



April 20, 2009

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: District Board of Trustees
FROM: William D. Law, Jr., President
SUBJECT: Professional Service Contract

Item Description:

This item requests that the Board enters into a professional services contract with Andrews, Crabtree, Knox and Andrews.

Overview:

The Board of Trustees maintains the decision to employ professional services of college Attorneys. For the past eight years, the Board has employed the services of Johnson, Farrell and Mabile, LLC and William R. Mabile, III has been the partner assigned to the college. Mr. Mabile has provided a high level of professional service to the college in a wide variety of legal matters.

William R. Mabile, III has resigned his services at Johnson, Farrell & Mabile, LLC as of April 1, 2009 and is now an associate with Andrews, Crabtree, Knox and Andrews, a local Tallahassee firm. The College desires to continue the professional relationship with Mr. Mabile and his new firm effective April 1, 2009. Mr. Mabile's previous firm has no objection to his continuing the relationship with the college in association with Andrews, Crabtree, Knox and Andrews and the new firm welcomes the opportunity for this association. We feel that it will be mutually advantageous for the Board and Mr. Mabile to continue the association due to the successful partnership that has been established over the years.

Salient Facts:

Section 1001.64(25), Florida Statutes, authorizes the Board of Trustees to serve as contracting agent of the college.

Past Actions:

The Board has addressed this item previously by employing the services of Johnson, Farrell & Mabile, LLC.

Future Actions:

No further activity on the part of the board is necessary.

Funding/Financial Matters:

The \$125 per hour fee will not change, unless mutually agreed upon. Funds for this personal contract are available from Fund 1 operating account.

Staff Resource:

Teresa Smith

Recommended Action:

That the Board enters into a professional services contract with Andrews, Crabtree, Knox and Andrews effective April 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010.

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RE: **TCC - GENERAL**
Tallahassee Community College Attorney Services
Our File No. 02276

Dear Dr. Law:

As we recently briefly discussed, I will be moving to a new firm effective April 1, 2009.

The new firm is Andrews, Crabtree, Knox & Andrews located at 1558 Village Square Blvd. in Tallahassee. There are currently four partners in the firm, Jeannette Andrews, Bob Crabtree, Craig Knox and Ben Andrews (the two Andrews are not related) and one associate, Joe Longfellow. I will be "of counsel" to the firm. I previously worked with the four named partners for approximately 12 years and have known them for more than 20 years. Combined, they have more than 100 years of legal experience.

I would like to continue doing Tallahassee Community College's legal work. During the nearly seven years that I have worked with TCC, I have strived to provide accurate, responsible and responsive legal services. I can certainly provide the same services at the new firm. The \$125 per hour fee will not change, unless mutually agreed upon. The hourly rate is the same as it was in July, 2002, when the legal services were initiated.

My current firm has no objection to my continuing the relationship with TCC at the new firm. The new firm welcomes the opportunity to serve TCC.

If you are in agreement with my continuing to provide services to TCC and if the District Board of Trustees also agrees, I will prepare a new legal services contract.

Thank you for your consideration of my request to continue to provide legal services to TCC. If more information is required, please let me know.

Very truly yours,

JOHNSON, FARRELL & MABILE, LLC



William R. Mabile, III
For the Firm

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