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**SOQ 24-16-Provide Various Professional Legal Services for Jefferson  
Parish**  
Jefferson Parish Government

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## **Professional Legal Services Questionnaire Instructions**

- The Professional Legal Services Questionnaire shall be used for outside legal services.
- **The Professional Legal Services Questionnaire should be completely filled out. Complete and attach ALL sections. Insert “N/A” or “None” if a section does not apply or if there is no information to provide.**
- Questionnaire must be signed by an authorized representative of the Firm. Failure to sign the questionnaire shall result in disqualification of proposer pursuant to J.P. Code of Ordinances Sec. 2-928.
- All subcontractors must be listed in the appropriate section of the Questionnaire. Each subcontractor must provide a complete copy of the Professional Legal Services Questionnaire, applicable licenses, and any other information required by the advertisement. Failure to provide the subcontractors' complete questionnaire(s), applicable licenses, and any other information required by the advertisement shall result in disqualification of proposer pursuant to J.P. Code of Ordinances Sec. 2-928.
- If additional pages are needed, attach them to the questionnaire and include all applicable information that is required by the questionnaire.

**Professional Legal Services Questionnaire**

**A. Person or Firm Name & Principal Address:**

Roedel Parsons Blache Fontana Piontek & Pisano, A L.C.  
1555 Poydras Street, Suite 1700  
New Orleans, LA 70112

**B. Name, Title, & 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:**

Charles M. Pisano - Shareholder, Secretary  
1555 Poydras Street, Suite 1700  
New Orleans, LA 70112  
Phone: (504) 274-1904

**C. Location of the principal:**

Luke F. Piontek - Managing Shareholder, President  
1555 Poydras Street, Suite 1700  
New Orleans, LA 70112  
Phone: (504) 274-1904

**D. Please check the legal field or fields in which Firm is qualified to perform services for Jefferson Parish and include the number of years of experience in that particular field.**

<input type="checkbox"/> Bond Services (Years: _____)	<input type="checkbox"/> Science & Technology Law (Years: _____)
<input type="checkbox"/> Elections (Years: _____)	<input type="checkbox"/> State & Local Government Law (Years: _____)
<input type="checkbox"/> Administrative & Regulatory (Years: _____)	<input type="checkbox"/> Taxation (Years: _____)
<input type="checkbox"/> Antitrust Law (Years: _____)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tort Trial & Insurance Practices (Years: <u>35</u> )
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Business Law (Years: <u>35</u> )	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Complex Litigation (including asbestos litigation) (Years: <u>35</u> )
<input type="checkbox"/> Criminal Justice (Years: _____)	<input type="checkbox"/> Securities (Years: _____)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dispute Resolution (Years: <u>7</u> )	<input type="checkbox"/> Ethics Law (Years: _____)
<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental, Energy & Resources (Years: _____)	<input type="checkbox"/> Civil Service Matters (Years: _____)
<input type="checkbox"/> Health Law (Years: _____)	<input type="checkbox"/> Civil Rights & the Constitution (Years: _____)
<input type="checkbox"/> Intellectual Property (Years: _____)	<input type="checkbox"/> Municipal Representation (including liability & intergovernmental conflicts) (Years: _____)
<input type="checkbox"/> International Law (Years: _____)	<input type="checkbox"/> Code Enforcement Matters (Years: _____)
<input type="checkbox"/> Labor & Employment Law (Years: _____)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Contract Law (Years: <u>20</u> )	

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Public Utilities Law (Years: <u>27</u>)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Communications Law (Years: _____)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Transportation Law (Years: _____)</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Property (Years: <u>16</u>)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Trust &amp; Estate Law (Years: _____)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Other/specific project as required by the advertisement (Years: _____)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Oil Spill Litigation (Years: _____)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Public Finance (Years: _____)</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Land Use, Planning &amp; Zoning Law (Years: <u>16</u>)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Economic Development (Years: _____)</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Construction Law (Years: <u>27</u>)</b>
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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.  N/A		
2.		
3.		
4.		

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**F. Professional Training and experience in relation to the type of work required for the outside legal services.**

All attorneys at the firm are licensed to practice in Louisiana and have varying levels of experience in handling matters of the sort identified in Section D above. Charles M. Pisano, the supervising attorney, has 35 years of civil litigation experience primarily in the courts of Jefferson and Orleans Parishes. Luke Piontek, Managing Shareholder of the firm, has 34 years of civil litigation experience, 26 years of experience in Public Utility Law and 16 years of experience in Property (expropriation and litigation) and Planning and Zoning Law. Larry Roedel, founding member of the firm has over 40 years of litigation experience, including 20+ years of experience in Public Contract law and Construction Law. Larry Roedel is also a mediator with approximately 7 years experience.

