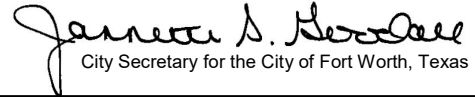


I, the undersigned authority, do hereby certify that this Notice of Meeting was posted on the City of Fort Worth official bulletin board, places convenient and readily accessible to the general public at all times and said Notice was posted on the following date and time Wednesday, May 31, 2023 at 10:15 a.m. and remained so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.


City Secretary for the City of Fort Worth, Texas

PUBLIC NOTICE

In Association with Resolution No. _____

AUTHORIZING THE EMPLOYMENT OF EILAND & BONNIN, P.C., BARON & BUDD, AND COSSICH, SUMICH, PARSIOLO & TAYLOR AS OUTSIDE LEGAL COUNSEL TO REPRESENT THE CITY ON A CONTINGENCY FEE BASIS FOR CLAIMS RELATED TO FIREFIGHTING FOAM PRODUCTS AND/OR OTHER PRODUCTS CONTAINING PERFLUOROALKYL SUBSTANCES (“PFAS”) INCLUDING PFOS (PERFLUOROCTANE SULFONIC ACID) AND PFOA (PERFLUOROCTANIC ACID), AND RELATED COMPOUNDS

WHEREAS, City of Fort Worth, Texas intends to pursue claims for monetary damages, declaratory relief, and other legal remedies (“Damages”) against manufacturers, designers, marketers, distributors, formulators, promoters, and/or sellers of firefighting foam products (known as “aqueous film-forming foam” or “AFFF”) and/or other products containing perfluoroalkyl substances (“PFAS”) including PFOA (perfluorooctane sulfonic acid) and PFOA (perfluorooctanic acid), and related compounds (collectively, “Defendants”) as determined for the cost of testing, monitoring, remediating and/or treating soil and groundwater contamination (the “Litigation”); and

WHEREAS, City of Fort Worth, Texas’ desired outcome in the Litigation is to recover from the Defendants Damages owed to City of Fort Worth, Texas for the possible soil and groundwater contamination by the Defendants’ products, in addition to other relief allowed under the law; and

WHEREAS, the Defendants manufactured, designed, marketed, distributed, formulated, promoted and or sold firefighting foam and/or other products containing perfluoroalkyl substances (“PFAS”) including PFOA (perfluorooctane sulfonic acid) and PFOA (perfluorooctanic acid), and related compounds; and

WHEREAS, the Defendants’ products have been proven to contaminate soil and groundwater; and

WHEREAS, City of Fort Worth, Texas has a substantial need for the legal services of counsel to represent it in the Litigation; and

WHEREAS, City of Fort Worth, Texas requires legal counsel that specialize in complex litigation and are highly knowledgeable and experienced in the legal issues surrounding PFAS and AFFF; and

WHEREAS, City of Fort Worth, Texas now desires to enter into a contingent fee contract (“Contract”) for legal services with EILAND & BONNIN, P.C., BARON & BUDD, and COSSICH, SUMICH, PARSIOLA & TAYLOR (“Counselors”) to represent City of Fort Worth, Texas in the Litigation; and

WHEREAS, Subchapter C of Chapter 2254 of the Texas Government Code (“Chapter 2254”) requires that a political subdivision of the State of Texas, including City of Fort Worth, Texas, may enter into a contingent fee contract for legal services only after: (i) the governing body of the political subdivision has provided written notice to the public stating certain provisions enumerated within Chapter 2254; (ii) the governing body of the political subdivision approved such contract in an open meeting called, in part or in whole, for the purposes of considering such contract; and (iii) the governing body of the political subdivision stated in writing certain findings made by the governing body upon the approval of such contract; and

WHEREAS, before the contingent fee contract for the legal services is effective and enforceable, City of Fort Worth, Texas must receive approval of the Contract by the Office of the Attorney General of Texas; and

WHEREAS, City of Fort Worth, Texas has caused notice of this resolution, this meeting, and certain provisions enumerated within Chapter 2254 to be provided to the public in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act and Chapter 2254; and

WHEREAS, the meeting at which this resolution is being considered in an open meeting called, in part or in whole, for the purpose of considering: (i) the City’s need for legal counsel to represent it in the Litigation; (ii) terms of the Contract; (iii) the competence, qualifications, and experience of the Counselors; and (iv) the reasons that the Contract is in the best interest of City of Fort Worth, Texas and complies with Chapter 2254; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of City of Fort Worth, Texas hereby finds and determines that the adoption of this resolution is in the best interests of the residents of City of Fort Worth, Texas.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY the City Council for City of Fort Worth, Texas:

SECTION 1. That the recitals contained in the preamble hereof are hereby found to be true, and such recitals are hereby made a part of this resolution for all purposes and are adopted as a part of the judgment and findings of the City Council for City of Fort Worth, Texas.

