

5/14/25
Date

Division Chief

Director

Order No. _____ Contract No. _____

Prices/Footings Verified

Budget Account No.

Year Charged

Cost Code

**Voucher Properly executed and complete.
Submit for Approval.**

County Executive

* All bold items must be completed.

To Charge Multiple Budgets:

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Total Voucher:

RAINONE COUGHLIN MINCHELLO, LLC

555 U.S. Highway One South,
Suite 440

Iselin, NJ 08830

Telephone: 7327094182

Fax: 7327911555

May 07, 2025

Invoice No. 22421

County of Hudson
Office of County Counsel
567 Pavonia Avenue
Jersey City, NJ 07306

Client Number: 4793 County of Hudson

Matter Number: 153-0003 HUDSON COUNTY Daniel Shpilberg v. Hudson County

For Services Rendered from 1/1/2025 Through 4/30/2025.

Fees				
<u>Date</u>	<u>Timekeeper</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Amount</u>
4/8/2025	BPT	Receipt and review correspondence re: service of complaint	0.30	\$45.00
4/8/2025	BPT	Receipt and review Complaint	1.10	\$165.00
4/10/2025	SJ	Receipt and review courts notification re Defendant Hudson County and Hudson Corrections office Answer to complaint.	0.20	\$18.00
4/15/2025	BPT	Receipt and review correspondence from defense counsel	0.20	\$30.00
4/16/2025	BPT	Receipt and review answer filed by Hudson County	0.40	\$60.00
4/17/2025	BPT	Receipt and review correspondence from Newman, Esq. re: meeting with defense counsel	0.20	\$30.00
4/21/2025	RPJ	Receipt/Review complaint	0.60	\$54.00
4/21/2025	RPJ	Receipt/Review email from client re: contact info	0.20	\$18.00
4/21/2025	BPT	Correspondence with defense counsel re: meeting (x6)	1.20	\$180.00
4/21/2025	BPT	Correspondence with R. Edwards re: Complaint (x2)	0.40	\$60.00
4/22/2025	SJ	Review and finalize answer to complaint.	0.60	\$54.00
4/22/2025	SJ	Receipt and review courts notification re Defendant R. Edwards answer to complaint.	0.20	\$18.00
4/22/2025	BPT	Attendance at joint defense meeting	0.70	\$105.00
4/22/2025	BPT	Draft Answer	3.70	\$555.00

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4/28/2025	BPT	Draft correspondence to R. Edwards re: Complaint	0.20	\$30.00
4/29/2025	RPJ	Receipt/Review email from client (x2)	0.40	\$36.00
4/29/2025	BPT	Correspondence with R. Edwards re: meeting (x4)	0.80	\$120.00
4/30/2025	BPT	Preparation and attendance at meeting with R. Edwards	2.40	\$360.00
Billable Hours / Fees:			13.80	\$1,938.00

Timekeeper Summary

Timekeeper BPT worked 11.60 hours at \$150.00 per hour, totaling \$1,740.00.

Timekeeper RPJ worked 1.20 hours at \$90.00 per hour, totaling \$108.00.

Timekeeper SJ worked 1.00 hours at \$90.00 per hour, totaling \$90.00.

Cost Detail

<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Check No.</u>
4/24/2025	Filing Fee Answer Cross and Jury Demand	\$250.00	
Total Costs		\$250.00	

Current Invoice Summary

Current Fees:	\$1,938.00
Advanced Costs:	\$250.00
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE:	\$2,188.00

Thank You for Letting Us Serve You.
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HUDSON COUNTY INSURANCE FUND COMMISSION

RESOLUTION NO: 2025-026

MEETING DATE: April 24, 2025

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD
OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT TO
RAINONE COUGHLIN MINCHELLO
(\$40,000.00)**

**COMMISSIONERS: OFFERED AND
MOVED ADOPTION OF THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:**

WHEREAS, there has been instituted a suit in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Law Division, Hudson County under Docket No. ESX-L-1851-25 entitled Daniel J. Shpilberg v. Hudson County; and

WHEREAS, the gravamen of the complaint touches upon and is the direct result of alleged actions by Ronald P. Edwards, former Director of HCDC in the course of his employment with the County; and

WHEREAS, while the Office of the County Counsel does represent the County as an entity, County Defendant identified above is entitled to the appointment of independent counsel under several articles dealing with legal representation, as well as past practice and procedure; and

WHEREAS, the County Counsel has met, interviewed and recommended the following law firm due to their education and experience for the position of individual defense counsel for Ronald P. Edwards, former Director HCDC:

**Rainone Coughlin Minchello
555 U.S. Highway One South
Suite 440
Iselin, New Jersey 08830**

WHEREAS, the County Counsel believes that the firm set forth above can and will effectively represent Ronald P. Edwards in the defense of the suit and has previously been approved as outside counsel to the IFC through Resolution #2024-072 following a fair and open process in which said firm provided a qualifications statement pursuant to public advertising; and

WHEREAS, the cost of such representation shall not exceed the sum of **FORTY THOUSAND (\$40,000.00) DOLLARS**, which shall be paid at the rate of \$150.00 per hour; and

WHEREAS, Cheryl G. Fuller, Director of Finance and Administration has certified that funds are available for this purpose through the Insurance Fund Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Hudson County Insurance Fund Commission, that:

1. The aforesaid recitals are incorporated herein as if fully set forth at length.
2. The Office of Risk Management is hereby authorized to oversee the payment of **FORTY THOUSAND (\$40,000.00) DOLLARS** to, Rainone Coughlin Minchello, 555 U.S. Highway One South, Suite 440, Iselin, New Jersey 08830.
3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

CERTIFICATION

<u>RECORD OF VOTES</u>	<u>AYES</u>	<u>NAYS</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
David B. Drumeler, Chairperson			
Cheryl G. Fuller, Commissioner			
Kenneth Kopacz, Commissioner			

I, John Metro, certify that at a meeting of the Hudson County Insurance Fund Commission held on this _____ day of _____, 2025 the aforesaid Resolution was duly adopted. _____ members voted in the affirmative and _____ members voted in the negative.

John Metro, Secretary

Date Prepared:

MEMORANDUM

TO: INSURANCE FUND COMMISSION

FROM: ALBERICO DE PIERRO, DEPUTY COUNTY COUNSEL

DATE: APRIL 7, 2025

**RE: DANIEL J. SHPILBERG v. COUNTY OF HUDSON
(Rainone Coughlin Minchello/Professional Services)**

In this case, the County of Hudson, and Ronald P. Edwards, former Director of HCDC have been named in connection with the above matter. We will need to obtain outside counsel for Ronald P. Edwards with reference to the allegations claimed in the above referenced matter.

Upon review of the pleading, it has been decided that there are allegations which could technically take him outside the scope of his employment. Because of this, it is believed that it is necessary to hire separate counsel for Ronald P. Edwards with a Reservation of Rights.

Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the IFC approval a Resolution hiring separate counsel for the above Ronald P. Edwards in this matter, namely the law firm of Rainone Coughlin Minchello.

s/Alberico De Pierro

Alberico De Pierro
Deputy County Counsel

ADP:dmp

INSURANCE FUND COMMISSION
RESOLUTION FACT SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Office of the County Counsel

DIVISION: Law

SOURCE: Alberico De Pierro, Deputy County Counsel

CONTRACTOR/PROGRAM TITLE: Rainone Coughlin Minchello – RE: Daniel J. Shpilberg v. County of Hudson

AMOUNT: \$40,000.00

RATIONALE FOR CONTRACTING/ACTION:

Professional Services Contract
(Representing Ronald P. Edwards, former Director HCDC)