

**TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN**  
**R-10-2025**

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING SPECIAL LEGAL COUNSEL FOR LABOR  
RELATIONS PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL PUBLIC CONTRACTS LAW**

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need for a Special Legal Counsel for labor relations and employment matters in the Township of Franklin for the purposes of providing the Township Committee of said Township with legal counsel and advise; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5, the Township Committee has determined to award said contract as a fair and open contract;

**WHEREAS**, the CFO has certified the availability of funds in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 which shall be charged against budget line items #5-01-20-155-211 entitled Legal-Special Litigation.

**WHEREAS**, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.) requires the governing body of a contracting unit to publish a notice in a newspaper authorized by law to publish its legal advertisements, setting forth the nature, duration, service and amount of the contract where such contract is awarded for "professional services".

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. That Jacqueline Vigilante of The Vigilante Law Firm, 99 North Main Street, Mullica Hill NJ, 08062 is hereby retained as Labor Counsel for the Township of Franklin, to provide counsel, advice and legal services to the officials of said Township for the year 2025.

2. The appropriate officers of the Township of Franklin are hereby authorized to enter into the contract with Jacqueline Vigilante, of The Vigilante Law Firm for the legal services above specified, for a term of one year.

3. The contract is awarded as a "professional service" under the provision of the Local Public Contracts Law because of the specialized training, education, experience and specialized knowledge needed for this position and pursuant to a "fair and open" process as provided in N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.

4. A notice of the award of this contract shall forthwith be printed once in The Sentinel, an official newspaper of the Township of Franklin, authorized by law to publish the legal advertisements of the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin, and further stating that this resolution and the annexed contract are on file and available for public inspection in the Office of the Clerk of the Township of Franklin.

Adopted: January 1, 2025

COMMITTEE MEMBER	MOTION	2 <sup>nd</sup>	YES	ABSTAIN	NO	ABSENT
<b>J. Bruno</b>						
<b>T. Doyle</b>						
<b>M. Fiorella</b>						
<b>J. Keen</b>						
<b>M. Marsh</b>						

Attest:

Township of Franklin

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Barbara Freijomil, Clerk

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John Bruno, Mayor

**CERTIFICATION**

I, Barbara Freijomil, Clerk of the Township of Franklin, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was presented and duly adopted by the Township Committee at a meeting held on January 1, 2025.

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Barbara Freijomil, Clerk

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE  
TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN AND JACQUELINE VIGILANTE**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Franklin, hereinafter referred to as "Township", requires the services of Special Legal Counsel for Labor Relations commencing January 1, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, JACQUELINE VIGILANTE, of The Vigilante Law Firm, 99 North Main St, Mullica Hill, NJ 08062 hereinafter referred to as "Special Legal Counsel for Labor Relations" is a licensed attorney in the State of New Jersey, and has agreed to accept the appointment of the Township for the performance of the duties of attorney subject to the following terms and conditions:

**WITNESSETH:**

1. JACQUELINE VIGILANTE, of The Vigilante Law Firm, shall be appointed to represent the Township for a term commencing January 1, 2025, and shall perform all duties required of a local representative of the Township.

2. During the term of this Agreement, the Special Legal Counsel for Labor Relations shall devote her best efforts to advance the interest of the Township; she shall perform her duties to the best of her ability and in accordance with the Code of Professional Ethics by the New Jersey Supreme Court.

3. The Special Legal Counsel for Labor Relations shall receive a fee of \$170.00 per hour.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have set their hands and seals this 1st day of January, 2025.

THE VIGILANTE LAW FIRM

TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN

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JACQUELINE VIGILANTE

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JOHN BRUNO, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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BARBARA FREIJOMIL, CLERK