

EXHIBIT A COUNTY COUNSEL

A. Method of Service Delivery

County Counsel shall maintain an ongoing relationship with the COURT by providing a designated liaison from the County Counsel who will have the responsibility for coordinating services to the COURT. The COURT will provide a designated liaison to the County Counsel for coordinating services to the County Counsel.

B. Scope of Service

County Counsel will provide legal services to the COURT, as needed upon request. Pursuant to Government Code section 26520 and the Sonoma County Board of Supervisor's Resolution No. 52450, dated February 9, 1976, County Counsel is to be reimbursed for legal services provided to independent entities of local government and departments that are funded from sources other than the County General Fund. If the Court decides to request County Counsel legal services, Court and County shall enter a separate legal services agreement and conflict waiver that is standard for other local government entities that retain County Counsel services.

C. Cost of Service

Based upon the computation by the County of Sonoma Auditor and in consultation with the County Administrator, County Counsels' justifiable billing rate for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 is \$284.00 per hour. Rates and charges assessed to the COURT for these services shall not exceed the rates applied to those departments to whom County Counsel bills its services. The amount of County Counsel services provided to COURT may vary for each fiscal year. Any adjustments of the billing rate for subsequent years will utilize the same formula and computation utilized by the County of Sonoma Auditor-Controller's Office.

As provided in Section 9 of this MOU, in the event the COURT or County Counsel desires to adjust services and/or charges specified in this MOU or this Exhibit, changes to service levels and/or reimbursement amounts (other than the billing rate adjusted as set forth in the preceding paragraph) may be made at any time during the term of this MOU upon mutual agreement of the COURT and County Counsel.

D. Performance Standards

The County Counsel and COURT will meet - if requested by the COURT - during the month of December each year to review the fiscal year-to-date performance in providing specified services to the COURT and to determine the future services to be provided and proposed budget amount for the upcoming fiscal year.