SECTION 2. That the City Council for City of Fort Worth, Texas hereby finds that: (i) there is a substantial need for the legal services to be provided in the Litigation; (ii) the legal services to be provided in the Litigation cannot adequately

be performed by the attorneys and supporting personnel currently employed by City of Fort Worth, Texas staff; (iii) the legal services to be provided in the Litigation cannot reasonably be obtained from attorneys in private practice under a contract providing only for the payment of hourly fees, without regard to the outcome of the matter, because of the nature of the Litigation and without imposing an unnecessary cost and burden on City of Fort Worth, Texas' finances; and (iv) the relationship between the City or the City Council and the Counselors is not improper and would not appear improper to a reasonable person.

SECTION 3. That based on the findings by the City Council for City of Fort Worth, Texas described above, the City Council for City of Fort Worth, Texas hereby authorizes the City Manager's Office to execute a legal services contract with EILAND & BONNIN, P.C., BARON & BUDD, and COSSICH, SUMICH, PARSIOLA & TAYLOR, and any other documents in connection therewith, approved as to form by the City, effective only upon approval by the Office of the Attorney General of Texas.

SECTION 4. That it is officially found, determined, and declared that the meeting at which this resolution is adopted was open to the public and public notice of the time, place, and subject matter of the public business to be considered at such meeting, including this resolution, was given, all as required by Chapter 551 as amended, Texas Government Code.

SECTION 5. That the City will pay the Counselors a contingency fee (which shall be inclusive of all expenses) in accordance with the rates in Attachment A to this resolution and contingent upon the recovery, if any, by the City in the Litigation.

SECTION 6. That this Resolution shall take effect immediately from and after its passage in accordance with the provisions of the City Council and City of Fort Worth, Texas, and it is accordingly so resolved.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2023.

ATTEST:

By: _____
Jannette S. Goodall, City Secretary

ATTACHMENT A

The fees for legal services provided by the Counselors in connection with the Litigation are contingent upon the recovery by City of Fort Worth, Texas of Damages in the Litigation and will be paid out of such recover, if any, as follows:

If the Counselors obtain a recovery and collection on behalf of City of Fort Worth, Texas the Counselors will receive attorneys' fees and expenses in the amount of Thirty-Five percent (35%) of the gross recovery

The Counselors will advance all costs associated with the Litigation. Any expenses shall be recovered as part of the 35% fee and not reimbursed further by the City.

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In February of 1988, Craig Eiland settled in Galveston and began practicing law. In 1992, he opened The Law Offices of A. Craig Eiland, with offices in Galveston and Houston. In January of 2015 he opened an office in Austin.

Background:

Baylor University, 1984, B.B.A. in Business Administration
Baylor School of Law, 1987, J.D.

Experience:

1987 - 1990 - Mills, Shirley, Eckel & Bassett, Galveston, Texas
Insurance Defense
1990 - 1992 - Ernest H. Cannon & Associates
Personal Injury and Maritime Litigation
1992 - present - Law Offices of A. Craig Eiland. Eiland & Bonnin, P.C.
Commercial, Insurance, Pharmaceutical, Personal Injury and
Maritime Litigation

Recognitions/Associations:

--“Preeminent” rating “Highest Ethical Standards and Professional Excellence”
Martindale Hubbell
--American Board of Trial Advocates
--Texas Super Lawyer
--Million Dollar Advocates Forum
--Best Lawyers in Texas, US News & World Report
 --Best Lawyers in America, US News & World Report
 --Leading Plaintiffs Lawyers in America, LawDragon
 --Top Texas Verdict, Texas Lawyer

Bar Admissions

--Texas State Bar
--New York State Bar
--US Supreme Court Bar
--US Court of Federal Claims
--Numerous Federal Courts across the country

State Representative: 1995-2015

-Elected to Texas House of Representatives 1994

(defeated 3 Democrat and 5 Republican challengers)

-Speaker Pro Tempore, 2009-2011

-6 terms on Appropriations Committee having appropriated over \$500 billion.

