



RESPONSE OF

CHASAN LAMPARELLO
MALLON & CAPPUZZO

TO

THE BOROUGH OF WALLINGTON

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

OUTSIDE LEGAL SERVICES

RFQ-20-001

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS OF
QUALIFICATIONS FOR
Outside Legal Services for the 2020
Calendar Year

	(X) Please indicate the services RFPQ submission applies to:	
1		Borough Attorney
2		Labor/Employment Counsel
3		Appellate Practice (Federal, Superior Court, Civil Appeals)
4		Board of Health Counsel
5		Rent Control Board Counsel
6		Bond Counsel
7		Prosecutor
8		Public Defender
9		Redevelopment Counsel
10		Planning Board Attorney
11		Zoning Board Attorney
12	X	Special Counsel
13	X	Tax Appeals
14		Alternate Prosecutor
15		Alternate Public Defender
16		Alternate Borough Counsel
17	X	Conflicts Counsel
18	X	Special Litigation Counsel
19		Council on Affordable Housing Counsel
20		Hearing Officer
21		Affordable Housing Attorney
22		Special Investigation Counsel
23		Human Resources Investigation Counsel
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Kenneth A. Porro, Esq., Partner

1. QUALIFICATION STATEMENT

Chasan Lamparello Mallon & Cappuzzo, PC ("CLMC" or the "Firm") is pleased to submit this response to the Request for Qualifications ("RFQ") published by the Borough of Wallington (the "Borough") for **Outside Legal Services for the 2020 Calendar Year**.

The Firm's partner, Kenneth A. Porro, has represented numerous municipalities, including the cities of Union City, Jersey City, Newark, Secaucus, Bayonne, Passaic and Hackensack the townships of Teaneck, Lyndhurst and Weehawken, the boroughs of Carlstadt, Paramus, Ridgefield, Rutherford and Woodcliff Lake, and the counties of Bergen and Hudson. CLMC boasts a breadth and depth of experienced attorneys who devote a significant portion of their practice to successfully representing the interests of public entity clients in complex and challenging matters, making the Firm distinctively qualified to represent the Borough in this engagement.

CLMC currently employs 47 licensed attorneys, comprised of 23 Partners, 4 Counsel (Arthur N. D'Italia, a past Assignment Judge for Hudson County, and a former partner of the Firm, Thomas P. Olivieri, the former Presiding Judge of the Chancery Division, General Equity, of the Superior Court for Hudson County; Robert M. Czech, former Civil Service Commissioner of New Jersey, and Joel A. Leyner, a founding member of the Firm), 9 Attorneys Of Counsel, and 11 Associates. We employ a support staff of 41 employees, including paralegals, law clerks and legal assistants.

Recently, CLMC was honored to receive a Tier 1 ranking in the 2020 Edition of *U.S. News – Best Lawyers* "Best Law Firms." The Firm received Tier 1 distinctions in the areas of Commercial Litigation, Employment Law—Management, Labor Law—Management, Litigation—Labor & Employment, and Litigation—Municipal. Recognition was determined through an evaluation of the Firm clients, peer review from attorneys in the same practice areas and information provided as part of the formal submission process. The achievement of this ranking in Best Law Firms is, in the words of the publishers, a "special distinction that signals a unique combination of excellence and breadth of expertise."

The legal issues encountered by public entities are myriad and varied, spanning the entire spectrum of civil law. CLMC is not only equipped to handle each facet of the law, but is cognizant that the legal services it provides to public entities must be zealous and robust, judiciously and efficiently employed for the benefit of the taxpayers, and sensitive to a client's political and economic environment.

CLMC applies these principles through its comprehensive representation of public entities, from providing advice and counsel, to pre-litigation advocacy, to litigation at state and federal trial and appellate court levels and before administrative tribunals. The Firm also has extensive experience in representing public entities in all areas of the rapidly changing labor and employment law fields, and in the areas of property redevelopment, planning and real estate transactions involving public entities. Our attorneys have expertise in all phases of public bidding, including preparing bid documents, contract award and administration, and litigating and resolving bidding disputes.

