## EXHIBIT 3

## DRAFT CONTRACT, MODULE 3

## DELAWARE CORPORATE LAW COUNSEL



## BY AND BETWEEN

# THE COMPTROLLER OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE

# OF THE COMMON RETIREMENT FUND

AND

CONTRACT NUMBER: #ICM XXX

This Agreement ("Agreement") is by and between the Comptroller of the State of New York (the "Comptroller"), as Trustee of the New York State Common Retirement Fund (the "CRF" or the "Fund") whose principal office is located at 110 State Street, Albany, New York 12236, and \_\_\_\_\_\_, a [entity type] organized and existing under the laws of \_\_\_\_\_\_ ("Counsel") located at

## WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, the Comptroller is responsible for investing the monies of the Fund for the exclusive benefit of the New York State and Local Retirement System's (the "System") members, retirees and beneficiaries, and is authorized to manage and invest a portion of such assets in certain securities pursuant to the New York Retirement and Social Security Law; and

**WHEREAS**, the Comptroller, on [DATE], pursuant to a Request For Proposals for Delaware Corporate Law Counsel for the Fund ("RFP"), attached hereto as Exhibit A, sought to identify a pool of qualified law firms to serve from time to time as Delaware corporate law counsel in connection with the Fund's portfolio companies or Delaware corporate law matters generally; and

**WHEREAS**, Counsel submitted a proposal and signed attachments ("Proposal") to the RFP by the required date of [DATE], attached hereto as Exhibit B; and

**WHEREAS**, based on the evaluation of the various proposals submitted in response to the RFP, the Comptroller has determined that Counsel possesses the skills and experience necessary to provide the Delaware corporate law related services described in the RFP ("Services"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Comptroller has determined that it would be in the best interests of the Fund to retain, if and when needed, Counsel to provide the legal services described above to the Comptroller;

**NOW**, **THEREFORE**, in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements contained herein, the parties agree as follows:

#### I. ENTIRE AGREEMENT AND ORDER OF PRECEDENCE

This Agreement shall be deemed inclusive of the following documents. Only documents expressly mentioned below shall be deemed a part of this Agreement. Conflicts between these documents shall be resolved in the following order of precedence:

- **A.** Appendix A Standard Clauses for Contracts Entered Into By the Comptroller of the State of New York as Trustee of the New York State Common Retirement Fund;
- **B.** The Agreement this document, including Appendices B through H as herein described:
  - Appendix B OSC Policy Statement on Discrimination and Harassment, Including Sexual Harassment;
  - Appendix C OSC Executive Order on Procurement Integrity and OSC Procurement Integrity Procedures;
  - Appendix D Insurance Regulations;
  - Appendix E Proposer's Certification/Acknowledgements;
  - Appendix F CRF Vendor Responsibility and Conflict of Interest Disclosure Form;
  - $\circ~$  Appendix G CRF Proposer's Disclosure of Prior Non-Responsibility Determinations; and
  - Appendix H Material Conflicts of Interest Statement;
- **C.** Exhibit A the RFP 21-06, including the Official Responses to Questions, and any and all amendments and addenda to the RFP;

- D. Exhibit B the Proposal (Exhibits B1 Technical Proposal, B2 Cost Proposal, and B3 Administrative Proposal), as modified by any clarifications thereto, and including all Attachments; and
- E. Executed Retainer, if any [See Section 11 in the RFP].

This Agreement shall not be changed, modified or altered in any manner except by an instrument in writing executed by authorized representatives of Counsel and the Comptroller.

