

AGENDA PLACEMENT FORM

(Submission Deadline – Monday, 5:00 PM before Regular Court Meetings)

Date: November 19, 2024

Meeting Date: November 25, 2024

Submitted By: Bill Moore

Department: County Attorney

Signature of Elected Official/Department Head:

Bill Moore

Court Decision: <small>This section to be completed by County Judge's Office</small>
 <div style="color: red; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">11-25-2024</div>

Description:

Executive Session, Government Code Section 551.071, Consultation with
Attorney, Pending Litigation, Lina Mino, vs. Texas Police Trainers, LLC, et al,
Cause No. 017-341841-23, in the District Court, Tarrant County, Texas, 17th
Judicial District

Motion: Authorization for County Judge to Sign Engagement Letter

(May attach additional sheets if necessary)

Person to Present: Bill Moore

(Presenter must be present for the item unless the item is on the Consent Agenda)

Supporting Documentation: (check one) ☐ PUBLIC ☒ CONFIDENTIAL

(PUBLIC documentation may be made available to the public prior to the Meeting)

Estimated Length of Presentation: 20 minutes

Session Requested: (check one)

☐ Action Item ☐ Consent ☐ Workshop ☒ Executive ☐ Other _____

Check All Departments That Have Been Notified:

☐ County Attorney ☐ IT ☐ Purchasing ☐ Auditor
☐ Personnel ☐ Public Works ☐ Facilities Management

Other Department/Official (list) _____

**Please List All External Persons Who Need a Copy of Signed Documents
In Your Submission Email**

Approved in CC on 9/11/2023

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November 19, 2024

Hon. Christopher Boedeker
Johnson County Judge
Johnson County Courthouse
2 North Main Street
Cleburne, TX 76031

Re: *Representation of Johnson County in Cause No. 017-341841-23, Lina Mino v. Texas Police Trainers, LLC., et. al., pending the 17th Judicial District Court of Tarrant County, Texas ("Lawsuit")*

Dear Judge Boedeker:

We appreciate the opportunity to represent Johnson County in the above referenced Lawsuit. (hereinafter "Client"). This will confirm that we agree to represent Client's interests pursuant to the terms set forth in this letter. It is our understanding that the Commissioners Court of Johnson County has approved the retention of our law firm for such representation.

I will have primary responsibility for Client's representation and will utilize other attorneys and legal assistants in our firm as I feel necessary or appropriate in my professional judgment. Obviously, we cannot guarantee the outcome of any matter. Any expression of our professional judgment regarding this matter or the potential outcome is, of course, limited by our knowledge of the facts and based on the law at the time of expression. It is also subject to any unknown or uncertain factors or conditions beyond our control.

The hourly rates we charge for this representation are \$295.00/hour for partners, \$225.00/hour for associate attorneys, and \$105.00/hour for legal assistants. We will also bill for expenses incurred on Client's behalf during the course of the representation, and we will itemize these expenses at regular intervals. Examples of these expenses include charges for photocopying, postage, facsimiles, long-distance telephone calls, travel and conference expenses, delivery or courier charges, and computer-aided research. Client also agrees to incur third-party expenses, including the retention of experts, private investigators, etc., should we believe such retention is in the best interest of the Client. Prior to retaining any experts, private investigators, or incurring other third-party expenses, we will inform Client of our intent and give Client an opportunity to discuss. Client agrees that we are authorized to incur these expenses on Client's behalf, and Client agrees to pay such expenses promptly upon notification of same.

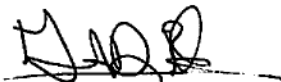
We will submit periodic, usually monthly, invoices to you for fees, expenses, and our out-of-pocket disbursements, Client agrees to pay those invoices promptly. We will submit those monthly statements to the address you have provided above, or to another address upon your request. These statements may contain privileged information, such as references to our communications with you and descriptions of work we have performed. Those privileges could be waived, however, if someone other than the Client sees the privileged material. Therefore, we recommend that you keep all of our bills in a separate file for "attorney-client privileged materials" and maintain the file in a secure location.

Increasingly, conflict of interest is a concern for lawyers and their clients today. Rules concerning conflicts of interest vary with the jurisdiction. In order to avoid any uncertainty, our policy is that the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct will be applicable to this representation. By signing this letter, Client agrees with that policy. Our representation in this matter is limited to Client and does not include anyone else such as employees, officers, directors, investors, partners, or officials. Further, by engaging us to represent Client in this matter, Client has not engaged us to represent Client generally or in any other specific matter. Client agrees that our representation will be limited to defending it in the above-referenced Lawsuit. Additionally, we are accepting this engagement on the understanding that our representation of Client will not preclude us from accepting any other engagement from any existing or new client, provided that: (1) such engagement is not substantially related to the subject matter of any services we are providing to Client; (2) in accepting such other engagement we would not impair the confidentiality of proprietary, sensitive, or otherwise confidential information Client has provided to us, and (3) Client consents to such engagement if the matter is adverse to Client.

Finally, in accordance with requirements imposed on all Texas attorneys, be advised that links to the State Bar of Texas' grievance process and professional requirements, including the Texas Lawyer's Creed, may be found at www.texasbar.com. I look forward to working with you and thank you for your confidence.

If you have any comments or questions concerning this letter, please contact me. Otherwise, I would appreciate it if you would execute and return this letter so that we may begin this representation. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Grant D. Blaies", with a horizontal line underneath.


GRANT D. BLAIES

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APPROVED AND AGREED

JOHNSON COUNTY

By: 
Hon. Christopher Boedeker
County Judge

Date: 11/25/2024