To keep our clients informed of current law and best practices, we offer training and seminars on topics including equal opportunity employment, discrimination, and sexual harassment. The Firm also provides expert counsel on ensuring compliance with essential statutes and regulations, including the Open Public Meetings Act, the Open Public Records Act, the Local Budget Law, the Local Fiscal Affairs Law, the Local Authorities Fiscal Affairs Law, the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, the Tort Claims Act, environmental laws and regulations, and all aspects of Titles 40 and 40A of the New Jersey statutes.

General Litigation. CLMC specializes in litigating matters on behalf of public entity clients in federal court, state court, and before administrative tribunals. The Firm also handles all levels of appeals. Having numerous attorneys designated by the New Jersey Supreme Court as Certified Civil and Certified Criminal Trial Attorneys, the CLMC litigation department is known for its efficiency, economy and its ardent representation of its individual, organizational, regulatory and governmental clients. With more than fifty years of trial and appellate experience before the federal and State courts as well as before regulatory and administrative agencies, our attorneys provide diversified representation in the multiple areas of law that could impact the Borough. Our size and experience allows our attorneys to efficiently and successfully handle cases as diverse as routine personal injury/tort claim matters to the most complex commercial and environmental litigation.

Tax Appeals. We are vastly experienced in tax appeal law, representing municipalities on all appeal levels, as well as providing consulting on tax appeal matters, proceedings, revaluations and related issues, as well as tax sales and tax foreclosures. Moreover, the Firm's collective experience in the representation of governmental entities encompasses every aspect of law that may arise during the engagement.

Kenneth A. Porro, Esq. will be the lead partner assigned to this engagement. Ken has over thirty years of real estate and business litigation and land use valuation experience practicing throughout the State of New Jersey. Ken serves as counsel to local land use boards and governmental entities on pending development applications, plan revisions, redevelopment plans and in related litigation matters.

Ken's writings further reflect his established knowledge in land use and valuation disputes. He is the author of "Redevelopment through Condemnation," "The Effect of Government Restrictions on Valuation of Property," and "Defending Contempt Penalties Under the Clean Water Act."

Ken is General Corporate Counsel to the Meadowlands Municipal Mayors Committee; Meadowlands Construction Officials Association; Industrial Steel Structures, LLC; Lyndhurst Little League Inc. and Indian Hills Boys Soccer Boosters Assoc. He has previously served as general counsel to the Lyndhurst Board of Education. Ken was the Wyckoff Township elected representative to the Ramapo Indian Hills Regional High School Board of Education from 2012 to 2018.

Ken has received the honor of being recognized as a "New Jersey Super Lawyer" by New Jersey Magazine in 2005-2007, 2009-2013, 2015-2016, and 2018, and was recognized in the 2020 edition of Best Lawyers in America. He is also a past Condemnation Commissioner and lecturer for the New Jersey State Bar Association on Adverse Possession, Land Use, and Municipal Tax Appeals as well as other local government/land use topics.

As attorneys with broad experience before trial and appellate courts, we appreciate the importance – from the outset of the representation – of understanding the client's problem, of counseling to avoid litigation if possible, and of considering economical alternatives to litigation such as arbitration and mediation. As attorneys who regularly try cases to decision, we recognize that successful representation requires strategic planning, attention to detail, efficiency and economy and the enduring commitment to achieve the best result possible for our client.

Reported Decisions. CLMC is credited with numerous reported decisions from the New Jersey Supreme Court, the New Jersey Superior Court, Appellate Division, and the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey. A partial list of these decisions and their citations are as follows:

- State v. Saavedra, 222 N.J. 39 (2015), 127 Fair Empl. Prac. Cas. (BNA) 733.
- Maddox v. City of Newark, 50 F. Supp. 3d 606, 124 Fair Empl. Prac. Cas. (BNA) 1116 (D.N.J. 2014).
- Winters v. North Hudson Regional Fire and Rescue, 212 N.J. 67 (2012);
- Massachi v. City of Newark Police Department, 415 N.J. Super. 518 (App Div. 2010);
- Sierfeld v. Sierfeld, 414 N.J. Super. 85 (App. Div. 2010);
- CFG Health Systems, LLC v. County of Hudson, 413 N.J. Super. 306 (App. Div. 2010);
- North Jersey Media Group, Inc. v. Bergen County Prosecutor's Office, 405 N.J. Super. 386 (App.Div.2009);
- Redvanly v. Automated Data Processing, Inc., 407 N.J. Super. 395 (App. Div. 2009);
- Board of Education of the City of Clifton v. Zoning Board of Adjustment of the City of Clifton, 409 N.J. Super. 389 (App. Div. 2009);
- In the Matter of Michael G. Venezia, 191 N.J. 259 (2007);