-9 terms on Insurance Committee

Arbitrator:

\$42,000,000 attorney fee dispute. 2021

\$40,000,000 school district claim for storm damage (pending 2022)

Complex Litigation

Eiland recently completed the representation of 1,000 victims of the Las Vegas MGM/Route 91 shooting which settled for \$800,000,000. Shortly after the shooting Eiland was contacted by a colleague who had a childhood friend that was shot and seriously injured. Eiland retained local counsel and, with co-counsel, obtained temporary and permanent injunctions regarding the festival grounds and the shooter's room. Eiland and his co-counsel's case eventually became the lead case through which all cases settled after battling hundreds of declaratory judgement actions, attempts to form a federal multidistrict litigation designation and a federal court motion to dismiss.

Currently, Eiland is on the Plaintiffs Steering Committee, and David Bonnin is on the Executive Committee, for Tenofovir Litigation vs Gilead Sciences in San Francisco with over 23,000 claims filed.

Eiland represented over 900 farmers in the Syngenta Corn Litigation which settled for \$1,500,000,000 on behalf of all farmers in the US.

Eiland and his firm represented 1,000 women injured by defective vaginal mesh.

Eiland and his firm represented 600 women across the country who suffered damages as a result of the diet drug Fen-Phen.

Eiland was a member of the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee for BP Texas City Explosion and Hurricane Ike litigation.

Trials/Settlements:

4 Jury Verdicts in Excess of \$2 million and many out-of-court settlements in excess of \$1 million.

Complex cases handled across the USA. International involvement from Turkmenistan, Germany, Greece, Kenya and St. Lucia.

-\$14,000,000—Industrial accident. Severed aorta and multiple internal injuries. Client recovery \$9,330,665.00.

-\$13,000,000—Industrial accident. Amputated ankle, multiple injuries. Client recovery \$8,649,596.00.

-\$11,580,616.00 – School District with 31 buildings sued its primary and excess carrier for underpayment and violations of the Texas Insurance Code damage. Expenses were in excess of \$600,000. Client's net recovery was \$8,524,951.95. Lead attorney with co-counsel.

-\$9,000,000. Public Port vs development company for breach of contract. Joint Co-Counsel.

-\$8,935,000 – Three Condominium Associations for a complex with 27 buildings filed suit against the developer, subsequent owner, elevator company and insurer for construction defects related to improper concrete construction and maintenance as well as product defect and failure to pay for hurricane damage. Net recovery to client \$5,314,997.97. Lead attorney

-\$7,775,000 – City vs its insurance carrier for underpayment and violations of Texas Insurance Code and insurance policy damage claim. Claim involved 109 separate properties and included litigation and appraisal. The recovery was in excess of \$1,600,000 the City recovered on its own before retaining Eiland. Expenses of appraisal and litigation were in excess of \$850,000. Client recovered \$4,665,000. Lead Attorney.

- \$7,558,907.86 – Historical office building sued its primary and two excess insurance carriers for damage claim. Prior to Eiland involvement, initial recovery was \$800,000. The eventual total recovery included a reduction of the remediation contractor's claim which was in excess of \$1.7 million. Expenses were approximately \$300,000. Client's net recover was \$4,680,036.21. Lead attorney

-\$7,290,000 – Family sued 7 insurance companies, 2 agents and 1 attorney for convincing 90-year-old widow to sell all of her stock and purchase life insurance and annuities because she was "over concentrated" in one stock. The stock happened to be Berkshire-Hathaway. Co-Counsel. Settled after jury selection and upon Plaintiff's conclusion of evidence.

-\$6,025,743 – School district sued its flood and wind carriers for damage to 27 building across multiple campuses. The expert and engineering damage reports exceeded 9,000 pages of documentation. Client recovery \$3,396,912. Lead attorney with co-counsel.

-\$4,950,000 – Settlement for Texas County’s damage claim. The County’s recovery prior to retaining Eiland was \$2,288,162.52. Eiland obtained an additional \$4,950,000 with a net to client of \$3,065,000. The expenses were in excess of \$900,000 reduced down to \$685,000.