**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 currently has 21 attorneys, but is in the process of hiring one to two new associates. Roedel Parsons has been handling legal matters for Jefferson Parish timely and successfully since 2015 and are adequately staffed to continue servicing the Parish's needs.

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<p><b>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: <u>4</u></b></p>		
<p><b>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.</b></p>		
Name:	Legal Field:	Years of Experience in Legal Field:
<p><b>1.</b> Charles M. Pisano</p>	<p>Tort Trial &amp; Insurance Complex Litigation</p>	<p>35</p>
<p><b>2.</b> Richard Seelman</p>	<p>Tort Trial &amp; Insurance Complex Litigation</p>	<p>38</p>
<p><b>3.</b> Sydne Cunningham</p>	<p>Tort Trial &amp; Insurance Complex Litigation</p>	<p>4</p>
<p><b>4.</b> Bradley Guin</p>	<p>Tort Trial &amp; Insurance Construction Law Complex Litigation</p>	<p>5</p>
<p><b>5.</b> Luke Piontek</p>	<p>Tort Trial Complex Litigation Public Utilities Law Property Law</p>	<p>34 34 27 16</p>

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

Our firm has handled the following litigation matters for the Parish:

- \* All Star Premier Homes v. The Parish of Jefferson, 24" JDC Case No. 799-048, Div "G" (Pending in 24th JDC)
- \* Bel-Cage Construction L.L.C. vs. New Orleans Education League of the Construction Industry, et al; 24th JDC No. 789-041 (Pending in 24th JDC).
- \* Christy Villafarra vs. Jefferson Parish Government et al; 24th JDC No. 804883 (Pending in 24th JDC).
- \* Heidi Borrás vs. Mark Spears and Parish of Jefferson, Jefferson Parish Council; 24th JDC No. 806754 (Settled)
- \* Christopher Webre vs. Consolidated Waterworks District No. 1 of The Parish of Jefferson, et al; 24th JDC No. 810968 (Pending in 24th JDC).
- \* Bernie Johnson vs. Consolidated Sewerage District #1 of the Parish of Jefferson, et al; 24th JDC No. 813615 (Pending in 24th JDC).
- \* Diane Bourgeois vs. Erron Robinson et al; 24th JDC No. 816745 (Pending in 24th JDC).
- \* Roxana Villafarra et al vs. Command Construction Industries et al; 24th JDC No. 817642 (Pending in 24th JDC).
- \* Trichelle Buskey vs. Jefferson Parish Human Services Authority et al; 24th JDC No. 815862 (Pending in 24th JDC).
- \* David Pichon vs. Parish of Jefferson through Jefferson Parish Parkway Department et al; 24th JDC No. 822549 (Pending in 24th JDC).
- \* Elton Jefferson vs. Giselle Carmardelle et al; 24th JDC No. 824361 (Pending in 24th JDC).
- \* (see attached additional cases)

### **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.**

None.

- Nancy Miller Spera v. Jefferson Parish a/k/a Jefferson Parish Traffic Engineering Division and Entergy Louisiana, LLC; 24<sup>th</sup> JDC No. 829-123 (Pending in 24<sup>th</sup>)
- Abigail Spera v. Jefferson Parish, Jefferson Parish Traffic Engineering Division, Entergy Louisiana, LLC. State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company, Nancy M. Spera c/w Nancy Miller Spera v. Jefferson Parish a/k/a Jefferson Parish Traffic Engineering Division and Entergy Louisiana, LLC; 24<sup>th</sup> JDC No. 829-123 (Pending in 24<sup>th</sup>)
- Kortez Kelly v. Nancy Miller, Jefferson Parish a/k/a Jefferson Parish Traffic Engineering Division Jefferson Parish, State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company, and Entergy; 24<sup>th</sup> JDC No. 838-715 (Pending in 24<sup>th</sup>)
- Reshonda Sparks v. Entergy Louisiana, LLC, Nancy Miller Spera, State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company, Jefferson Parish a/k/a Jefferson Parish Traffic Engineering Division; 24<sup>th</sup> JDC No. 839060 (Pending in 24<sup>th</sup>)
- Ahmed Essed v. State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company, Nancy Miller Spera, Entergy Corporation, and Jefferson Parish a/k/a Jefferson Parish Traffic Engineering Division; 24<sup>th</sup> JDC No. 839-361 (Pending in 24<sup>th</sup>)
- Marlon Collins, Jr. v. Jefferson Parish, Jefferson Parish Traffic Engineering Division; Entergy Louisiana, LLC, State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company, and Nancy M. Spera; 24<sup>th</sup> JDC No. 839-300 (Pending in 24<sup>th</sup>)
- Heidyn Linares o/b/o Andy Euceda v. Jefferson Parish, Jefferson Parish Traffic Engineering Division; Entergy Louisiana, LLC, State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company, and Nancy Spera; 24<sup>th</sup> JDC No. 839-777 (Pending in 24<sup>th</sup>)
- Shondra Foster o/b/o Briah Gray v. Nancy Miller, State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company, Entergy Louisiana LLC, Jefferson Parish, Jefferson Parish Government, Jefferson Parish Department of Streets; 24<sup>th</sup> JDC No. 839-166 (Pending in 24<sup>th</sup>)
- Parish of Jefferson, et al v. Barabay Property Holding Company, LLC, 24<sup>th</sup> JDC No. 761971 (settled)

