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**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP
OF TOMS RIVER, OCEAN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING
THE RETENTION OF THE FIRM OF CORONATO LAW, FOR POOL
GENERAL LEGAL AND LITIGATION SERVICES FOR CALENDAR
YEAR 2024, TO BE UTILIZED ON AN AS-NEEDED BASIS**

MARCH 27, 2024

WHEREAS, the Township of Toms River has a need to acquire Pool General Legal and Litigation services, on an as-needed basis, commencing retroactive to March 27, 2024 up to and including December 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Toms River solicited proposals for these services in accordance with the Fair and Open Process pursuant to the provisions of *N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et. seq.*; and

WHEREAS, the following firm submitted a conforming proposal which was publicly opened and read on March 7, 2024; and

1. Joseph D. Coronato, Sr., Esq.
Joseph D. Coronato, Jr., Esq.
Coronato Law
680 Hooper Avenue, Suite 304
Bldg.C, Second Floor
Toms River, NJ 08753

WHEREAS, Joseph D. Coronato, Sr., has represented Ship Bottom, Barnegat Light, Eagleswood and Tuckerton as Special Borough Attorney, and has 44 years practicing law in New Jersey and is well versed in government law. He operated the Ocean County Prosecutor's Office during his term as county prosecutor; and

WHEREAS, Joseph D. Coronato, Jr., is well versed in New Jersey government law, contract law, contract negotiations, knowledge of Public Employee Retirement System/Police and Firemen Retirement System rules and regulations, etc. He previously served as the Island Heights Land Use Board Attorney while with the Brady & Kunz law firm, and other positions as well;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Council of the Township of Toms River authorizes the Mayor to enter into and the Township Clerk to attest to a contract with the firm of:

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for pool general legal and litigation services for 2024, to be used on an as-needed basis, commencing retroactive to March 1, 2024 up to and including December 31, 2024 at the rate of \$135.00 per hour, for a total maximum amount not to exceed \$200,000.00 for CY2024, for all legal firms for all legal services required, contingent upon the execution of a contract, the availability of funds, and the adoption of the CY24 budget. The certification of funds available statement with respect to this resolution is on file in the Office of the Township Clerk.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that notice of this contract award shall be published within 10 days of the date of this Resolution, pursuant to law.

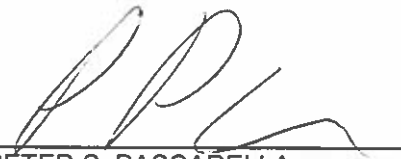
The certification of funds available statement with respect to this resolution is on file in the Office of the Township Clerk.

A certified copy of this resolution shall be provided by the Office of the Township Clerk to each of the following:

- a) Mayor Daniel T. Rodrick
- b) Township Council
- c) Township Administrator
- d) Certified Financial Officer
- e) Township Attorney
- f) Purchasing Dept.
- g) Joseph D. Coronato, Sr., Esq. &
Joseph D. Coronato, Jr., Esq.
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Approved as to Legal Form:


PETER S. PASCARELLA
ASSISTANT TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY

Certified as a true copy of the Resolution adopted
by the Council on this 27 day of March, 2024.


MICHAEL CRUOGLIO
TOWNSHIP CLERK

