

## Professional Legal Services Questionnaire

<b>A. Person or Firm Name &amp; Principal Address:</b> Berrigan Litchfield, LLC 111 Veterans Memorial Blvd. Suite 1720 Heritage Plaza Metairie, LA 70005																									
<b>B. Name, Title, &amp; contact information of Firm Representative, as defined in Section 2-926 of the Jefferson Parish Code of Ordinances, who is licensed to practice law in the State of Louisiana with a minimum of five (5) years' experience:</b> E. John Litchfield (email: jlitchfield@berriganlaw.net) Michael J. Marsiglia, Associate Attorney (email: mmarsiglia@berriganlaw.net) 111 Veterans Memorial Blvd. Suite 1720 Heritage Plaza Metairie, LA 70005 Main telephone: (504)568-0541 Facsimile: (504)617-7644																									
<b>C. Location of the principal:</b> Berrigan Litchfield, LLC 111 Veterans Memorial Blvd. Suite 1720 Heritage Plaza Metairie, LA 70005																									
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<input type="checkbox"/> Public Utilities Law (Years: _____) <input type="checkbox"/> Communications Law (Years: _____) <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation Law (Years: _____) <input type="checkbox"/> Property (Years: _____) <input type="checkbox"/> Trust & Estate Law (Years: _____) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other/specific project as required by the advertisement (Years: <u>15</u> )	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oil Spill Litigation (Years: <u>15</u> ) <input type="checkbox"/> Public Finance (Years: _____) <input type="checkbox"/> Land Use, Planning & Zoning Law (Years: _____) <input type="checkbox"/> Economic Development (Years: _____) <input type="checkbox"/> Construction Law (Years: _____)
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**E. List all subcontractors anticipated for this Project. Please note that all subcontractors must submit a fully completed copy of this questionnaire, applicable licenses, and any other information required by the advertisement. See Jefferson Parish Code of Ordinances, Sec. 2-928(a)(3). Please attach additional pages if necessary.**

Name & Address:	Specialty:	Worked with Firm Before (Yes or No):
1. Not applicable.		
2.		
3.		
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### **F. Professional Training and experience in relation to the type of work required for the outside legal services.**

The Firm has practiced law in all state and federal courts of Louisiana. The Firm has extensive trial experience in general and products liability, professional liability, and virtually all insurance risk exposure. The Firm has successfully negotiated clean-up requirements with Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality multi-million dollar brown-field sites, and successfully defended claims for environmental damage on behalf of the Morial Convention Center. The Firm also participated in the massive multi-district litigation arising out of the M/V Deepwater Horizon explosion and subsequent BP oil spill, as well as the multi-district litigation dealing with the commercial and residential toxic mold exposure of Chinese drywall. The Firm also represented the 24th Judicial District Court Drug Court employees with respect to litigation involving a Section 1983 claim, upon referral by the 24th Judicial District Court bench, en banc. More recently, the Firm has maintained the ongoing representation of the Parish of Jefferson in the United States Multi-District Litigation against the various Opioid manufacturers and distributors, the ongoing representation of the Parish of Jefferson in regards to compliance with the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality relative to Jefferson Parish Landfill, and the ongoing representation of the Parish of Jefferson in regards to possible reapportionment and redistricting for the Councilmatic Districts of the Parish of Jefferson.

### **G. Size of Firm and capacity for timely completion of newly assigned work considering the number of professional and support personnel required to perform the type of outside legal services tasks and the Firm's current unfinished workload.**

The Firm is comprised of two (2) full-time attorneys with three support/administrative staff. The Firm prides itself on the thorough and efficient completion of the cases entrusted to it.

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i. Please specify the total number of support staff that may assist in the completion of a matter for each area of the law selected above: 3

ii. List any attorneys that may assist in the completion of a matter for each area of the law selected above. If necessary, please attach additional documentation that demonstrates the employment history and experience of the Firm's attorneys that may assist in the completion of this Project (i.e. resume). Please attach additional pages if necessary.

Name:	Legal Field:	Years of Experience in Legal Field:
1. E. John Litchfield	Environmental Litigation, Toxic Tort Litigation, State and Local Governments, Business and Complex Litigation	
2. Michael J. Marsiglia	Environmental Litigation, State and Local Governments, Business and Complex Litigation, Tort, trial and Insurance.	
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5.		

