

Board of Trustees Meeting September 15, 2021 Action Item Outside counsel for: subrogation and recovery litigation (C-2021-0008); insurance coverage counsel and litigation (C-2021-0009), and school board insurance group counsel (L-2021-0001) NJSIG No. 0921-5

As a part of NJSIG's efforts to maintain compliance with the PSCL, NJSIG issued requests for qualifications for outside counsel for subrogation and recovery litigation (C-2021-0008), insurance coverage counsel and litigation (C-2021-0009), and school board insurance group counsel (L-2021-0001). As a result of this fair and open procurement process, NJSIG received numerous proposals from qualified firms. These proposals were evaluated using the weighted evaluation criteria, and the results of that evaluation are available for review.

The designation of a firm as approved outside counsel is not a retention for a specific matter, and does not entitle a firm to be retained for a specific matter. Rather, these firms would now be eligible to handle matters on behalf of NJSIG and its members in the respective areas. The cutoff for qualifying for the outside counsel designation was as follows: an average score of seventy (70) or greater for outside counsel for subrogation and recovery litigation (C-2021-0008) and for insurance coverage counsel and litigation (C-2021-0009); and an average score of eighty (80) or greater for school board insurance group counsel (L-2021-0001). Thus, it is proposed that the firms identified in the attached resolution be designated as outside counsel in the respective areas.