



RESOLUTION R-005-25

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF WALKER COUNTY TO APPOINT RETAINED LEGAL COUNSEL

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Walker County is the governing authority of Walker County, Georgia, as set forth by Act No. 165 ("Act") passed by the Georgia General Assembly during the 2017-2018 session and subsequently approved by the Governor; and

WHEREAS, Section 11 (17) of the Act provides that the Board is authorized to appoint retained legal counsel;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WALKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS that this Resolution reflects the terms and conditions upon which Jarrard & Davis, LLP ("J&D") are hereby appointed to serves as County Attorneys. This appointment shall in no event give rise to a multi-year agreement for services; and this appointment may be terminated at any time by the Board of Commissioners with or without cause.

1. Designated Areas of Responsibility

J&D shall be responsible for the general legal representation of Walker County and all of its agencies, employees, constitutional officers, elected officials, and departments irrespective of the nature or type of legal matter involved, and specifically including but not limited to, matters of litigation, property acquisition, zoning, contract review and negotiation, and general counsel and advice. (The "Representation"). The breadth of the Representation shall not prohibit Walker County from retaining a compliance attorney.

2. Rate of Fees

The Representation as defined above shall be provided at the billable rates set forth below.

Partner Rates

Founding Partners (Ken Jarrard and Angela Davis)	\$290.00/hour
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Partners

	\$265.00/hour
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Associate Rates

Tier 1 Associate	\$215.00/hour
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Tier 2 Associate	\$230.00/hour
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Tier 3 Associate	\$240.00/hour
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Tier 4 Associate	\$255.00/hour
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Paralegal Rates

Paralegal	\$150.00/hour
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3. Bond Counsel

This Resolution shall entitle J&D to select lead bond counsel and serve as local counsel for any bond issues the County, or any other entity for whom the Board of Commissioners has authority to appoint counsel, pursues. The transactional fee incurred as local bond counsel



shall be set at a commercially reasonable rate in conjunction with bond counsel. J&D shall not bill, and has historically not billed, an hourly rate for local counsel bond work unless the bond does not close.

4. Conflict Counsel

In the event that J&D is presented with a legal conflict on a certain matter for which J&D has responsibility, the Board upon becoming apprised of such conflict by J&D, shall appoint different counsel to handle the matter in resolution of the conflict. J&D is authorized to provide a recommendation regarding selection of conflict counsel and, absent unusual circumstances, conflict counsel shall charge a rate that is the same as set forth in paragraph 2.

5. Expenses and Billing

J&D’s Statement of Client Policies and Electronic Research Billing Policies are attached hereto and correspondingly approved. Expenses incurred such as computerized research, postage, copying, transcripts, court reporters, expert witness fees, and other out-of-pocket expenses shall be billed directly to the County.

6. Termination

This appointment may be terminated at any time, with or without cause, upon formal vote of the Walker County Board of Commissioners to so terminate. This appointment shall expire no later than December 31, 2026. To the extent this appointment may trigger the multi-year services language in O.C.G.A. 36-60-13, then all requirements of that statute are hereby incorporated herein - with automatic renewal occurring unless notice is given to terminate the appointment within one (1) day of the end of the pertinent fiscal year.

SO APPOINTED this 6th day of February 2025. Effective date of retention hereunder shall be February 7, 2025.

ATTEST:

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA



LISA RICHARDSON, County Clerk



ANGELA TEEMS, Chairwoman/CEO



The foregoing Resolution received a motion for Approval from Commissioner Askeu, second by Commissioner Blakemore, and upon the question the vote is 4 ayes, 0 nays to adopt the Resolution.