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### **H. Past performance by person or Firm on Parish contracts. Please attach additional pages if necessary.**

Firm has and continues to represent the Parish in the following matters:

1. Ongoing representation of the Parish of Jefferson in the United States Multi-District Litigation against the various Opioid manufacturers and distributors.
2. Ongoing representation of the Parish of Jefferson in regards to compliance with the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality relative to Jefferson Parish Landfill
3. Ongoing representation of the Parish of Jefferson in regards to possible reapportionment and redistricting for the Councilmatic Districts of the Parish of Jefferson.

Additionally, the Firm has represented the Jefferson Parish Clerk of Court, Jon Gegenheimer, for many years, providing advice and support for multiple and continuing issues involving the Clerk's Office. The Firm has provided legal services to the Jefferson Parish School Board in a class action lawsuit involving school bus cameras and reapportionment/redistricting activities.. The Firm has represented the 24th Judicial District Court bench, en banc. The Firm is also outside counsel for the Louisiana Department of Agriculture & Forestry, providing advice and defense of the Department in numerous legal issues around the State. The Firm represents other municipalities around the State with respect to claims by third parties involving environmental and property issues.

- I. Adversarial legal proceedings between the Parish and the person or Firm performing professional services, in which the Parish prevailed, and excluding those instances or cases where the person or Firm was added as an indispensable party, or where the person or Firm participated in or assisted the public entity in prosecution of its claim. In the event that the person or Firm fails to provide accurate and detailed information regarding legal proceedings with the Parish, including the absence of legal proceedings, the person or firm shall be deemed unresponsive with regard to this category, and zero (0) points shall be awarded. Please attach additional pages if necessary.**

Not applicable.

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**J. Prior successful completion of projects of the type and nature of legal services, as defined, for which Firm has provided verifiable references. (List no more than 10 projects.)**

**1.**

In Re: Chinese-Manufactured Drywall Products Liability Litigation, USDC, EDLA, MDL No. 2047, Judge Fallon.

Reference: Dawn Barrios  
Barrios, Kingsdorf & Casteix, LLP

**2.**

In Re: BP Oil Spill Litigation, EDLA, MDL No. 2179, Judge Barbier

**3.**

Taylor Carlisle v. Newell Normand, Sheriff, et al, USDC, EDLA, 16-3767 (Class Action representing 24th Judicial District Court Drug Court Program), Judge Milazzo

Reference: Hon. John Molaison

**4.**

Ongoing representation of the Jefferson Parish Clerk of Court's Office, Hon. Jon Gegenheimer, with respect to providing legal advices and defending the Clerk's Office with respect to legal claims brought in Jefferson Parish

Reference: Hon. Jon Gegenheimer

**5.**

Ongoing representation of the Jefferson Parish School Board in the case of William Mellor, et al v. The Parish of Jefferson, 24th JDc, No. 712-496 "A" (Jefferson Parish School Board - school bus camera claim)

Reference: Mike Fanning, Esq.

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**6.**

Ongoing representation of the Louisiana State Department of Agriculture and Forestry, providing advices and defending cases brought against the Department in state and federal courts.

Reference: Hon. Mike Strain, Commissioner

**7.**

Ongoing representation of the Parish of Jefferson in the United States Multi-District Litigation against the various Opioid manufacturers and distributors.

**8.**

Ongoing representation of the Parish of Jefferson in regards to compliance with the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality relative to Jefferson Parish Landfill

Reference: Mark Drewes

**9.**

Ongoing representation of the Parish of Jefferson in regards to possible reapportionment and redistricting for the Councilmatic Districts of the Parish of Jefferson.

Reference: Scott Walker

**10.**

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**K. Use this space to provide any additional information or description of resources supporting Firm's qualifications for the proposed project.**

The Firm has extensive trial experience throughout the greater New Orleans region, as well as the State, for over 40 years. Additionally, the Firm's remaining attorneys are experienced litigators in their own right. The Firm is well equipped to handle any legal tasks assigned by the Parish in a thorough and timely manner. Our secretarial and administrative staff has been employed with the Firm from 10-35 years, and are committed to providing support services to the attorneys as well as its clients. We would be pleased to represent the Parish of Jefferson in any and all matters that the Parish deems appropriate.

**L. To the best of my knowledge, the foregoing is an accurate statement of facts.**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

E. John Litchfield

Title: Member/Manager

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

October 30, 2023