

**THE CITY OF OKLAHOMA CITY
OFFICE OF
THE MUNICIPAL COUNSELOR**

Council Agenda
Item No. IX. BS
6/4/2024

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Kenneth Jordan, Municipal Counselor

Joint Resolution approving a Comprehensive Retainer Agreement with the Oklahoma City Municipal Facilities Authority and the Best & Sharp law firm, legal defense of City employees, not to exceed \$100,000, July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

Pursuant to an agreement with the City, the OCMFA has authority and responsibility to enter into retainer agreements with various attorneys who are highly skilled in the defense of claims that may be filed against City employees.

The Municipal Counselor's Office has developed a panel of qualified attorneys and has prepared a retainer agreement with the Best & Sharp law firm and Thomas A. LeBlanc, Partner/Shareholder. The terms of this retainer agreement provide for outside counsel to provide legal services and representation to City employees, if City Council approves the hiring of outside counsel. The Agreement includes legal services of Thomas A. LeBlanc, Partner/Shareholder of the Best & Sharp law firm. The contract provides a not-to-exceed amount of \$100,000.00. Best & Sharp attorneys currently provide legal defense for municipal employees in many lawsuits across the state.

Review:

Municipal Counselor's Office

Recommendation: Joint Resolution be adopted.