

Multiple complex litigation matters have resulted in increased legal costs, including class action lawsuits and sensitive employment litigation. Due to increased litigation, DCHA is seeking to increase its contract authority with Reno & Cavanaugh, PLLC, Ballard Spahr, LLP, K&L Gates LLC, and Beveridge & Diamond, PC. The original approval for K&L Gates LLC was below the \$250,000 threshold for DCHA Board of Commissioners approval. In this resolution, DCHA is seeking approval to increase the contract authority to a total contract amount of \$395,000, requiring board approval. Each of the aforementioned contracted firms are providing General Legal Services satisfactorily to DCHA under their existing contracts.

Based upon a review of current ongoing legal matters, as well as a forecast of the amount of legal services that will be required for the remainder of the legal contracts, DCHA has determined that a modification of the legal contracts to expand their contract authority is recommended to the Board of Commissioners as stated below:

Firm	Contract Amount	Increase Requested	Proposed Contract Amount	Type of Service
Reno & Cavanaugh, PLLC	\$1,500,000	\$100,000	\$1,600,000	General Litigation, Government Contracts, Government Corporations, Real Estate Transactions/Finance/Multi-Family Housing/Mixed, HUD Regulatory Matters, DCHA and District Matters, Municipal Law, Corporate Issues Related to DCHA Board of Commissioners, IRS Compliance, General Corporate Law
Ballard Spahr, LLP	\$1,200,000	\$300,000	\$1,500,000	General Litigation, Government Contracts, Government Corporations, Real Estate Transactions/Finance/Multi-Family Housing/Mixed, Zoning Law, Environmental Law, New Markets Tax Credits, HUD Regulatory Matters, DCHA and District Matters, Municipal Law, Corporate Issues Related to DCHA Board of Commissioners, IRS Compliance, General

Firm	Contract Amount	Increase Requested	Proposed Contract Amount	Type of Service
				Corporate Law
K&L Gates LLC	\$245,000	\$150,000	\$395,000	General Litigation, New Markets Tax Credits, Environmental Law, Labor and Employment
Beveridge & Diamond, PC	\$350,000	\$250,000	\$500,000	Environmental Law, General Litigation

### **Section 3 Compliance**

Reno & Cavanaugh has led a financial literacy program. Ballard Spahr has agreed to lead resume workshops as well as lead the mock interview and resume portion of the Do Your Best Professional Development Day. K&L Gates and Beveridge & Diamond have agreed to participate in a legal fair to provide wills onsite. We are also looking into having these contracted firms participate in legal fairs on numerous public housing properties to provide workshops on various legal topics of interest to the residents, as well as provide one-on-one consultation on legal matters such as wills and estates, healthcare power of attorney, guardianship, child support, etc.

### **Strategic Goals**

This resolution is in alignment with the following DCHA Strategic goals:

**GOAL A:** Create opportunities to improve the quality of life for DCHA residents through collaboration and partnerships.

### **Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Board of Commissioners approve this Resolution to authorize the Executive Director to enter into contract modifications with Reno & Cavanaugh, PLLC, Ballard Spahr, LLP, K&L Gates LLC, and Beveridge & Diamond, PC to modify their contract values as provided herein, subject to the availability of funding.



## **RESOLUTION 18-11**

### **TO APPROVE MODIFICATIONS OF THE GENERAL LEGAL SERVICES CONTRACTS FOR RENO & CAVANAUGH, PLLC, BALLARD SPAHR, LLP, BEVERIDGE & DIAMOND, PC, AND K&L GATES LLC**

WHEREAS, on October 12, 2016, the District of Columbia Housing authority Board of Commissioners approved Resolution 16-24: To Authorize the Execution of General Legal Services Contracts, awarding multiple contracts for legal services for a period of two years, based on the availability of funds; and

WHEREAS, the contracts with Reno & Cavanaugh, PLLC, Ballard Spahr, LLP, and Beveridge & Diamond, PC, and K&L Gates LLC need to have their maximum contract amounts increased to continue their representation on behalf of DCHA on pending and ongoing litigation; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the District of Columbia Housing Authority hereby authorizes the Contracting Officer for DCHA to execute contract modifications for General Legal Services with Reno & Cavanaugh, PLLC, Ballard Spahr, LLP, Beveridge & Diamond, PC, and K&L Gates LLC in accordance with the schedule subject to the availability of funds.

<b>Firm</b>	<b>Contract Amount</b>
Reno & Cavanaugh, PLLC	\$1,600,000
Ballard Spahr, LLP	\$1,500,000
Beveridge & Diamond, PC	\$500,000
K&L Gates LLC	\$395,000


RESOLUTION 18-11

To Approve Modifications  
Of The General Legal Services  
Contacts for Reno & Cavanaugh, PLLC,  
Ballard Spahr, LLP,  
Beveridge & Diamond, PC

ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners and signer in authentication of its  
passage the 9<sup>th</sup> day of May 2018.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

  
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Tyrone Garrett  
Executive Director/Secretary  
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~~Neil Albert~~ William Slover  
Vice Chairman

APPROVED FOR FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

  
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Kenneth S. Slaughter  
General Counsel

CERTIFICATION OF FUNDS TO RESOLUTION 18-11

TO AUTHORIZE THE MODIFICATION OF CONTRACTS  
GENERAL LEGAL SERVICES CONTRACTS FOR  
RENO & CAVANAUGH, PLLC, BALLARD SPAHR, LLP,  
BEVERIDGE AND DIAMOND, PC AND K&L GATES LLP

District of Columbia Housing Authority  
Certification of Funds Available

Funding Request

To modify existing legal services contracts, as follows: Reno & Cavanaugh, PLLC, increase \$100,000 from an original contract amount of \$1,500,000 to a new contract amount of \$1,600,000; Ballard Spahr, LLP, increase \$300,000 from an original contract amount of \$1,200,000 to a new contract amount of \$1,500,000; Beveridge and Diamond, PC, increase \$250,000, from an existing contract amount of \$350,000 to a new contract amount of \$500,000, and K&L Gates LLP, increase \$150,000 from an original contract amount of \$245,000 to a new contract amount of \$395,000. The total funding requested is \$700,000.00 above the existing contract amounts.

Funding Source	Amount
<u>7000-916008-7000-8790</u>	<u>\$700,000.00</u>
Capital (Account #) _____	\$ <u>N/A</u>

IF APPLICABLE-

AMOUNT OF PREVIOUS CONTRACT


\$3,295,000.00

AMOUNT EXPENDED THROUGH 5/4/18

\$741,544.79

CERTIFICATION

DATE

  
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B. Chen  
Director of Finance

May 7, 2018

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