-\$4,594,784.35 - Settlement for family-owned industrial properties in 3 separate suits for business interruption, flood damage and insurance broker error and omission claims (including recovery through bankruptcy). Client’s net recovery was \$3,611,708.44. Lead attorney with co-counsel.

-\$2,625,000.00 - Settlement for Galveston businessman with one commercial and three residential properties vs insurance carrier for damage claim.

Baron & Budd, P.C.

Baron & Budd has long believed in “Protecting What’s Right” for individuals and public entities. For nearly 40 years, the firm has represented individuals, businesses, and public entities from coast to coast. Baron & Budd was an early leader in environmental toxic tort cases. The firm’s Environmental Litigation Group, led by Scott Summy, has represented an unprecedented number of public entities in environmental actions. Those clients range from small villages to state governments across the United States whose water, soil, air, and precious natural resources are contaminated with chemicals including perfluorinated chemicals or “PFAS,” industrial compounds such as PCBs, PCE, and TCE, pesticides like atrazine and 1,2,3-TCP, and gasoline additives such as MTBE. Through litigation, the firm has recovered funds to remove these contaminants from natural resources, drinking water supplies, and property --- restoring those communities. In all, Baron & Budd’s Environmental Litigation Group has represented hundreds of public entities in environmental tort cases recovering more than \$3 billion for those clients.

In the course of its environmental practice, Baron & Budd has demonstrated many times the success of suing manufacturers for product-related harms. Beginning in the early 1980s and spanning 21 years, the firm represented hundreds of individuals in Arizona who suffered personal injuries as a result of contaminated drinking water. That case is considered among the most important litigations involving personal injuries caused by water pollution. In nationwide MTBE cases, the firm alleged that gasoline refiners should be liable for the contamination of water supplies with MTBE, a gasoline additive. Baron & Budd did not pursue the gas stations whose underground storage tanks had leaked. Rather, the firm determined that the refiners had known that MTBE would likely escape from underground tanks and had not warned anyone, including the station owners. Never before had refiners been held liable for harm caused by releases from stations. In a series of settlements, Baron & Budd recovered over \$500,000,000 for public entities who detected MTBE in their water supplies. Baron & Budd applied the same approach against Syngenta, the manufacturer of atrazine, an agricultural chemical that easily runs off of crop areas into water supplies. Rather than seek damages from the farmers that applied atrazine to crops, the firm discovered evidence that Syngenta long knew that its product was contaminating drinking water and failed to warn users or regulators. Baron & Budd negotiated a settlement of \$105,000,000 for over 1,000 affected public entities.

In addition, Baron & Budd played significant roles in two of the largest environmental disasters to every face the United States, the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill and the BP Oil Spill. Baron & Budd represented the National Wildlife Federation in the Exxon Valdez litigation involving the 1989 spill. As a result of the Valdez spill, the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 was passed, allowing those who lost income or profits because of an oil spill to recover compensation from the companies’ responsible for the spill. The act also improved the federal government’s ability to respond quickly to spills. Of course, the Oil Pollution Act played a significant role in the BP Oil Spill as did Baron and Budd and CSP&T. Scott Summy was a member of the Executive Leadership overseeing the Plaintiff’s side of the case. Baron & Budd, along with CSP&T (as noted below), also oversaw the development of scientific evidence linking the severe and long-lasting damages along the Gulf Coast to the oil spill. Finally, both firms also represented the interests of government entities and private citizens alike to recoup hundreds of millions of dollars in devastating losses suffered from Texas to Florida and beyond.

These experiences, in part, led Baron & Budd to a central role in the nationwide multi-district litigation (MDL) arising from PFAS contamination resulting from the use of aqueous fire-fighting foams (AFFF). More than 500 cases have been filed in various jurisdictions across the United States and consolidated before Judge Richard Gergel in MDL No. 2873 in Charleston, South Carolina. Scott Summy is a court-appointed Co-Lead Counsel, and several Baron & Budd attorneys are active leaders in committees that operate on behalf of all plaintiffs. Additionally, Baron & Budd is serving as the digital document depository for the entire AFFF MDL encompasses all of the documents produced by defendants in the litigation.