## II. <u>TERM</u>

This Agreement shall commence upon the date of execution by the CRF and will continue for a period of four years ("Initial Term"). The CRF, at its sole discretion, shall have the option to extend the Agreement under the same terms for two additional one-year periods ("Extended Term") (collectively, the Initial and Extended Terms are the "Term")

## III. REPRESENTATIONS. WARRANTIES & COVENANTS OF COUNSEL

Counsel hereby represents, warrants, and covenants that:

- A. Counsel possesses a high degree of skill and experience with respect to the duties required to be performed pursuant to the terms of this Agreement. Counsel will perform the Services in good faith and in a timely, competent and professional manner in accordance with applicable professional standards. Counsel, and its staff assigned to perform the Services, maintains and shall maintain throughout the term hereof, the necessary qualifications, training and licenses as may be required within the jurisdiction where the Services are to be performed and shall be legally entitled to work in such jurisdiction. Counsel, its partners, officers, directors, shareholders, and staff, will comply with the standards set forth in the New York State Department of Financial Services ("DFS") Regulations applicable to the Counsel.
- **B.** Counsel possesses the staff, resources, and ability to perform the duties required to be performed pursuant to the terms of this Agreement at the reasonable direction and convenience of the Comptroller and the Fund.
- **C.** Counsel presently is not aware of any conflicts of interest with respect to duties required to be performed pursuant to the terms of this Agreement and any other client representation, consultant contract or employment. Counsel shall promptly advise Counsel to the Comptroller whenever it becomes aware of any situation that involves or appears to involve such a conflict of interest or potential conflict.
- **D.** Counsel represents and warrants that neither Counsel nor its staff has received or paid, or entered into an agreement to receive or pay, any compensation, fees, or any other benefit from or to any third party, including any subcontractor, in connection with the indirect or direct procurement of this Agreement.

## IV. <u>SERVICES</u>

Counsel shall perform the following services at the request of Counsel to the Comptroller:

- A. Provide legal advice on matters of Delaware corporate law.
- **B.** Represent the Comptroller in Delaware corporate law matters including Delaware-based derivative actions, books and records requests, appraisal rights, mergers and acquisitions, related corporate governance matters, and other issues, and provide legal research, analysis, advice and counsel with respect to such matters;

- **C.** Identify and screen potential Delaware corporate law claims and advise the Comptroller and his legal staff concerning the merits of potential, new, and previously-filed Delaware-based litigation;
- **D.** Keep Counsel to the Comptroller fully apprised of all activity and any significant developments in ongoing litigation;
- E. Provide copies of all pleadings, motion papers, briefs and correspondence for Counsel to the Comptroller to review and approve. Such copies must be provided to Counsel to the Comptroller at least five days before they are finalized or filed with the court, or if that is not feasible, as soon as possible prior to release or filing with the court. In addition, copies of opposing parties' pleadings, motions and correspondence will be provided to Counsel to the Comptroller as soon as possible after receipt by the Counsel;
- **F.** Promptly advise Counsel to the Comptroller of opportunities for or the possibility of mediation or settlement discussions;
- **G.** Schedule periodic meetings and conference calls with Counsel to the Comptroller to discuss developments and strategies with respect to any matter in which the Counsel represents the Comptroller.

All decisions regarding commencing and pursuing Delaware corporate law initiatives shall be made solely by the Comptroller or his designated representative.

It is understood that Counsel is a member of a pool of law firms and may not be asked to represent the Fund in any matter.

## V. FIDUCIARY OBLIGATION

Counsel shall act as a fiduciary to the Comptroller and the Fund. In that regard, Counsel shall, in the discharge of its duties and the exercise of its powers hereunder and pursuant to the terms of any Executed Retainer:

- **A.** act with the care, skill, prudence, and diligence that a prudent person acting in a like capacity and familiar with such matters would use in the conduct of an enterprise of a like character and with like aims; and
- **B.** be governed by the highest duty of care imposed by:
  - (a) the fiduciary standards in effect from time to time under federal and state law that apply to persons and entities serving in a similar capacity with respect to the Comptroller or the CRF (including, without limitation, the standards set forth in the Regulations of the New York State Department of Financial Services (11 NYCRR Subpart 136-2), as they may be amended from time to time or any successor provisions);
  - (b) Sections 404 and 406 of Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as it may be amended ("ERISA") (as if the CRF were an employee benefit plan subject to ERISA, including Title I thereof, and not a governmental plan within the meaning of section 3(32) of ERISA); and
  - (c) any other federal or state law affecting the Comptroller or the CRF that may impose a higher or comparable standard.

