

**Board of County Commissioners
Leon County, Florida**

Policy No. 01-12

Title: Retention of Outside Counsel, Expert Witnesses, Consultants, and Related Professional Services Providers by the County Attorney

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Reference: None

Policy Superseded: None

It shall be the policy of the Board of County Commissioners of Leon County, Florida, that:

The County Attorney shall have the authority to retain the services of outside counsel, expert witnesses, and other related professional services as necessary to defend and represent the interests of Leon County, Florida.

The County Attorney shall inform the Board of County Commissioners in writing of his retention of said professional services providers.

The County Attorney shall enter into Letters of Agreement with the providers of said professional services (including hourly rates and estimated total costs) and provide a copy of same to the Board of County Commissioners in a timely fashion.

Due to the nature of the services being procured and the need for confidentiality, the procurement of legal services and related expertise as outlined above is hereby exempted from the County's procurement policy and delegated to the County Attorney, as being in the best interests of the citizens of Leon County.