Scott Summy, Shareholder
Baron & Budd, P.C., Dallas, TX

Proposed Roles: Mr. Summy takes an active role in all phases of litigation from evaluating contamination and scientific evidence to developing legal strategies and arguments. He plays a key leadership role in complex cases and is instrumental to settlement negotiations.

Experience: Scott Summy has spent the last two decades litigating complex environmental cases, mostly against manufacturers who knew that their products would contaminate water supplies when used and against specific facilities that intentionally discharged known pollutants into the environment. He has served in leadership roles in several Multi-District Litigations --- including the MTBE MDL, which consolidated hundreds of public water providers' claims against the refiners who blended MTBE into gasoline; the BP Oil Spill MDL established after the massive 2010 oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico; and the AFFF MDL that consolidates hundreds of cases against the manufacturers of PFAS-containing fire-fighting foams. In each of those consolidated litigations, Mr. Summy led legal strategy, developed key scientific evidence, and negotiated resolutions.

Cary McDougal, Shareholder
Baron & Budd, P.C., Dallas, TX

Proposed Roles: Mr. McDougal approaches case strategy from the perspective of a well-experienced trial lawyer. He prepares evidence for trial, develops expert witness testimony, works with jury consultants and manages staff and attorney resources.

Experience: Before Mr. McDougal came to Baron & Budd, he had a distinguished career as a trial lawyer, working on a variety of types of cases. He now works alongside Mr. Summy in representing public entities in a variety of litigations, such as the Cape Fear Public Utility Authority lawsuit against DuPont/Chemours arising out of the Fayetteville Works discharges.

Celeste Evangelisti, Shareholder
Baron & Budd, P.C., Dallas, TX

Proposed Roles: Ms. Evangelisti participates in legal strategy decisions, manages and oversees discovery primarily regarding defendants' liability (including taking oral depositions), collects and prepares evidence for trial, and creates and maintains crucial timelines, "hot" document inventory, and exhibit lists.

Experience: Ms. Evangelist has decades of research in complex environmental litigation. She has worked alongside Scott Summy to develop trial evidence necessary for each case. She takes key depositions of defense witnesses, works with scientific experts, reviews corporate documents, and creates extraordinary exhibit and witness lists.

Carla Burke Pickrel, Shareholder
Baron & Budd, P.C., Dallas, TX

Proposed Roles: Ms. Pickrel creates legal strategy and theory, researches legal approaches to a particular case, and is responsible for briefing and argument of hearings and appeals.

Experience: Carla Pickrel spent five years in Baron & Budd's Appellate section before joining the Environmental Litigation Group in 2004. Since then, she has worked on all of the Group's cases. She was deeply involved in the MTBE MDL, appearing in court on behalf of all plaintiffs; is similarly absorbed in the AFFF MDL, where she leads the Law & Briefing Committee and is a member of other committees that benefit all plaintiffs; she has briefed and argued a variety of legal issues in all of the Group's other cases --- whether for the atrazine class action, specific BP Oil Spill claimants, or schools and cities seeking damages for PCB contamination.

John Fiske, Shareholder
Baron & Budd, P.C., San Diego, CA

Proposed Roles: Mr. Fiske works in the areas of client communications and has extensive experience representing public entities and managing their cases in complex litigation.

Experience: His twelve-year career includes impressive legal victories in personal injury cases and demonstrates concern for local communities. He currently represents public entities impacted by PCB contamination, governmental subdivisions overwhelmed by the opioid epidemic, and businesses and individuals devastated by wildfires.

Staci Olsen, Senior Counsel
Baron & Budd, P.C., Dallas, TX

Proposed Roles: Ms. Olsen is senior counsel responsible for document management and electronic discovery. She works with both the client and our attorneys in obtaining, organizing, reviewing, and producing documentary evidence.

Experience: Staci Olsen has nine years of experience in complex environmental litigation. She is currently serving in a leadership role relating to document discovery and production in the AFFF MDL.

Cossich, Sumich, Parsiola & Taylor, LLC

Founded in 1994, CSP&T is a nationally-recognized firm specializing in the litigation process with a particular emphasis and a successful track record in the fields of Environmental Law, Admiralty and Maritime Law, Multi-District Litigation, Complex Litigation, Class Actions, Business Litigation, Insurance Litigation, and Personal Injury Litigation. CSP&T has obtained numerous multi-million dollar settlements and verdicts for its clients by fighting for fair compensation and justice. At CSP&T, each attorney is committed to delivering quality legal solutions for some of today's most difficult issues, and the goal is do so with a constant focus on personal attention to achieve maximum results.

