy Tran, Municipal Clerk
Borough of Highlands