

Board of Trustees Meeting of January 15, 2020 Action Item Outside Counsel Appointment of special counsel

NJSIG was formally notified that several attorneys at law firms currently approved to represent NJSIG members under C-2019-0001 and C-2019-0002 were leaving their existing employment to form a new law firm, Anderson & Shah, LLC. The matters in which these attorneys represent NJSIG members are in varying stages of the litigation, and the attorneys that left their predecessor firms to form Anderson & Shah, LLC are currently the attorneys most familiar with the NJSIG member matters that they were handling prior to their departure.

If these matters remained at the current law firms, NJSIG would be required to expend resources for new attorneys at the current law firms to learn the matters so as to competently represent the NJSIG members in those matters. Thus, it is proposed that Anderson & Shah, LLC be approved to represent NJSIG members under C-2019-0001 and C-2019-0002. Anderson & Shah, LLC would then be required to submit a proposal in the ordinary course once the request for proposals for general litigation and complex general litigation are issued later this year to be eligible to represent NJSIG members in new matters.

Recommended Resolution: to approve Anderson & Shah, LLC NJSIG to represent NJSIG members under C-2019-0001 and C-2019-0002 for general litigation and complex general litigation matters.

Jill Deitch, Esq. Executive Director



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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 several attorneys at law firms currently approved to represent NJSIG members under C-2019-0001 and C-2019-0002 were leaving their existing employment to form a new law firm, Anderson & Shah, LLC;

WHEREAS, the matters in which these attorneys represent NJSIG members are in varying stages of the litigation, and the attorneys that left their predecessor firms to form Anderson & Shah, LLC are currently the attorneys most familiar with the NJSIG member matters that they were handling prior to their departure;

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



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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

- 1) NJSIG supplements the existing designations as Outside Counsel as to each respective area based on these attorneys demonstrated service to NJSIG members in existing matters:
 - a. General Litigation (C-2019-0001):
 - i. Anderson & Shah, LLC.
 - b. Complex General Litigation (C-2019-0002):
 - i. Anderson & Shah, LLC.
- 2) The Executive Director is hereby authorized to execute professional services agreements with the above-referenced service providers;
- 3) The Chief Legal Officer, with the advice of the Claims Manager, is hereby authorized to retain firms designated as Outside Counsel that have executed a professional service agreement as to each respective area 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, <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:18A-1, <u>et seq.</u>;



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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 15th day of January, 2020.

	New Jersey Schools Insurance Group		
	By:	·	
		Irene Le Febvre, Chairperson	
Board Secretary Use Only			
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