

## **AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**

This Agreement is made and entered into on May 22, 2017, by and between the Saugus Union School District, hereinafter referred to as District, and Dannis Woliver Kelley, a professional corporation, hereinafter referred to as Attorney.

In consideration of the promises and the mutual agreements hereinafter contained, District and Attorney agree as follows:

**SCOPE OF SERVICES.** District appoints Attorney to represent, advise, and counsel it from July 1, 2017, through and including June 30, 2018, and continuing thereafter as approved. Any services performed during the period between the above commencement date and the date of Board action approving this Agreement are hereby ratified by said Board approval. Attorney agrees to prepare periodic reviews of relevant court decisions, legislation, and other legal issues. Attorney agrees to keep current and in force at all times a policy covering incidents of legal malpractice.

**CLIENT DUTIES.** District shall be truthful with Attorney, cooperate with Attorney, keep Attorney informed of developments, perform the obligations it has agreed to perform under this Agreement and pay Attorney bills in a timely manner.

**FEES AND BILLING PRACTICES.** Except as hereinafter provided, District agrees to pay Attorney two hundred twenty-five dollars (\$225) to three hundred ten dollars (\$310) per hour for shareholders, special counsel and of counsel; one hundred eighty-five dollars (\$185) to two hundred twenty-five dollars (\$225) per hour for associates; and one hundred twenty dollars (\$120) to one hundred forty dollars (\$140) per hour for paralegals and law clerks. The rate for Gregory J. Dannis will be three hundred fifty dollars (\$350) per hour. Rates for individual attorneys may vary within the above ranges depending on the level of experience and qualifications and the nature of the legal services provided. Substantive communications advice (telephone, voice-mail, e-mail) is billed in a minimum increment of one-tenth (.1) of an hour, except for the first such advice in any business day, which is charged in a minimum of three-tenths (.3) of an hour. In the course of travel it may be necessary for Attorney to work for and bill other clients while in transit. If, during the course of representation of District, an insurance or other entity assumes responsibility for payment of all or partial fees of Attorney on a particular case or matter, District shall remain responsible for the difference between fees paid by the other entity and Attorney's hourly rates as specified in this Agreement unless otherwise agreed by the parties.

Agreements for legal fees at other than the hourly rate set forth above may be made by mutual agreement for special projects or particular scopes of work.

**OTHER CHARGES.** District further agrees to reimburse Attorney for actual and necessary expenses and costs with respect to providing the above services, including support services such as copying costs, express postage, and facsimile transmittals. District agrees that such actual and necessary expenses may vary according to special circumstances necessitated by request of District or emergency conditions which occasionally arise.

District further agrees to pay third parties, directly or indirectly through Attorney, for major costs and expenses including, but not limited to, costs of serving pleadings, filing fees and other charges assessed by courts and other public agencies, arbitrators' fees, court reporters' fees, jury fees, witness fees, investigation expenses, consultants' fees, and expert witness fees. Upon mutual consent of District and Attorney, District may either advance or reimburse Attorney for such costs and expenses.

Occasionally Attorney may provide District officials and/or employees with food or meals at Attorney-sponsored trainings or when working with District officials and/or employees. Attorney may provide such food or meals without additional charge in exchange for the consideration provided by the District under this Agreement.

**BILLING STATEMENT.** Attorney shall send District a statement for fees and costs incurred every calendar month. Attorney's statements shall clearly state the basis thereof, including the amount, rate and basis for calculations or other methods of determination of Attorney's fees. District shall pay Attorney's statements within thirty (30) days after each statement's date. Upon District office's request for additional statement information, Attorney shall provide a bill to District no later than ten (10) days following the request. District is entitled to make subsequent requests for bills at intervals of no less than thirty (30) days following the initial request.

**INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR.** It is expressly understood and agreed to by both parties that Attorney, while carrying out and complying with any of the terms and conditions of this Agreement, is an independent contractor and is not an employee of the District.

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST.** Because Attorney represents many school and community college districts, county offices of education, joint powers authorities, SELPAs and other educational entities, conflicts of interest may arise in the course of Attorney's representation. If Attorney becomes aware of any potential or actual conflicts of interest, Attorney will inform the District of the conflict and comply with the legal and ethical requirements to fulfill its duties of loyalty and confidentiality to District. If District has any question about whether Attorney has a conflict of interest in its representation of District in any matter, it may contact Attorney or other legal counsel for clarification.

**TERMINATION OF CONTRACT.** District or Attorney may terminate this Agreement by giving thirty (30) days written notice of termination to the other party.


IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have signed this Agreement for Professional Services.

SAUGUS UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Joan Lucid, Ed.D.  
Superintendent

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Date

DANNIS WOLIVER KELLEY

  
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Sue Ann Salmon Evans  
Attorney at Law

5/23/17  
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Date

At its public meeting of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017, the Board approved this Agreement and authorized the Board President, Superintendent or Designee to execute this Agreement.