## VI. AUTHORITY OF COUNSEL

Counsel shall at all appropriate times make clear to the courts and other counsel that Counsel is not authorized to impinge on the authority of the New York State Attorney General to issue formal opinions construing the statutes or Constitution of the State of New York or to appear in court on behalf of the people of the State of New York or to represent the Comptroller in any capacity other than as provided herein.

Opinions prepared by Counsel construing the statutes or Constitution of the State of New York do not constitute the opinion of the State of New York unless the prior written approval of the Attorney General is obtained. Requests for said approval shall be submitted to the following:

Solicitor General Appeals and Opinions Bureau Department of Law State Capitol Albany, New York 12224

Counsel will not represent the Comptroller in judicial litigation or in any other proceeding related to the Services to be provided under this Agreement except where such services are specifically approved by the Counsel to the Comptroller. Such approval must be provided separately for each matter to be litigated and must be received prior to the commencement of service therefor.

# VII. <u>PUBLICITY</u>

Counsel is prohibited from making public statements regarding matters in which it represents the Comptroller. Prohibited statements include, but are not limited to: disclosing to the media any facts involving or relating to the Delaware corporate law matter without prior approval of the Comptroller's designated representative; and, all forms of communication such as responding to telephone inquiries and/or issuing public statements or press releases. Counsel will fully cooperate with the Comptroller's press office regarding requests for information and will assist in the preparation of documents relating to the Delaware corporate by the Comptroller's designated representative or the Comptroller's press office.

## VIII. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

The relationship of Counsel to the Fund, arising out of this Agreement, is that of independent contractor. Counsel covenants and agrees that its employees will not hold themselves out as employees of the Fund, and that they will not make any claim, demand, or application for any right or privilege applicable to any employee of the Fund, including but not limited to, Workers' Compensation coverage, Social Security coverage, or System benefits.

# IX. <u>COMPENSATION</u>

- **A.** In certain Delaware-based actions for which Counsel is retained, legal fees, costs and expenses will be paid on a contingency fee basis upon application and award by the court from the proceeds of any recovery, and neither the Comptroller nor the Fund will have any responsibility therefor if a recovery is not obtained. Counsel shall obtain the approval of the Comptroller or his designated representative prior to filing any application for fees or costs and expenses with the court.
- **B.** In the absence of extraordinary or unanticipated circumstances (as determined by the Comptroller in his sole discretion), the following fee grid will be used to determine attorney fees payable in any matter for which Counsel is retained on a contingency fee basis, and will serve as a cap on fees. The percentages in the fee grid will be applied to the total recovery net of all approved costs and expenses. In derivative actions, the recovery shall be based upon the value of monetary damages plus the monetary value of corporate governance reforms.

TOTAL NET RECOVERY	Appointment as Lead Plaintiff through adjudication of all motions to dismiss	After adjudication of all motions to dismiss through the adjudication of summary judgment motions	After adjudication of summary judgment motions to end of case (including appeals)
TIER I:	8% of recovery	12% of recovery	14% of recovery
\$0 to \$100 million			

TIER II: More than \$100 million to \$250 million	\$8,000,000 plus 7% of any amount in this range	\$12,000,000 plus 11% of any amount in this range	\$14,000,000 plus 13% of any amount in this range	
TIER III: More than \$250 million to \$500 million	\$18,500,000 plus 5% of any amount in this range	\$28,500,000 plus 8% of any amount in this range	\$33,500,000 plus 9% of any amount in this range	
TIER IV: More than \$500 million to \$1 billion	\$31,000,000 plus 2% of any amount in this range	\$48,500,000 plus 5% of any amount in this range	\$56,000,000 plus 5% of any amount in this range	
TIER V: More than \$1 billion	\$41,000,000 plus 1% of any amount in excess of \$1,000,000,000	\$73,500,000 plus 3% of any amount in excess of \$1,000,000,000	\$81,000,000 plus 3% of any amount in excess of \$1,000,000,000	

It is understood that at the end of a case, the Comptroller, in his reasonable discretion, may adjust the fee downward considering all relevant circumstances, including, but not be limited to, the following factors:

- (i) the size of the ultimate recovery and the number of persons benefited;
- (ii) the presence or absence of substantial objections by members of the class to the settlement terms and/or fees requested by Counsel;
- (iii) the complexity and duration of the litigation;
- (iv) the novelty and difficulty of the issues involved;
- (v) the risk of nonpayment;
- (vi) the amount of time devoted to the case by Counsel;
- (vii) the skill and efficiency of the attorneys involved; and
- (viii) awards in similar cases.

