



Pinellas County

Staff Report

File #: 15-1030, Version: 1

Subject:

Consent to engage in dual legal representation for FordHarrison LLP

Recommended Action:

Approval of consent to engage in dual legal representation for Ford & Harrison, LLP.

Strategic Plan:

N/A

Summary:

The County Attorney's procedure for Legal Representation of Multiple Clients, approved by the Board of County Commissioners (Board), proscribes outside legal counsel from simultaneously representing Pinellas County and other clients in matters involving Pinellas County unless otherwise approved by the Board at a Board meeting. Ford & Harrison currently represents Pinellas County on an ongoing basis on general personnel-related matters and will be representing the County in the lawsuit Norm Roche v. Pinellas County, et al.; and therefore, the firm has requested that the County consent to the firm engaging in dual legal representation, as described in the correspondence attached, as counsel for Pinellas County and the individually named County employees.

It is therefore recommended that the Board consents to this dual legal representation.

Background Information:

N/A

Fiscal Impact:

Unknown

Staff Member Responsible:

James L. Bennett, County Attorney

Donald S. Crowell, Managing Assistant County Attorney

Partners:

N/A

Attachments:

Correspondence from law firm