- Hicks v. Hudson County Correctional Center, 101 Fair Empl. Prac. Cas. (BNA) 1075 (2007);
- Potente v. County of Hudson, et al., 185 N.J. 297 (2005);
- Visiting Homemaker Service of Hudson County v. Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Hudson, et al., 380 N.J. Super. 596 (App. Div. 2005);
- Greer v. Naklicki, 379 N.J. Super. 153 (App. Div. 2005), certif. denied, 185 N.J. 390 (2005);
- Kellam v. Feliciano, 376 N.J. Super. 580 (App. Div. 2005);
- Independent Realty Company v. Township of North Bergen, 376 N.J. Super. 295 (App. Div. 2005);
- Buono v. Scalia, 179 N.J. 131 (2004);
- Velez v. City of Jersey City, 358 N.J. Super. 224 (App. Div. 2003), certif. granted, 177 N.J. 224 (2003), aff'd on other grounds, 180 N.J. 284 (2004);
- American Marine Rail NJ, LLC. v. City of Bayonne; County of Hudson and Hudson County Improvement Authority, 289 F. Supp. 2d 569 (D.N.J. 2003);
- F.S. v. L.D., 362 N.J. Super. 161 (App. Div. 2003);
- Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Hudson v. County Executive of the County of Hudson, et al., 357 N.J. Super. 242 (App. Div. 2003);
- Gaines v. Bellino, 173 N.J. 301 (2002); and
- G.E. Capital Mortgage v. Privetera, et al., 346 N.J. Super. 424 (App. Div. 2002).

Based on the foregoing, the scope of services that we provide to our existing clients meets or exceeds the requirements in the Borough's RFQ.

2. CONTACT INFORMATION

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3. BUSINESS DESCRIPTION

CLMC is a professional corporation.

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7. John L. Shahdanian II, Esq., Chasan Lamparello Mallon & Cappuzzo, PC, 300 Lighting Way, Suite 200, Secaucus, New Jersey 07094.
- (b) The Firm's **LETTER OF INTENT** is annexed hereto as **Exhibit A**.
- (c) The Firm's **CERTIFICATIONS PAGE** is annexed hereto as **Exhibit B**.
- (d) The Firm's **OWNERSHIP DISCLOSURE CERTIFICATION** is annexed hereto as **Exhibit C**.
- (e) The Firm's **DISCLOSURE STATEMENT** is annexed hereto as **Exhibit D**.
- (f) The **DISCLOSURE OF INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES IN IRAN FORM** is annexed hereto as **Exhibit E**.
- (g) The Firm's **BUSINESS REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE** is annexed hereto as **Exhibit F**.
- (h) Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:5-33, et seq., we agree to the terms of the mandatory affirmative action language as set forth in N.J.A.C. 17:27-1.1, et seq. We have been issued a **CERTIFICATE OF EMPLOYEE INFORMATION REPORT**, Certification No. 15710, by the State of New Jersey in satisfaction of our compliance, a copy of which is annexed hereto as **Exhibit G**. The Firm is in compliance with all applicable affirmative action requirements with respect to its business activities.

4. EXPERIENCE AND REFERENCES IN THE FIELD

CLMC's six decades of experience and its sustained growth are attributable to its service, client satisfaction, and reputation. The following is a listing of governmental entities that we represent with the corresponding contact information for same:

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Special Redevelopment Counsel - 2018 to Present
Tax Appeal Counsel - 2016 to Present

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Present

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Special Counsel - 2006 to Present

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5. YEARS IN BUSINESS

In 2018, CLMC celebrated its 61st anniversary. CLMC was founded in 1957 and incorporated in 1971. In the subsequent years, the Firm name changed several times, such as when Robert E. Tarleton left the Firm and became a Superior Court Chancery Division Judge for Hudson County, when Arthur N. D'Italia left the Firm and became the Superior Court Assignment Judge for Hudson County, when Peter F. Bariso, Jr. left the Firm and became a Superior Court Assignment Judge for Hudson County, and most

recently when the names of partners John V. Mallon and Robert A. Cappuzzo were added on October 24, 2016. Throughout its history, the Firm's name has commenced with "Chasan." Since its incorporation in 1971, CLMC has operated under the same federal and state tax identification numbers.

