



## Legislation Text

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**File #: 23-0544, Version: 1**

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### PROPOSED CONTRACT

**Department(s):** Legal Department

**Vendor:** Ancel Glink, PC, Chicago, Illinois  
Burke, Burns & Pinelli, Chicago, Illinois  
Burke, Warren, & MacKay, Chicago, Illinois  
Caminer Law, LLC, Chicago, Illinois  
Chapman & Cutler, LLC, Chicago Illinois  
Del Galdo Law Group, LLC, Berwyn, Illinois  
Foley and Lardner, LLP, Chicago, Illinois  
Franczek, PC, Chicago, Illinois  
Golden, Holley, James, LLP, Chicago, Illinois  
Hardwick Firm, LLC, Chicago, Illinois  
Hinshaw & Culbertson, LLP, Chicago, Illinois  
Jackson Lewis, PC, Chicago, Illinois  
Katten, Muchin, Roseman, LLP, Chicago, Illinois  
Klein, Thorpe, & Jenkins, Ltd., Chicago, Illinois  
Miner, Barnhill, and Galland, PC, Chicago, Illinois  
Neal & Leroy, LLC, Chicago, Illinois  
Odelson, Murphey, Frazier, & McGrath, LLC, Evergreen Park, Illinois  
Sanchez, Daniels, & Hoffman, LLP, Chicago, Illinois  
Schain, Banks, Kenney, & Schwartz, Ltd., Chicago, Illinois  
Tristan & Cervantes, LLC, Chicago, Illinois

**Request:** Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves") to enter into and execute

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Legal services from outside legal counsel to be performed within the following categories of matters: Litigation, Labor & Employment, Land Use, Workers' Compensation, General Local Government Law, Municipal Finance, and Workplace Investigations.

**Contract Value:** Not to Exceed \$3,450,000.00

**Contract Period:** 1/1/2024 - 12/31/2026 with two (2) optional one-year extensions

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** FY 2024 \$1,150,000.00; FY 2025 \$1,150,000.00; FY 2026 \$1,150,000.00

**Accounts:** Corporate 51001.521055; Self-Insurance 51011.580011; and Real Estate 51006.521055

**Contract Number(s):** 23-60-009615

**Concurrences:** The Chief Financial Officer and Chief Attorney have approved this item.

The contract-specific Minority- and Women-Owned Business Enterprise goal for each contract was set to zero.

**District(s):** Districtwide

**Summary:** The specified law firms have been selected through the Forest Preserves' Request for Qualifications (RFQ) process in response to RFQ No. 23-60-009615.

Contracts for legal services are to be performed upon request of the Forest Preserves on an engagement-by-engagement basis, subject to the negotiation and execution of a retention letter and engagement agreement by the Forest Preserves' Legal Department. Legal fees for authorized work are subject to Title 1, Chapter 19 of the Forest Preserves of Cook County Code of Ordinances and approval by the Forest Preserves' Finance Subcommittee on Litigation and Board of Commissioners.

Although the MWBE goal was set to zero, at least four (4) of the responding firms are certified Minority-Owned Business Enterprises or Women-Owned Business Enterprises via the City of Chicago or the County of Cook: Burke, Burnes, & Pinelli; Caminer Law; Sanchez, Daniels, & Hoffman; and Tristan & Cervantes, LLC. Also, several respondents noted that they have programs designed to include minority and women representation on matters.