Only in the most extraordinary situation will a fee be adjusted upwards by the Comptroller at the end of a case.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Comptroller reserves the right in any matter for which Counsel is retained to further provide that the fee will not exceed a specified multiplier of the aggregate lodestar of Counsel and other law firms authorized by the Comptroller to assist in the prosecution of the case.

Also, Counsel agrees not to make any application to a court for attorneys' fees or expenses in an amount in excess of that approved in writing by the Comptroller or his designated representative.

**C.** For matters in which Counsel is not retained on a contingency fee basis provided for in paragraph A above, compensation will be based on the hourly rates for Counsel's professionals in accordance with the following fee schedule:

	Discounted Hourly Rate Year One	Discounted Hourly Rate Year Two	Discounted Hourly Rate Year Three	Discounted Hourly Rate Year Four	Discounted Hourly Rate Year Five (if extended)	Discounted Hourly Rate Year Six (if extended)
Partners	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$

Associates	\$ \$	\$ \$	\$ \$
Staff Attorneys	\$ \$	\$ \$	\$ \$
Of Counsels	\$ \$	\$ \$	\$ \$
Paralegals	\$ \$	\$ \$	\$ \$

- D. In the event that Counsel proposes to use other counsel to provide legal services hereunder, engages in any agreement to share work in a matter for which Counsel is retained, or otherwise engages another law firm or entity to provide Services on a matter in which Counsel is retained, Counsel agrees that the Comptroller shall have the right to approve or disapprove, after appropriate review and/or interview(s), any and all law firms or other subcontractors affiliated with, sharing work with, or otherwise providing services to Counsel prior to their performance of any Services in any matter for which Counsel is retained.
- E. No compensation shall be payable to Counsel except pursuant to an Executed Retainer.
- F. In all cases, the Fund will limit reimbursement for expenses, whether reimbursement is pursuant to a contingency fee arrangement or otherwise, to actual and necessary expenses as described herein. "Actual" expenses are at actual cost to Counsel and are in all cases net of any discounts by the provider to Counsel. The Fund will not reimburse any submissions deemed to be a part of Counsel's overhead. Hourly fees are inclusive of any clerical or support personnel and online database research charges such as LexisNexis and Westlaw. These items shall not be billed as reimbursable expenses. The Fund will audit all expenses.
- **G.** To be eligible for reimbursement, the expenses must be listed on a submitted invoice with a copy of the receipt attached. Expenses shall be separately itemized and accompanied by receipts. When appropriate, court approval will be obtained before expenses are reimbursed. Reimbursable expenses will be limited to the following unless written authorization to exceed the specified limits or to bill for other items of expense is obtained in advance:
  - (i) Travel expenses: Travel expense reimbursement will be paid in accordance with guidelines established by the Office of the State Comptroller ("OSC"). (See Office of the State Comptroller Travel Manual, available at http://www.osc.state.ny.us/agencies/travel/manual.pdf). For current per diem reimbursement rates only, visit the GSA Domestic Per Diem Page (currently available at http://www.gsa.gov/travel/plan-book/per-diem-rates), as such rates may be amended from time to time. Air travel will be reimbursed at coach rates. Travel expenses mean those incurred while traveling out of town on business and relating to Services provided in accordance with this Agreement.
  - (ii) Express delivery charges; photocopying/reproduction charges performed by a third party; court costs; deposition transcripts costs; pre-approved costs associated with electronic discovery platforms; and, fees for experts, claims administrators, consultants and other professionals.
  - (iii) Travel time will be compensated at 50% of the above hourly fees. Additionally, Counsel shall not bill any other client while in travel status.
  - (iv) All expenses (including travel and electronic discovery platforms) that are anticipated to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00) must be pre-approved by the Comptroller or his designated representative.
- H. In cases in which Counsel is compensated based on a contingency fee arrangement in accordance with paragraph A of Section IX (Compensation) above, Counsel will provide bi-monthly reports of

time and expenses. Detailed information on time and expenses shall be provided in accordance with invoice requirements set forth below.