6. CURRENT MANAGEMENT

CLMC's management has remained the same since 1989. One of the founding members, Joel A. Leyner, is still employed as Counsel to the Firm.

7. MALPRACTICE JUDGMENTS

None.

8. BANKRUPTCY/REORGANIZATION

None.

9. LICENSES/GOOD STANDING

All CLMC attorneys are licensed to practice law in the State of New Jersey and are in good standing with the Office of Attorney Ethics. All attorneys who will be assigned to this engagement are licensed to practice law in the applicable state and federal courts. Neither CLMC nor any individual assigned to this engagement is disbarred, suspended or otherwise prohibited from professional practice by any federal, state or local agency.

10. COST DETAILS

The Firm's compensation proposal is to provide all legal services at \$150 per hour, plus reimbursement for reasonable expenses such as deposition transcript costs, expert fees, copying, faxes, travel and parking, court costs and fees, and messenger services.

11. LOCATION OF KEY STAFF

CLMC has always maintained offices in Hudson County, New Jersey, and is currently located at 300 Lighting Way in Secaucus, New Jersey. CLMC will be available for consultation on thirty minutes notice.

12. SUBCONTRACTORS

No subcontractors will be used by CLMC in the fulfillment of its duties to the Borough. Third parties will be utilized for deposition transcription, large copying jobs, messenger and similar services. The Firm currently uses Schulman, Wiegmann & Associates of Piscataway, New Jersey as Certified Court Reporters, Minuteman Press of Hasbrouck Heights, New Jersey and IKON Enterprise Services of Newark, New Jersey for copying,

and New Jersey Lawyers' Service of Union, New Jersey, DC Express, Inc. of Dover, New Jersey and Federal Express as providers of messenger services.

13. EMPLOYEES/UNION STATUS

CLMC employees are professionals, and thus, non-union.

14. ATTORNEY RESUMES

The following attorney, whose qualifications and experience meet or exceed the minimum qualifications in the RFQ, will be assigned to the engagement:

Kenneth A. Porro, Esq., Partner

Please find the website description of the Firm, the Firm's Governmental Law, Tax Appeal Law, and Litigation Services Practices at **Exhibit 1**.

The profile and curriculum vitae of our assigned attorney appear at **Exhibit 2**.

15. INSURANCE COVERAGE

CLMC has and will maintain professional liability insurance of at least \$100,000.00.

16. SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

We are best qualified to provide the requested services for the reasons that follow.

Qualifications

The qualifications of our assigned attorneys meet or exceed the requirements set forth in the RFQ. Their collective experience ensures that any legal matter that arises during the engagement will be competently addressed.

Extensive Clientele of Governmental Entities

We have represented counties, authorities, municipalities and school boards for numerous years. Our 60+ years of extensive experience in the area of public entity representation makes us uniquely qualified to meet the Borough's legal needs.

Experience

We understand the needs and goals of the Borough. As a public entity that has a fiduciary responsibility to taxpayers, the Borough is required to locate and select the most competent firms that are also the most cost efficient. CLMC meets the needs and goals of the Borough because we have the experience required to service a large public entity and are able to do so cost-effectively.

Knowledge of Areas of Law

Through our extensive experience with our governmental entity clients we are very knowledgeable of the areas of law involved in the operation of municipal government units.

Good Standing

All attorneys employed by CLMC are licensed to practice law in New Jersey and are in good standing with the Office of Attorney Ethics. Neither CLMC nor any individual assigned to this engagement is disbarred, suspended or otherwise prohibited from professional practice by any federal, state or local agency.

Conflicts of Interest

CLMC has no conflicts of interest that would prevent it from representing the Borough.

Court / Administrative Cases

CLMC has a long and successful history of obtaining favorable outcomes for our clients and we continue to deliver those outstanding results. We maintain an experienced and tested team of attorneys and support staff, and can ensure that our clients will receive the personal attention and availability they deserve.

