

BURLINGTON COUNTY MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND

Resolution No. 2021-06

**A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THE EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES LIABILITY
AND PUBLIC OFFICIALS LIABILITY DEFENSE PANEL**

WHEREAS, the Burlington County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund (BURLCOJIF) has been organized pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 40A:10-36 et. seq.*; and

WHEREAS, the Fund Commissioners of the Burlington County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund find that it is necessary and appropriate to recommend to the Fund's Employment Practice Liability and Public Officials Liability (EPL/POL) insurance carrier for 2021, QBE Insurance and their Claims Supervisor, Summit Risk, certain law firms and defense attorneys to handle the defense of the EPL/POL claims filed against the member municipalities of the Burlington County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund; and

WHEREAS, the BURLCOJIF Fund Solicitor has reviewed the performance of the law firms and defense attorneys who have handled the EPL/POL claims that were filed against the member municipalities of the BURLCOJIF in prior years, and he has determined that those firms should continue to be assigned to handle the defense of the EPL/POL matters on behalf of the BURLCOJIF member municipalities; and

WHEREAS, those recommendations were presented to the Executive Committee of the BURLCOJIF at their regular meeting on January 19, 2021, and the Executive Committee has determined that it is appropriate to adopt a Resolution memorializing those recommendations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Commissioners of the Burlington County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund assembled in a public session on January 19, 2021, that the following Law Firms and Attorneys are hereby recommended to the EPL/POL insurance carrier, QBE Insurance and their Claims Supervisor, Summit Risk, to handle the defense of the EPL/POL claims filed against the member municipalities of the Burlington County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund:

Employment Practices Liability/Public Officials Liability Claims:

1. Betsy Ramos, Esquire of the Law Firm of Capehart & Scatchard.
2. Louis Cappelli, Jr., Esquire of the Law Firm of Florio, Perrucci, Steinhardt & Fader.
3. Richard L. Goldstein, Esquire of the Law Firm of Marshall, Dennehey, Warner, Coleman & Goggin.
4. John C. Gillespie, Esquire of the Law Firm of Parker McCay.
5. Armando V. Riccio, Esquire of the Law Firm of Armando V. Riccio, LLC.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Assigned Defense Counsel shall be compensated in accordance with Professional Defense Counsel Guidelines for the Employment Practices Liability/Public Officials Liability Carrier, QBE Insurance for the ACMJIF members which are currently at a rate of \$160.00 per hour of attorney time; an Approved Associate at a rate of \$140.00 per hour of attorney time and a Paralegal rate of \$75.00 per hour.


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the recommendation of the assignment of specific EPL/POL claims for defense shall be made by the Fund Solicitor to the EPL/POL insurance carrier, QBE Insurance and their Claims Administrator, Summit Risk, and the Fund Solicitor for the Burlington County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund shall serve as the liaison for the defense of these matters and shall report to the BURLCOJIF EPL/POL Committee as to the status of all pending matters.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the copies of this Resolution shall be provided to the QBE Insurance, Summit Risk, the Executive Director, the Fund Solicitor, and the Claims Administrator of the Burlington County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund and those herein recommended for their information and attention.

This Resolution was duly adopted by the Burlington County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund at a public meeting held on January 19, 2021.

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Attest:  _____

By:  _____

Date: Jan 19 2021