I. No other expenses and disbursements shall be reimbursable unless specifically authorized in writing by the Comptroller or his designated representative. Detailed information on time and expenses shall be provided as requested. The Fund will audit all expenses

## X. <u>PAYMENT AND INVOICES</u>

A. In cases in which Counsel is compensated based on hourly rates in accordance with the fee schedule set forth in paragraph B of Section IX (Compensation) above, compensation and expenses provided for hereunder shall be payable by the Fund in the ordinary course of business upon the Fund's receipt of Counsel's invoice. Invoices must be submitted monthly unless the total invoice amount covering a billing period of one month is less than \$1,000, in which event that amount may be submitted on the following month's invoice.

All such invoices must contain a detailed itemization of requested compensation. Billing for services not separately delineated (commonly known as "block billing") is not acceptable. Invoices shall, at a minimum, include:

- (i) The CRF's Agreement #ICM[XXX], and Counsel's taxpayer identification number;
- (ii) The name, title and billing rate of each individual performing services, the date(s) each billed service was rendered, a detailed description of each such service, and the amount of time (delineated in tenth of an hour increments) devoted to each such service;
- (iii) A summary of the total number of hours of services performed by each person, in tenth of an hour increments;
- (iv) A description of all reimbursable expenses, including travel, itemized by category with documentation as described in paragraph E of Section IX (Compensation) above;
- (v) The total amount billed for services and reimbursable expenses for the invoice period; and
- (vi) The beginning and ending dates of the billing period to which the invoice applies;
- **B.** Services pertaining to more than one matter should be stated in separate invoices for each such matter. Counsel must provide the Comptroller's designated representative with copies of all bills submitted by third parties for services rendered to Counsel on behalf of the Comptroller. All vouchers, invoices or statements must be submitted to:

Office of the State Comptroller Legal Services Division, 14<sup>th</sup> Floor 110 State Street Albany, NY 12236 ATTN: Secretary to the Counsel to the Comptroller

#### XI. <u>NOTICES</u>

Except as otherwise expressly set forth herein, any notice or other communication required or which may be given hereunder shall be in writing and shall be delivered personally or sent by certified, registered, or express mail, postage prepaid, but in all cases shall be deemed given when actually received at the following addresses:

#### TO THE COMPTROLLER:

Name:	Nelson R. Sheingold
Title:	Counsel to the Comptroller
Address:	Office of the State Comptroller
	110 State Street, 14th Floor
	Albany, NY 12236
Telephone:	(518) 474-3444

## TO COUNSEL:

Name: Title: Address: Telephone: E-mail:

Either party, by notice in writing served upon the other as herein, may designate from time to time a different mailing address or a different or additional person to which all such notices or demands to that party thereafter are to be addressed.

## XII. <u>CONFIDENTIALITY</u>

Counsel shall take all appropriate measures to protect the confidentiality of all information supplied to it or developed by it during the course of its performance hereunder ("Confidential Information"). Counsel shall maintain the confidentiality of all Confidential Information to the maximum extent permitted by law, and safeguard Confidential Information with at least the same level of care and security, using all reasonable and necessary security measures, devices, and procedures, that Counsel uses to maintain its own confidential information. Upon the written request of the CRF Counsel shall return all Confidential Information to the CRF. Counsel's obligation to the CRF shall be that of attorney and client and shall be subject to Counsel's duty of confidentiality to its clients. Counsel must immediately notify the CRF in the event of any unauthorized access, use, or disclosure of CRF confidential information, or in the event of Counsel's receipt of a valid order or mandatory request from a judicial, administrative, or governmental agency having jurisdiction over it, for CRF confidential information.