CSP&T has specific experience in managing complex litigation with multiple plaintiffs and defendants. Senior Partner, Philip F. Cossich, Jr. was a member of the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee that oversaw the multi-district litigation against BP and other defendants arising from the BP Oil Spill in 2010. CSP&T played a significant role in developing key scientific evidence as it related to the damages sustained by all plaintiffs and in negotiating the portions of the settlement that applied to the seafood industry as a whole. Further, CSP&T represented hundreds of clients across seven states for their losses associated with the BP Oil Spill.

CSP&T currently represents multiple public entities in litigation against the largest oil and gas companies in the world. On behalf of its clients, CSP&T is seeking damages from more than seventy defendants for land loss and pollution on and along the Louisiana coastline resulting from defendants' failure to obtain and/or to adhere to Louisiana's coastal permitting laws.

These experiences have, in part, led to CSP&T's involvement in PFAS contamination cases. Firm partners, Philip F. Cossich, Jr., Brandon Taylor, and Christina Cossich, are actively involved in ongoing litigation against the manufacturers and sellers of PFAS products, such as aqueous film-forming foams. Christina Cossich is a member of the Plaintiffs' Executive Committee overseeing the AFFF MDL pending in South Carolina. Christina Cossich is also Co-Chair of the Science Committee in charge of developing the scientific evidence concerning PFAS contamination and the damages caused thereby. In addition, multiple members of the firm including associates are actively involved in the issuance and collection of discovery to defendants and third parties. CSP&T currently represents a number of public entities and water providers in the AFFF MDL.

Philip F. Cossich, Jr., Senior Partner
Cossich, Sumich, Parsiola & Taylor, LLC, New Orleans, LA

Proposed Roles: Mr. Cossich approaches cases from the perspective of a well-experienced trial lawyer. He develops case strategy while working to prepare for and participate in trial, managing attorneys and staff working, and creating and executing settlement strategies.

Experience: Mr. Cossich is the senior partner at CSP&T. His law practice focuses in the areas of Environmental Law, Admiralty and Maritime Law, Complex Business Litigation, Class Actions, and Multi-District Litigation. He recently served on the Plaintiffs' Steering

Committee for the BP Multi-District Litigation and as Class Counsel for all plaintiffs in the Economic and Property Class Settlement. Along with other members of the CSP&T team, he is actively representing private and public water providers in cases involving PFAS contamination, including an active role in the committee assigned to oversee Third Party Discovery.

Brandon J. Taylor, Partner
Cossich, Sumich, Parsiola & Taylor, LLC, New Orleans, LA

Proposed Roles: Mr. Taylor actively works in the areas of client communications, discovery management, motion practice, trial preparation, trial work, and development of settlement strategies.

Experience: Mr. Taylor is a partner in the law firm of CSP&T. He has practiced law for 18 years representing clients across nine states with a focus on Environmental Law and Admiralty and Maritime Law. In doing so, he has gained substantial experiences in Multi-District Litigation. Along with other members of the CSP&T team, he is actively representing private and public water providers in cases involving PFAS contamination.

Christina Cossich, Partner
Cossich, Sumich, Parsiola & Taylor, LLC, New Orleans, LA

Proposed Roles: Mrs. Cossich works in the areas of client communications, expert development and discovery with a specialty in the scientific aspects of environmental contamination issues.

Experience: Christina Cossich is a partner in the law firm of CSP&T. She was involved in the BP Oil Spill Multi-District Litigation on numerous fronts having worked with clients and having been a member of Plaintiffs' Steering Committee's Science Group. She has developed a specialty in Environmental Law. She is currently serving as a member of the Plaintiffs' Executive Committee and a Co-Leader of the Science Committee for the AFFF MDL. Along with other members of the CSP&T team, she is actively representing private and public water providers in cases involving PFAS contamination.

Andrew Cvitanovic, Senior Associate
Cossich, Sumich, Parsiola & Taylor, LLC, New Orleans, LA

Proposed Roles: Mr. Cvitanovic works in the areas of legal research, discovery, motion practice and general trial preparation.

