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October 8, 2024

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Via email

Re: Keith Perry, Kimberly Hord, Jose Lopez and Sharla Head v. Alachua County Board of County Commissioners and Alachua County Supervisor of Elections

Dear Bob:

As discussed, you are engaging us to represent the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners and the Alachua County Supervisor of Elections to advise them regarding possible appeal options of the order entered and preliminary appellate issues in the captioned case. Our preliminary intake review has not disclosed any conflict with our undertaking this engagement

You have said that this matter is time sensitive and you need us to begin working on this right away, even though we have not completed our formal intake process. Specifically, the reason this is time sensitive is because of the upcoming November election. We are confirming our willingness to do so for a fee not to exceed \$50,000.00, at a sharply discounted rate of \$500.00 hourly for Peter Webster on the terms of this communication.

In the unlikely event that we later (i) identify an as-yet undiscovered conflict or potential conflict that cannot be reconciled going forward, or (ii) are otherwise unable to finalize the terms of the formal "paperwork" for a mutually acceptable longer-term written engagement agreement,

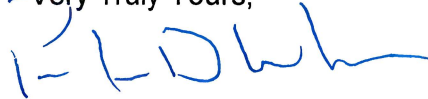
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we will have to withdraw from this representation. By authorizing us to proceed now you are consenting on behalf of the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners and the Alachua County Supervisor of Elections to such later withdrawal and agree that the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners and the Alachua County Supervisor of Elections will pay us for our legal work performed in the meantime representing Alachua County in this matter for a reasonable fee under the circumstances, taking into consideration all of the factors for setting reasonable fees set forth in the bar association rules applicable to such fees.


Please confirm that we may begin work by reply email.

Very Truly Yours,




Peter D. Webster
Carlton Fields, P.A.

Accepted and agreed to this 101010 day of October, 2024.

By: 

Kim A. Barton
Supervisor of Elections
Alachua County

ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA, a charter county
and political subdivision of the State of Florida

By: 

MICHELE LIEBERMAN
County Manager
on behalf of Alachua County

APPROVED AS TO FORM



Bob Swain (Nov 15, 2024 11:52 EST)

County Attorney











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