

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Board of Trustees

**FROM:** Michaela Tonking, Secretary

**SUBJECT:** Review, discuss and possibly approve the contract with Best Best and Krieger LLP for legal services for the period of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024

**DATE:** January 17, 2024

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**Recommendation:**

The board makes a motion to approve the contract with Best Best and Krieger LLP from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 with Sergio Rudin serving as the District's General Counsel.

**Background:**

The District's contract for legal services with Best Best and Krieger LLP (BBK) expired on December 31, 2023. Josh Nelson, of BBK, has been the District's General Counsel since mid-2020. In late 2023, Mr. Nelson began transitioning the role of General Counsel to Sergio Rudin.

The board has discussed the possibility of issuing a Request for Proposal (RFP) for legal services, however the Interim General Manager has requested the board delay this action until the board hires a General Manager.

The board directed Trustee Tonking to meet with BBK and negotiate terms directed by the Board at the last board meeting. BBK was amenable to providing a year contract with a 90 day termination notice from BBK and 30 day termination notice from IVGID. BBK offered a discounted rate of \$275 for the first three hours of a meeting and then the original legal rate for all hours after, as well as a discounted rate of \$140 per hour.

**Attachments:**

DRAFT BBK contract  
BBK modifications to rates