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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.  
Bel-Cage Construction L.L.C. vs. New Orleans Education League of the Construction Industry, et al;  
24th JDC No. 780-04' (Pending in 24th JDC)

This case involved a dispute over a construction contract. We recently obtained a dismissal, with prejudice, of all claims against the Parish in this matter on exception.

2.  
Heidi Borrás vs. Mark Spears and Parish of Jefferson, Jefferson Parish Council; 24th JDC No. 806754

This case involved a motor vehicle accident involving a Parish vehicle. All claims against the Parish were settled and dismissed.

3.  
Parish of Jefferson, et al v. Barabay Property Holding Company, LLC, 24th JDC No. 761971

This case involved the expropriation of property for construction of a new Jonathan Davis Wastewater Treatment Plant. The Parish's plan for the plant changed and the property was no longer needed. The Reconventional Demand was settled for attorney's fees only & the claim was dismissed.

4.  
Bernie Johnson vs. Consolidated Sewerage District #1 of the Parish of Jefferson, et al; 24th JDC No. 813615.

This case involved an accident where Plaintiff stepped on a Jefferson Parish manhole cover he alleged was improperly placed over a sewer access causing him to fall into the sewer hole. Jefferson Parish filed a Motion for Summary Judgment which was granted. Plaintiff subsequently appealed the 24th JDC's grant of summary judgment. On appeal, the 5th Circuit affirmed the decision of the 24th JDC and Plaintiff's claims against Jefferson Parish were dismissed.

5.  
Trichelle Buskey vs. Jefferson Parish Human Services Authority et al; 24th JDC No. 815862.

This case involved a trip and fall that occurred on Jefferson Parish owned property. Plaintiff's counsel agreed to dismiss the Parish without prejudice following the filing of Jefferson Parish's Motion for Summary Judgment.

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**6.** David Pichon vs. Parish of Jefferson through Jefferson Parish Parkway Department et al; 24th JDC No. 822549.

This case involved a motor vehicle accident involving a Parish vehicle. All claims against the Parish were settled and dismissed.

**7.** Elton Jefferson vs. Giselle Carmardelle et al; 24th JDC No. 824361.

This case involved a motor vehicle accident involving a Parish vehicle. All claims against the Parish were settled and dismissed.

**8.**

**9.**

**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.**

Our firm has over two decades of experience successfully representing public entities, including the State of Louisiana, LSU, the New Orleans Aviation Board, the Sewage and Water Board of New Orleans, the Ernest N. Morial New Orleans Exhibition Hall Authority (the Convention Center), the Louisiana Stadium and Exposition District (Super Dome, Smoothie King Arena, etc.), the Port of New Orleans and several others. We are well versed in addressing the myriad challenges that public entities face.

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

Signature:  Print Name: Luke F. Piontek

Title: Managing Shareholder, President Date: June 7, 2024

Statement of Qualifications

AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF Louisiana

PARISH/COUNTY OF ~~Orleans~~ East Baton Rouge

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, personally came and appeared: Luke Piontek, (Affiant) who after being by me duly sworn, deposed and said that he/she is the fully authorized Managing Shareholder, President of Roedel Parsons Blache Fontana Piontek & Pisano, A L.C. (Entity), the party who submitted a Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) to provide legal services (Briefly describe the services the SOQ will cover), to the Parish of Jefferson.

Affiant further said:

Campaign Contribution Disclosures

**(Choose A or B, if option A is indicated please include the required attachment):**

**Choice A** \_\_\_\_\_ Attached hereto is a list of all campaign contributions, including the date and amount of each contribution, made to current or former elected officials of the Parish of Jefferson by Entity, Affiant, and/or officers, directors and owners, including employees, owning 25% or more of the Entity during the two-year period immediately preceding the date of this affidavit or the current term of the elected official, whichever is greater. Further, Entity, Affiant, and/or Entity Owners have not made any contributions to or in support of current or former members of the Jefferson Parish Council or the Jefferson Parish President through or in the name of another person or legal entity, either directly or indirectly.

