



Topic: **Authority Board Agenda Item 5-11** **2019 December 20**

Subject: **Contract Modification for Professional Services (Young Wooldridge)**

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**Requested Action:**

Consider approval of an amendment to the Young Wooldridge contract to increase their fee schedule.

**Detailed Description/Background:**

Young Wooldridge last submitted a fee schedule request on November 21, 2016 that had been in place for approximately three years. They are now proposing a new fee schedule to take effect January 1, 2020.

**Prior Authority Board Action:**

No previous actions.

**Fiscal Impact/Funding Source:**

No change to the approved FY2019 budget. And, for the Authority's FY2020 budget, an escalation percentage has been included.

**Staff Contact:**

Joe Trapasso

**Attachments:**

Attachment A: Contract Fee Schedule Letter (November 27, 2019).

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Re: Fee Schedule Amendments

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have not modified our fee schedule for three years. In light of increased costs of doing business, we find it necessary to now review our current fee schedule and propose a new schedule.

Our existing hourly fee schedule and proposed new schedule are as follows:

	<u>Existing:</u>	<u>New:</u>
Senior Attorneys (10 or more years experience)	\$270	\$295
Junior Attorneys (5 to 10 years experience)	\$240	\$265
Associate Attorneys II (3 to 4 years experience)	\$210	\$235
Associate Attorneys I (less than 3 years experience)	\$190	\$220
Law Clerks	\$130	\$150
Legal Assistants	\$ 90	\$110

The remainder of our schedule would remain unchanged, namely, photocopies at .10¢ per page for black and white and .25¢ per page for color, mileage at the then current IRS rate, and other costs and expenses incurred while performing legal services, including consultant and expert fees, long distance telephone, computerized legal research charges, out-of-town travel expenses, court costs, filing fees, and similar items, at rates not exceeding the actual costs incurred by the law firm.

The new fee schedule would take effect January 1, 2020.

We believe that these adjustments are very competitive with fees currently charged in the area to most other districts for similar services. Your favorable consideration will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

SCOTT K. KUNEY

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