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ATTORNEY-CLIENT COMMUNICATION

TO: Administration & Finance Committee

FROM: Office of the Passaic County Counsel

RE: Case Summary – *Jane J. Johnson v. County of Passaic, et al.*

DATE: May 28, 2025

Date of Incident: August 11, 2023

NOC Filed: November 6, 2023

Complaint Filed: March 3, 2025

Answer Due: June 12, 2025 (County of Passaic was served on May 8, 2025)

Jane J. Johnson v. County of Passaic, et al., Docket No. PAS-L-753-25

This matter arises from a trip and fall incident that occurred on August 11, 2023. Plaintiff claims that she was walking on Main Avenue in the City of Clifton in the area between 1260 Main Avenue (Sunoco Gas Station) and 1268 Main Avenue (Clifton Moose Lodge), when she tripped due to an “elevation differential in the asphalt of the street.” Plaintiff, who is represented by Pasha Razi, Esq. (Razi & Giampa Law, LLC), alleges that her injuries were caused by the negligence of the County of Passaic and/or the City of Clifton.

Based on the quoted language above from the Plaintiff’s Notice of Claim, it appears that Plaintiff tripped on the street (as opposed to the sidewalk). The stretch of Main Avenue that she was injured on is a County road.



RESOLUTION REQUEST FORM

NAME OF REQUESTER: Nadege D. Allwaters, Esq. **DEPARTMENT/DIVISION:** County Counsel

1. DESCRIPTION OF RESOLUTION

TYPE OF RESOLUTION: Litigation

PROJECT NAME & NO. (If applicable): Jane Johnson v. County of Passaic, et al., Docket No. PAS-L-753-25

PROJECT LOCATION (If applicable): Passaic County Superior Court

SUMMARY:

The office of the Passaic County Counsel is seeking authorization to retain Trenk Isabel Siddiqi & Shahdanian, PC to provide outside legal services in the matter of Jane Johnson v. County of Passaic, et al., Docket No. PAS-L-753-25, in an amount not to exceed thirty-seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$37,500.00).

2. **CERTIFICATION OF FUNDS**

AMOUNT OF EXPENDITURE: \$ 37,500.00

REQUISITION # _____

(A copy of the requisition from Edmunds must be attached)

PURCHASE ORDER # _____

(A copy of the purchase order and change order request form must be attached)

ACCOUNT # T-19-56-850-000-801

(If more than one account please list individually below, with designated amounts)

ACCOUNT # _____ Amount: _____

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3. **METHOD OF PROCUREMENT**

RFP #: _____

RFQ #: RFQ-25-042

Add qualifying resolution no. if requesting an award

BID #: _____

CO-OP: _____ Number: _____

Did the vendor agree to extend pricing to Passaic County Cooperative Pricing #38PCCP?

Yes No

STATE CONTRACT #: _____

EXCEPTIONS (per N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 et seq.): _____

QUOTES: (Please add all solicited quotes herein; including vendor name and total amount.)

NON-FAIR & OPEN: (A copy of an executed *Business Entity Disclosure Certification* must be attached)

OTHER: _____

4. CERTIFICATION OF PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES:

(Please check the Russia-Belarus Prohibited Activity Entity List & Chapter 25 List for this section)

Confirmed not on Russia-Belarus Entity List

Date Confirmed: 5/28/25

<https://sanctionssearch.ofac.treas.gov/>

Confirmed not on Chapter 25 Prohibited Activities in Iran List

Date Confirmed: 5/28/25

<http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/purchase/pdf/Chapter25List.pdf>

5. COMMITTEE REVIEW / DISTRIBUTION

(Please check off the committee(s) the resolution request is being submitted to and the meeting date it is associated with)

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Administration & Finance | Meeting Date: <u>5/28/25</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Health & Human Services | Meeting Date: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Law & Public Safety | Meeting Date: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Planning & Economic Development | Meeting Date: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public Works | Meeting Date: _____ |