**Choice B**  there are **NO** campaign contributions made which would require disclosure under Choice A of this section.

Affiant further said:

Debt Disclosures

**(Choose A or B, if option A is indicated please include the required attachment):**

Choice A \_\_\_\_\_ Attached hereto is a list of all debts owed by the affiant to any elected or appointed official of the Parish of Jefferson, and any and all debts owed by any elected or appointed official of the Parish to the Affiant.

Choice B  There are **NO** debts which would require disclosure under Choice A of this section.

Affiant further said:

Solicitation of Campaign Contribution Disclosures

**(Choose A or B, if option A is indicated please include the required attachment):**

Choice A \_\_\_\_\_ Attached hereto is a list of all elected officials of the Parish of Jefferson, whether still holding office at the time of the affidavit or not, where the elected official, individually, either by **telephone or by personal contact**, solicited a campaign contribution or other monetary consideration from the Entity, including the Entity's officers, directors and owners, and employees owning twenty-five percent (25%) or more of the Entity, during the two-year period immediately preceding the date the affidavit is signed. Further, to the extent known to the Affiant, the date of any such solicitation is included on the attached list.

Choice B  there are **NO** solicitations for campaign contributions which would require disclosure under Choice A of this section.

Affiant further said:

Subcontractor Disclosures

**(Choose A or B, if option A is indicated please include the required attachment):**

**Choice A** \_\_\_\_\_ Affiant further said that attached is a listing of all subcontractors, excluding full time employees, who may assist in providing professional services for the aforementioned SOQ.

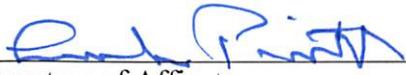
**Choice B**  There are **NO** subcontractors which would require disclosure under Choice A of this section.

Affiant further said:

That Affiant has employed no person, corporation, firm, association, or other organization, either directly or indirectly, to secure the public contract under which he received payment, other than persons regularly employed by the Affiant whose services in connection with the construction, alteration or demolition of the public building or project or in securing the public contract were in the regular course of their duties for Affiant; and

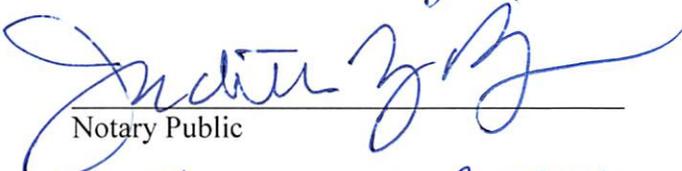
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That no part of the contract price received by Affiant was paid or will be paid to any person, corporation, firm, association, or other organization for soliciting the contract, other than the payment of their normal compensation to persons regularly employed by the Affiant whose services in connection with the construction, alteration or demolition of the public building or project were in the regular course of their duties for Affiant.

  
Signature of Affiant

Luke Piontek  
Printed Name of Affiant

SWORN AND SUBSCRIBED TO BEFORE ME  
ON THE 7 DAY OF June, 2024

  
Notary Public

JUDITH Y. BAZER  
Printed Name of Notary

64336  
Notary/Bar Roll Number

My commission expires @ death

**Judith Y. Bazer, ID #64336**  
**NOTARY PUBLIC**  
**State of Louisiana**  
**My Commission Expires at death**

**Insurance Declaration Affidavit  
Automotive**

AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF Louisiana

PARISH/COUNTY OF East Baton Rouge

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, personally came and appeared, Luke F. Piontek, (Affiant) who after being duly sworn, deposed and said that he/she is the fully authorized Managing Shareholder of Roedel Parsons Blache Fontana Piontek & Pisano (Entity), the party who submitted a Proposal/Contract/Bid/RFP/SOQ No. 24-16, to Jefferson Parish.

Affiant further said:

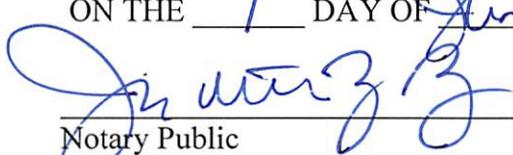
- (1) That entity does not own automobiles or use automobiles in the furtherance of the services provided under the contract.
- (2) That if the entity obtains automobiles or begins to use automobiles in the furtherance of the services provided under the contract, affiant will notify Jefferson Parish and obtain the proper coverage.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Affiant

Luke F. Piontek  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name of Affiant

SWORN AND SUBSCRIBED TO BEFORE ME

ON THE 7 DAY OF June, 2024

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

JUDITH Y. BAZER  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name of Notary

64336  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary/Bar Roll Number

My commission expires @ death

**Judith Y. Bazer, ID #64336  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
State of Louisiana  
My Commission Expires at death**