

New Jersey Schools Insurance Group 6000 Midlantic Drive, Suite 300 North Mount Laurel, New Jersey 08054 www.njsig.org

# Board of Trustees Meeting October 18, 2023 Action Item Contracting: Outside counsel – GL, complex GL, school/educ. NJSIG No. 1023-4

NJSIG was formally notified that an attorney at a law firm currently approved to represent NJSIG members for General Litigation (C-2023-0002), Complex General Litigation (C-2023-0003), and School / Education Litigation (C-2023-0004) was leaving their existing employment to start a new law firm, Taylor Law Group, LLC. The matters in which this attorney represents NJSIG members are in varying stages of litigation, and the attorney who left their predecessor firm to start Taylor Law Group, LLC is currently the attorney most familiar with the NJSIG member matters they were handling prior to their departure.

If these matters remained at the current law firm, NJSIG would be required to expend resources for new attorneys at the current law firm to learn the matters so as to competently represent the NJSIG members in those matters. To avoid those expenditures, it is proposed that Taylor Law Group, LLC be approved to represent NJSIG members under General Litigation (C-2023-0002), Complex General Litigation (C-2023-0003), and School / Education Litigation (C-2023-0004). Taylor Law Group, LLC would then be required to submit a proposal in the ordinary course once a request for proposals for outside counsel services is issued, to continue to be eligible to represent NJSIG members in new matters.

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## Resolution Authorizing the Execution of Contracts Pursuant to the Public School Contracts Law

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**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Schools Insurance Group ("NJSIG") is authorized by N.J.S.A. 18A:18B-1, et seq. to provide insurance coverage for its members;

WHEREAS, NJSIG requires professional services in the form of outside counsel to represent the interests of NJSIG's members in claims;

WHEREAS, NJSIG was formally notified that an attorney at a law firm currently approved to represent NJSIG members for General Litigation (C-2023-0002), Complex General Litigation (C-2023-0003), and School / Education Litigation (C-2023-0004) was leaving their existing employment to start the law firm Taylor Law Group, LLC;

WHEREAS, the matters in which this attorney represents NJSIG members are in varying stages of litigation, and the attorney that left their predecessor firm to start Taylor Law Group, LLC is currently the attorney most familiar with the NJSIG member matters that they were handling prior to their departure;

WHEREAS, if these matters remained at the current law firm, NJSIG would be required to expend resources for new attorneys at the current law firm to learn the matters so as to competently represent the NJSIG members in those matters.

#### NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

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- 1) NJSIG supplements the existing designations of Outside Counsel as to the following areas based on this attorney's demonstrated service to NJSIG members in existing matters:
  - a. General Litigation (C-2023-0002):
    - i. Taylor Law Group, LLC
  - b. Complex General Litigation (C-2023-0003):
    - i. Taylor Law Group, LLC
  - c. School / Education Litigation (C-2023-0004):
    - i. Taylor Law Group, LLC
- 2) The Executive Director is hereby authorized to execute a professional services agreement with the above-referenced service provider;
- 3) The Claims Manager is hereby authorized to retain firms designated as Outside Counsel that have executed a professional service agreement as to the above areas to represent NJSIG members in specific matters in accordance with NJSIG Policy 2212;
- 4) This designation is in accordance with the Public School Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1, et seq.;

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5)	A notice of this action shall be published once in the official newspaper
	designated by NJSIG, and is on file and available for public inspection at the
	office of NJSIG.

I certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a Resolution passed by the New Jersey Schools Insurance Group at the meeting duly held on the 18th day of October, 2023.

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	New	Jersey Schools Insurance Group
	By:	Christopher Russo, Ed.D., Chairperson
Board Secretary Use Only		
DATE:		
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