We have an excellent reputation with judges and opposing counsel, which is based on the skill and dedication of our attorneys as well as on their preeminent legal ability and high ethical standards.

17. SUMMARY

CLMC attorneys are highly qualified professionals that possess the requisite knowledge, skills and expertise to efficiently and effectively represent and defend the interests of the Borough. Several CLMC attorneys have received the singular honor of being selected to *Best Lawyers in America*®, a peer-review survey in which the country's leading attorneys vote on the legal abilities of other lawyers in their practice areas. In addition, *New Jersey Monthly Magazine* consistently names a number of our partners as *SuperLawyers*® and recognizes various Firm associates as "Rising Stars." *The New Jersey Law Journal*, which annually recognizes the State's preeminent lawyers under 40 years of age, has awarded numerous CLMC attorneys with that accolade, including Thomas R. Kobin (2006); John L. Shahdanian (2008); Thomas A. Morrone (2011); Nicole R. Cassata (2012); and Maria P. Vallejo (2013).

Two of the Firm's senior partners, Ralph Lamparello and Steven Menaker, achieved the elite distinction of being certified by the New Jersey Supreme Court as both Civil and Criminal Trial Attorneys. Only 43 of the 80,000 practicing attorneys in New Jersey had earned this dual certification.

Mr. Lamparello, the Firm's Managing Partner, is a past President of the New Jersey State Bar Association, and has been selected by *New Jersey Monthly Magazine* as one of the top 100 lawyers in New Jersey. In 2013, he was awarded the Congressman Peter W. Rodino Humanitarian Achievement Award by Seton Hall Law School. The New Jersey Commission on Professionalism has twice awarded Mr. Lamparello with the Professional Lawyer of the Year honor, by nomination of the Hudson County Bar Association in 2009, and by nomination of the New Jersey State Bar Association in 2014. In 2019, the New Jersey State Bar Foundation awarded its highest honor, the Medal of Honor Award, to Mr. Lamparello in recognition of his significant contributions to the advancement of the justice system and the legal profession in New Jersey, and professional excellence.

In addition to its many professional achievements and accolades, the Firm's members share a devotion to serving the public interest and are experienced in representing governmental entities. Thomas R. Kobin and John L. Shahdanian II, partners with long-standing experience serving municipal clients, currently serve as Town Counsel for the Township of North Bergen and Township Attorney for the Township of Teaneck, respectively. Mr. Shahdanian also serves as Labor Counsel for the Boroughs of Bergenfield, Dumont, Teaneck, and New Milford. Additionally, Michael A. D'Anton, Partner, is the General Counsel for North Hudson Regional Fire & Rescue.

The breadth and collective experience held by the Firm's attorneys enables CLMC to advise the Borough on any legal issue that may arise, such as preparing ordinances, resolutions and opinions; preparing legal memoranda; reviewing documents; representing the Borough in civil cases, appeals and administrative matters; attending meetings or advising management and HR on employee relations matters.

We thank you for the opportunity to share our capabilities with you and are confident that we can exceed the Borough's expectations for the provision of legal services. We welcome the opportunity and privilege of serving the Borough of Wallington.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX A LETTER OF INTENT

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December 17, 2019

Attn: Hector Olmo, Borough Administrator

Re: RFQ-20-001 Outside Legal Services for the 2020 Calendar Year

Dear Mr. Olmo:

The undersigned, as Respondent, has submitted the attached Proposal of Qualification Statement in response to a Request for Proposal of Qualifications (RFQ), issued by the Borough of Wallington ("Borough"), dated November 26, 2019, in connection with the services set forth above.

CHASAN LAMPARELLO MALLON & CAPPUZZO, PC HEREBY STATES:

1. The Qualification Statement contains accurate, factual and complete information. We affirm that the contents of our Proposal of Qualification Statement (which Qualification Statement is incorporated herein by reference) are accurate, factual and complete to the best of our knowledge and belief and that the Qualification Statement is submitted in good faith upon express understanding that any false statement may result in the disqualification of the undersigned Respondent.

2. The undersigned Respondent is interested in being invited to respond to the Borough of Wallington request for Proposals of Qualifications (RFQ). It is the intent of Respondent, to complete and submit a Qualification Statement for the provision of the services set forth above and to enter into a contract for said services if selected and awarded a contract by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wallington.