The Parties agree to use a secure method of and/or product for transmission and sharing of confidential CRF data and documents to facilitate the Services. Such method and/or product and appropriate security requirements, including without limitation encryption requirements, limits on access to confidential information and ability to download confidential information and restrictions on storage and retention of CRF confidential information are subject to the prior written approval of the CRF. Reasonable costs associated with such transmission and sharing will be the responsibility of Counsel.

#### XIII. INDEMNIFICATION AND LIABILITY

- A. None of Counsel, the Comptroller, the Fund, or the System shall be liable for any delay or failure in performance beyond its control resulting from acts of war, hostility or sabotage; act of God; electrical, internet, or telecommunications outage that is not caused by the obligated party; or government restrictions, or other force majeure. The parties shall use reasonable efforts to eliminate or minimize the effect of such force majeure events upon performance of their respective duties under this Agreement. If such event continues for more than 90 days, either party may terminate all or any agreed upon portion of the Services immediately upon written notice. This Section does not excuse any parties' obligation to take reasonable steps to follow its normal disaster recovery procedures, or the CRF's obligation to pay for Services provided by Counsel which have been approved by the CRF.
- **B.** Subject to the applicable New York State laws and standards with respect to attorney malpractice, Counsel shall be fully liable for any act or omission of Counsel, its staff and its subcontractors, and shall fully indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Comptroller, the Fund, and the System, and

their officials, agents and employees ("OSC Indemnitees"), without limitation, from suits, actions, damages and costs of every name and description (including reasonable attorney's fees and expenses) arising from personal injury (including wrongful death) and/or damage to real or tangible personal property (including electronic systems, software, and databases) or intellectual property caused by any intentional act or negligence of Counsel, its staff or its subcontractors; provided, however, that Counsel shall not be obligated to indemnify the OSC Indemnitees for that portion of any claim, loss or damage arising hereunder due to the negligent act or failure to act of the OSC Indemnitees.

- **C.** For third party claims, the Comptroller shall give the Counsel:
  - **1.** prompt written notice of any action, claim, suit, proceeding, or threat of such action for which Counsel is required to indemnify the OSC Indemnitees;
  - **2.** the opportunity to take over, settle, or defend any such action, claim, suit, or proceeding at Counsel's sole expense; and
  - **3.** reasonable assistance in the defense of any such action, claim, suit or proceeding at the expense of Counsel.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the OSC Indemnitees reserve the right to join such action, claim, suit or proceeding at its sole expense, if it determines there is an issue involving a significant fiduciary interest.

- D. For all other claims, liabilities, and expenses arising under or related to this Agreement where liability is not otherwise set forth in this Agreement as being without limitation, and regardless of the basis on which the claim is made, Counsel shall be liable for any act or omission of Counsel, its staff or its subcontractors. Such liability by Counsel for direct damages under this Agreement shall not exceed, in aggregate, the greater of the dollar amount of this Agreement, or two times the charges paid to Counsel. Counsel shall not be responsible for loss of records or data unless Counsel is required to back-up the records or data.
- **E.** Notwithstanding the above, neither party shall be liable for any consequential, indirect, or special damages of any kind which may result directly or indirectly from such performance, including, without limitation, damages resulting from loss of use or loss of profit by the Fund, Counsel, or by others.
- **F.** The Comptroller may, in addition to other legal remedies available, retain from amounts otherwise due Counsel such monies as may be necessary to satisfy any claim for damages the Comptroller, the Fund, or the System may have against Counsel.

#### XIV. TERMINATION AND SUSPENSION

- **A.** The Comptroller reserves the right to terminate or suspend this Agreement and any Executed Retainer, or terminate or suspend the services with respect to a specific matter or matters, with or without cause, upon 15 days prior written notice. In the event of termination, Counsel shall be entitled to compensation for services performed through the date of termination which are acceptable to the Comptroller, in his sole discretion. In the event of suspension, Counsel shall be entitled to compensation for non-suspended services which are acceptable to the Comptroller, in his sole discretion.
- **B.** The Comptroller reserves the right to terminate or suspend this Agreement, and any Executed Retainer, or to terminate or suspend the services with respect to a specific matter or matters immediately upon written notice to Counsel, if the Comptroller deems the performance unsatisfactory at any time during the term of this Implementation Contract, in his sole discretion.
- C. In the event of termination, Counsel agrees to perform such transition services as the Counsel to the Comptroller may reasonably request in connection with the transfer of any pending services, including all draft pleadings and the results of all research not yet shared with the Comptroller, to a

successor law firm. Counsel agrees to reasonably cooperate with any successor law firm to facilitate such transition.

