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Ms. Abigail Forester Jorandby Assistant County Attorney Board Certified Specialist, City, County, Local Government Nassau County, Florida Board of County Commissioners 96135 Nassau Place Yulee, Florida 32097

Annual Retainer Re:

Dear Ms. Jorandby:

It was a pleasure speaking with you and thank you for considering Allen, Norton & Blue, P.A to represent Nassau County.

As you know from working with Bob Norton, Allen, Norton & Blue, P.A. is a labor and employment law firm that specializes in representing various public entities in all labor employment related matters. These matters include advising employers on general employment issues, union matters, employment discrimination, wage and hour law, and revising and developing employment policies. We have offices in four cities: Miami, Tampa, Orlando, and Tallahassee. We have more than twenty-five (25) lawyers that devote all of their time to this practice who you are welcome to contact at any time in the event that I am unavailable.

One of my firm's unique services is the retainer relationship that we have with a number of our clients. Under this retainer relationship, in exchange for an annual fee of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500.00), Nassau County would be entitled to the following:

1. Unlimited telephone conferences with you and/or other members of your management or human resources department regarding matters within our area of practice where Jarled Jack no specific case or research is involved, i.e., employment issues, equal employment, wage-hour matters, termination decisions, etc;

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2. Review and answer all correspondence on the above subjects where there is no specific case or substantial research involved;

3. Periodic newsletters and e-mail alerts on subjects of interest to management in the area of employment.

For work not covered by the retainer, we could represent Nassau County at our hourly rate of \$300.00 per hour for partners and \$250.00 for associates. Law clerk research time will be billed at \$100.00 per hour, plus associated costs (Westlaw usage fees, postage, copying, etc.). Obviously, prior to incurring any hourly charges (fees not covered by the retainer) you will be notified so that we can discuss the matter in detail.

As I am sure you can appreciate, we have found that many of our clients avoid costly and protracted litigation by calling on us with respect to an employment matter before it matures into an Equal Employment Opportunity Commission charge, litigation, etc. Clients are, of course, much more likely to call with a matter that they may consider to be trivial when the retainer covers the call.

I hope that you will find the above information to be an attractive option for Nassau County. If you have any comments or questions regarding this proposal, please feel free to contact me, and I would be happy to discuss this with you in greater detail. If you would like to engage in this arrangement, please sign below and return this document at your convenience.

Sincerely.

Robert E. Larkin

Approved by: Abigail Jorandby

Approved by: DENISE C. MAY

County Attorney

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