Experience: Mr. Cvitanovic's practice focuses primarily on civil litigation in the areas of class action, complex litigation, commercial litigation, and admiralty. Along with other members of the CSP&T team, he is actively representing private and public water providers in cases involving PFAS contamination. His work includes a prominent role on the committee of lawyers working on Third Party Discovery in connection with the AFFF MDL.

As a team, Baron & Budd, and CSP&T are capable and experienced in the realm of large environmental litigation and representing public entities therein.

Baron & Budd is one of the leading firms in the country in the representation of governmental entities. Baron & Budd currently has 128 professionals and offices in Texas, Louisiana, California, and Washington D.C. The firm often leads national litigation in particular areas of law, which requires Baron & Budd's lawyers to develop the ways that courts apply legal theories to given facts. The firm often creates new precedent because traditional thinking does not always contemplate the complex scientific and factual issues that arise in the firm's cases. This philosophy has resulted in great success for a number of clients in contamination cases like the PFAS litigation. Baron & Budd has consistently been respected for having the resources and ability to handle such matters by government entities across the country, which, has in turn, sharpened the firm's abilities and skills on such matters.

As a result, over decades of handling complex litigation, Baron & Budd has developed software systems to manage current caseloads, track litigation deadlines, and streamline all client management tasks. The firm has invested extraordinary time and capital resources to develop internal procedures to process, review, analyze, store, and produce electronic documents and data. The result rivals what any vendor advertises. Experienced litigation support staff manages voluminous data by using coordinated hardware and software systems. The firm uses an e-discovery document database that allows the firm to easily and efficiently access, review, and organize documents. The Environmental Litigation Group includes a lawyer who participated in the development of these systems, works closely with the IT department to maintain procedural excellence, trains attorneys and staff, and streamlines the Group's interfaces with document review and production. These in-house capabilities result in better efficiency and lower costs for clients, and past successes demonstrate the efficiency of these systems and the ability to meet the needs of demanding caseloads.

Likewise, CSP&T's experienced in handling complex litigation cases and is prepared to see this litigation through from its outset to its ending. With eleven attorneys, a great support staff, and the ability to expand as needed on an expedited basis, CSP&T stands ready to handle the challenges that routinely arise with complex litigation. In fact, the firm has consistently exhibited the ability to handle matters of all sizes by way of the cases referenced in this submission. Upon being cast into a leadership role with regard to the BP MDL, CSP&T expanded without hesitation from seven to twelve lawyers and increased its support staff. The firm utilized the additional employees to perform the taxing work required of it as a member of the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee, as well as to handle the needs of the firm's own clients. With regard to the ongoing coastal permit violation cases, the sheer size of those cases requires a large staff of attorneys to review and to organize large quantities of documentation and to otherwise prepare for the forthcoming extensive and detailed trials. In order to accommodate those requirements, CSP&T formed a working depository wherein CSP&T provides work space for up to seven lawyers employed by both CSP&T and co-counsel to receive, review and categorize the massive amounts of documentation related to these cases. These are just two examples of CSP&T's ability to adapt and to succeed at any level. This experience in combination with CSP&T's continued representation of local public entities has prepared CSP&T to work on the matters at issue in this present Solicitation.

Baron & Budd and CSP&T are representing public and private entities across the country in cases related to water and site contamination as a result of PFAS including the following:

- South Adams County Water & Sanitation District, CO
- City of San Jose, CA
- Bakman Water Company, CA
- City of Sioux Falls, SD
- Hillsborough Community College, FL
- City of Lauderhill, FL
- City of Zephyrhills, FL
- City of Pensacola, FL
- Town of Barnstable, MA
- Town of Ayer, MA
- Town of Maysville, NC
- California Water Services Company, CA
- Emerald Coast Utilities Authority, FL
- Coraopolis Water & Sewer Authority, PA
- Sioux Falls Regional Airport Authority, SD
- England Economic & Industrial Development District, LA
- New Orleans Lakefront Airport, LA
- Delaware County, PA
- Monterey Peninsula Airport District, CA
- Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency, CA
- City of Ruston, LA
- Town of Danvers, MA
- City of Tacoma, WA
- Town of Bellingham, MA
- City of Boise, ID
- City of Watertown, SD
- Iberia Parish Airport Authority, LA
- San Bernardino International Airport Authority, CA

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