#### XV. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

## A. <u>Review</u>

Counsel shall submit to a review by, and respond in writing to any inquiry or request for information, the New York State Department of Financial Services concerning fees paid and services rendered hereunder.

## B. <u>Waiver</u>

The waiver by either party of any default or breach of this Agreement shall not constitute a waiver of any other subsequent default or breach.

## C. Severability

The terms, clauses and provisions of this Agreement are intended to be severable, and the unconstitutionality, illegality or unconscionability of any term, clause or provision shall in no way affect the enforcement of any other term, clause or provision.

## D. <u>Counterparts</u>

This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall constitute an original, but all of which, when taken together, shall constitute one instrument.

## E. Ethics Compliance

The Litigation Counsel certifies that:

- 1. The Litigation Counsel, and those assigned by the Litigation Counsel to perform Services under the Agreement have read and understand the provisions of Public Officers Law §§73 and 74 including without limitation:
  - (a) the provisions of §73 (subd 5) which provides that, (i) no statewide elected official, state officer or employee, individual whose name has been submitted by the governor to the senate for confirmation to become a state officer or employee, member of the legislature or legislative employee shall, directly indirectly solicit, accept or receive any gift having more than a nominal value, whether in the form of money, service, loan, travel, lodging, meals, refreshments, entertainment, discount, forbearance or promise, or in any other form, under circumstances in which it could reasonably be inferred that the gift was intended to influence him or her, or could reasonably be expected to influence him or her, in the performance of his or her official duties or was intended as a reward for any official action on his or her part; and (ii) no person shall, directly or indirectly, offer or make any such gift to a statewide elected official, or any State officer or employee, member of the legislature or legislative employee under such circumstances (clauses (i) and (ii) collectively, the "Gift Restrictions").
  - (b) the provisions of §73 (subd 8), which sets out (i) a two-year bar on a State employee from appearing before his or her former agency after leaving State service, and (ii) a lifetime bar on a State employee from rendering services on any matters with respect to which he or she was directly concerned during State service and in which he or she personally participated, or which was under his or her active consideration during State service.
- 2. The Litigation Counsel, and those assigned by the Litigation Counsel to perform Services under the Agreement shall not: (i) offer or provide any gift or hospitality to a State employee in violation of said Gift Restrictions, (ii) assign any former State employee to appear before OSC, the System or the CRF to perform Services in violation of the two-year bar, or (iii) assign any former State employee to the render Services in violation of the lifetime bar.
- 3. Litigation Counsel will include these ethics restrictions in its policies.
- **4.** The Litigation Counsel will promptly report to the CRF any non-compliance with the above requirements to:

Office of the State Comptroller 110 State Street – 14<sup>th</sup> Floor Albany, New York 12236 Attn: Special Counsel for Ethics

and

Office of the State Comptroller 110 State Street – 14<sup>th</sup> Floor Albany, New York 12236 Attn: CRF Director of Compliance

5. This certification is material to the Agreement and the CRF intends to rely on it. Failure to comply may result in termination of the Agreement and/or other civil or criminal proceedings as required by law.

## F. Public Communication

Unless specifically authorized in writing by the Comptroller on a case-by-case basis, the Litigation Counsel shall not use the name of the Comptroller, the CRF or the State of New York, its officials or employees, or the seal of the State of New York or seal of the New York State Office of the State Comptroller in any manner, including but not limited to: (i) in any advertisement, publication, press release or promotion; or (ii) as an express or implied endorsement of any such person or entity.

## G. <u>Survival</u>

The provisions of Sections XII "Confidentiality," XIII "Indemnification and Liability," and XIV "Termination and Suspension," and Appendix A shall survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement.

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