

**TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD  
BURLINGTON COUNTY**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-4-1**

**RESOLUTION FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF CONFLICT ATTORNEY**

**WHEREAS**, there is a need in the Township for a conflict attorney to represent Mansfield Township, the Mansfield Township Committee and individual Township Committee members (the "Township Defendants") in litigation filed as Golenda v. Mansfield, et al, Docket NO. BUR-L-318-23 ("Golenda litigation"); and

**WHEREAS**, Summit Risk Services, a third-party administrator partnered with Lexington Insurance Company, has confirmed insurance coverage for the Township Defendants under the Township's "Public Officials and Employment Practices" including cost of defense, subject to a \$20,000 deductible, and has appointed counsel for the Township Defendants, Dermot J. Doyle, of the law firm Huntington Bailey; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to the formal representation in the litigation by Dermot J. Doyle, Esq. of Huntington Bailey, the Township Committee finds that there is a need for an additional conflict attorney to address non-litigation issues that have arisen and may further arise within the scope of Plaintiff Golenda's position as a Mansfield Township Committee person in the context of overall Township Committee business in which the Township attorney, Timothy M. Prime Esq., may have a conflict of interest, in addition to the conflict of interest preventing the Township Attorney from representing the Township Defendants in the Golenda litigation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township issued a Request For Qualifications for a conflict attorney to represent the Township Defendants in the Golenda litigation; and matters related thereto; and

**WHEREAS**, two responses to the RFQ were received.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield, County of Burlington and State of New Jersey, that Dermot J. Doyle, Esq. of the firm Huntington Bailey is hereby acknowledged and accepted as counsel of record for the Township Defendants in filed litigation Golenda v. Mansfield, et al.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that William R. Burns, Esq. of the firm Kalavruzos Mumola Hartman Lento & Duff Attorneys at Law (KMHL&D) is hereby appointed as conflict attorney to represent the Township concerning matters supplemental to the litigation in which the Township Attorney may have a conflict of interest and to generally assist primary counsel Dermot J. Doyle, Esquire in said litigation, at a rate of \$185.00 per hour for legal services rendered.

**MOTION: SISZ**

**SECOND: BOYD**

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

**AYES: SISZ, BOYD, MOJENA**

**NAYS: NONE**

**ABSENT: TALLON, GOLENDIA ABSTAIN: NONE**

I, **LINDA SEMUS, RMC, CMR**, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Mansfield, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Resolution duly adopted by the Mansfield Township Committee at its Regular Meeting held on April 19, 2023 at 7:00PM at the Municipal Complex.

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**LINDA SEMUS, RMC, CMR  
MUNICIPAL CLERK**