

RESOLUTION 33-24

**UNION COUNTY INSURANCE FUND COMMISSION
RESOLUTION APPOINTING COUNSEL**

WHEREAS, the Union County Insurance Fund Commission has a need to provide legal representation to the County of Union in the matter of Daphne Cedres v. County of Union, et al., in the Superior Court of New Jersey, County of Union; and

WHEREAS, the firm of Rainone, Coughlin, Minchello was previously appointed to provide such representation in this matter, but is now unable to do so; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a fair and open process by way of a Request for Qualifications for Litigation Defense Counsel services by the County of Union, the law firm of Kologi Simitz, was authorized to provide legal representation to the Insurance Fund Commission for the year 2024; and

WHEREAS, Kologi Simitz, 500 North Wood Avenue, Linden, NJ has agreed to provide the necessary services as outlined above, effective November 7, 2024, in the sum not to exceed \$15,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law requires that a resolution authorizing the awarding of a contract for professional services "without competitive bidding" must be passed by the governing body and shall be advertised and be available for inspection by members of the public; and


WHEREAS, this contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i) of the Local Public Contracts Law because the services to be provided are in the field of law requiring considerable training and specialized study:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commissioners of the Union County Insurance Fund Commission that it hereby authorizes the Chairperson to execute a contract with Kologi Simitz, pursuant to a fair and open process, to provide the necessary legal services as outlined above, effective November 7, 2024, in the amount not to exceed \$15,000.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that notice of this Resolution be published according to law.

ADOPTED by the UNION COUNTY INSURANCE FUND COMMISSION at a properly noticed meeting held December 17, 2024.

ADOPTED:


Chair
Dated:

ATTEST:


Vice-chair
Dated: