



**SOQ 23-030-Providing Various Supplemental Professional Legal Services
when needed 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:

Cossich, Sumich, Parsiola & Taylor, LLC
8397 Highway 23 Suite 100
Belle Chasse, LA 70037

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:

Philip F. Cossich, Jr. pcossich@cossichlaw.com
Brandon J. Taylor btaylor@cossichlaw.com
Chistina Cossich ccossich@cossichlaw.com
8397 Highway 23 Suite 100
Belle Chasse, LA 70037
(504)394-9000

C. Location of the principal:

8397 Highway 23 Suite 100
Belle Chasse, LA 70037

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Administrative & Regulatory (Years: 30+)	<input type="checkbox"/> Taxation (Years: _____)
<input type="checkbox"/> Antitrust Law (Years: _____)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tort Trial & Insurance Practices (Years: 30+)
<input type="checkbox"/> Business Law (Years: _____)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Complex Litigation (including asbestos litigation) (Years: 30+)
<input type="checkbox"/> Criminal Justice (Years: _____)	<input type="checkbox"/> Securities (Years: _____)
<input type="checkbox"/> Dispute Resolution (Years: _____)	<input type="checkbox"/> Ethics Law (Years: _____)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Environmental, Energy & Resources (Years: 30+)	<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Municipal Representation (including liability & intergovernmental conflicts) (Years: 30+)
<input type="checkbox"/> International Law (Years: _____)	<input type="checkbox"/> Code Enforcement Matters (Years: _____)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Labor & Employment Law (Years: 30+)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Contract Law (Years: 30+)	

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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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust & Estate Law (Years: 30+) <input type="checkbox"/> Other/specific project as required by the advertisement (Years: _____)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oil Spill Litigation (Years: 30+) <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. N/A		
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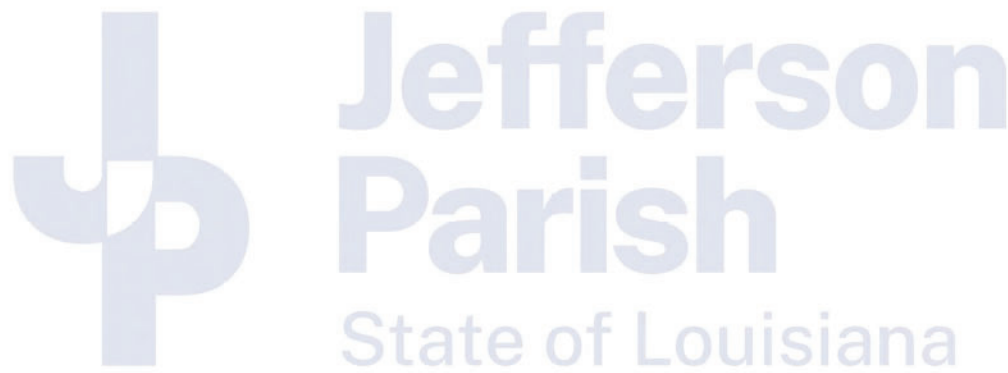
F. Professional Training and experience in relation to the type of work required for the outside legal services.

Founded in 1994, Cossich, Sumich, Parsiola & Taylor, LLC (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, 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 to do so with a constant focus on personal attention to achieve maximum results.

Many of the firm's partners and associates are actively involved in ongoing litigation against the manufacturers and sellers of PFAS-containing products, such as AFFF. Partner Christina Cossich was appointed to the Plaintiffs' Executive Committee (PEC) overseeing the AFFF MDL and is Co-Chair of the Plaintiffs' Science Committee. Ms. Cossich has worked extensively to advance the development of key damage models. CSP&T founding partner Philip F. Cossich, Jr. is also heavily involved in MDL leadership activities. Both have also been actively involved in developing settlement strategies on behalf of public water providers in the AFFF MDL.

Furthermore, CSP&T, along with Baron & Budd, is representing over 200 public and private entities, including the States of Alaska, Kentucky, Arizona, and Mississippi, in ongoing PFAS litigation. Partner Brandon Taylor is the case manager spending much of his practice communicating with clients to develop their respective PFAS cases.

CSP&T attorneys routinely evaluate contamination sites, work with experts to locate contamination sources, develop and advise on legal strategy, and litigate PFAS contamination cases. CSP&T also engages experts to value cases and to determine the best method by which to remediate the client's contamination.



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.

Cossich, Sumich, Parsiola & Taylor is more than adequately staffed to meet the requirements of representing Jefferson Parish. There are twelve attorneys at the firm that will diligently work to help complete any task.

CSPT will also collaborate with co-counsel in its representation of Jefferson Parish.

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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: 4

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. Philip F. Cossich, Jr.	See Attached Resume.	40 Years
2. Christina Cossich		14 Years
3. Brandon J. Taylor		22 Years
4. Luana Smith		10
5. Jody Fortunato		15

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

Cossich, Sumich, Parsiola & Taylor, LLC, currently has an existing contract with Jefferson Parish for the Coastal Zone Management lawsuits.

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.

N/A

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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. USDC Eastern District of Louisiana; Case: 2:13-cv-02047

State of Louisiana, ex rel., Jefferson Parish School Board and Jefferson Parish School Board, in its Own Capacity as a Political Subdivision of the State of Louisiana and in its Capacity as the Trustee, Administrator and/or Manager of "Section 16" Lands Within Jefferson Parish v. BP Exploration & Production, Inc., et al

From 2011 to 2020, CSPT represented the Jefferson Parish School Board in the BP Oil Spill litigation. We successfully recovered funds for the Jefferson Parish School Board.

2. USDC Western District of Louisiana; Case: 2:10-cv-01386

School Board of Cameron Parish v. RSUI Indemnity Co., et al.

CSPT successfully recovered funds for the School Board of Cameron Parish for their Hurricane Rita insurance claim.

3. USDC Eastern District of Louisiana; Case: 06-7663

Plaquemines Parish School Board v. Arthur J. Gallagher Risk Management Services, Inc. and Bradley Johnson

CSPT successfully recovered funds for the Plaquemines Parish School Board for their Hurricane Katrina insurance claim.

4. USDC Southern District of Texas; Case: 3:19-cv-207 Kirby

Inland Marine, LP v. FPG Shipholding Company, et al.

CSPT successfully recovered funds for over 120 businesses and individuals in the Galveston Oil Spill due to the Kirby Barge Collision in 2019. Our clients included Lisa Halili and Tony Jurisich who both recovered money for their many businesses.

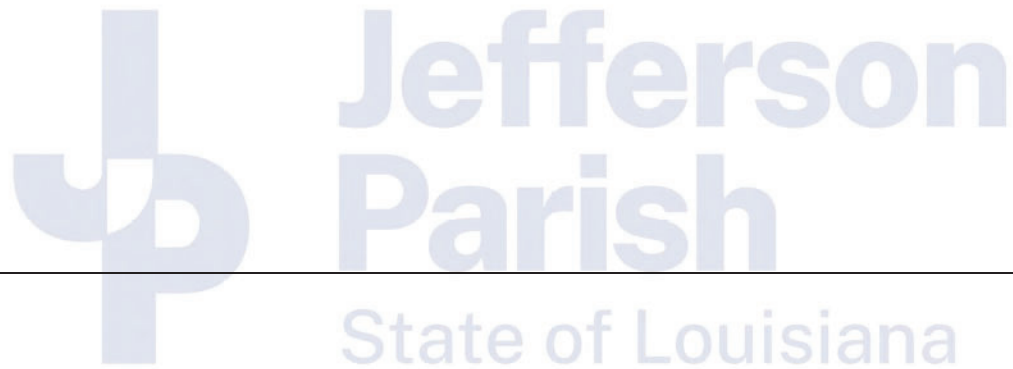
5. CSPT has represented Rodney Fox and his oyster business, R&A Oysters, LLC, for all of their acquisitions, sales and damage recovery needs for over 30 years.

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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.

N/A

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

Signature:  **Print Name:** Philip F. Cossich, Jr

Title: Partner **Date:** 10/30/2023

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COSSICH, SUMICH, PARSIOLA & TAYLOR, LLC

Philip F. Cossich, Jr., Senior Partner

Cossich, Sumich, Parsiola & Taylor, LLC, Belle Chasse, LA

Years at firm: 1995-present

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 entities in cases involving PFAS contamination, including an active role in MDL leadership committees.

Christina Cossich, Partner

Cossich, Sumich, Parsiola & Taylor, LLC, Belle Chasse, LA

Years at firm: 2009-present

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

Experience: She was involved in the BP Oil Spill Multi-District Litigation on numerous fronts working with clients and as 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 clients in cases involving PFAS contamination.

Brandon J. Taylor, Partner

Cossich, Sumich, Parsiola & Taylor, LLC, Belle Chasse, LA

Years at firm: 2001-present

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 over 20 years representing clients across nine states with a focus on Environmental Law and Admiralty and Maritime Law. In doing so, he has gained substantial experience in Multi-District Litigation. Along with other members of the CSP&T team, he is actively representing clients in cases involving PFAS contamination.

Jody Fortunato, Senior Associate

Cossich, Sumich, Parsiola & Taylor, LLC, Belle Chasse, LA

Years at firm: 2021-present

Proposed Roles: Mr. Fortunato works in the areas of client communications, discovery, motion practice, and trial preparation.

Experience: Mr. Fortunato's practice focuses primarily on civil litigation in the areas of environmental mass tort litigation, complex litigation, commercial litigation, and personal injury.

Along with other members of the CSP&T team, he is actively representing private, public, and municipal entities across the county in cases involving PFAS contamination.

Louise Caro, Of Counsel

Cossich, Sumich, Parsiola & Taylor, LLC, Belle Chasse, LA

Years at firm: 2022-present

Proposed Roles: Ms. Caro is a member of the Florida Bar and has extensive experience filing and working in both state and federal court in Florida. Caro works in the areas of discovery, drafting of pleadings, and legal research and writing.

Experience: Ms. Caro has practiced in Broward and Miami-Dade County for twenty years. Her practice focuses on plaintiff's mass tort litigation, concentrating on helping people harmed by exposure to hazardous soil, water and air contaminants. She has represented clients harmed by a multitude of environmental pollutants and toxins such as arsenic, lead, and dioxin, in soils and public water supply wells.

Luana N. Smith, Associate

Cossich, Sumich, Parsiola & Taylor, LLC, Belle Chasse, LA

Years at firm: 2018-present

Proposed Roles: Ms. Smith works in the areas of discovery, drafting pleadings, document gathering and organization, and legal research and writing.

Experience: Ms. Smith has a practice focused on environmental law with an emphasis on legal research that spans across the country. She also has experience working with experts and assisting in aspects of damage model development. Along with other members of the CSP&T team, she is actively involved in the representation of public and private entities in cases involving PFAS contamination.