



Pinellas County

Staff Report

File #: 18-213A, **Version:** 1

Subject:

Outside Counsel Agreement with Levin, Papantonio, Thomas, Mitchell, Rafferty & Proctor, P.A. regarding potential opioid litigation.

Recommended Action:

Approve and authorize the Chair to execute the Outside Counsel Agreement with Levin, Papantonio, Thomas, Mitchell, Rafferty & Proctor, P.A. related to potential opioid litigation.

Strategic Plan:

N/A

Summary:

On January 10, 2018, a committee met to evaluate the responses received to Pinellas County's November 16, 2017 Request for Letters of Interest regarding potential litigation related to the opioid epidemic. On February 6, 2018, the Board authorized and directed the County Attorney to negotiate a contingency fee agreement with the lead firm in the consortium ranked highest by that committee. The terms set forth in the attached agreement with Levin, Papantonio, Thomas, Mitchell, Rafferty & Proctor, P.A. were the result of the negotiations that subsequently ensued.

Background Information:

N/A

Fiscal Impact:

Unknown.

Staff Member Responsible:

Jewel White, County Attorney

Donald Crowell, Chief Assistant County Attorney

Christy Donovan Pemberton, Managing Assistant County Attorney

Partners:

N/A

Attachments:

Outside Counsel Agreement.