

AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL LEGAL SERVICES

THIS Agreement is made by and between the County of Santa Barbara, a political subdivision of the State of California (hereafter COUNTY) and Manning & Kass, Ellrod, Ramirez, Trester LLP (hereafter CONTRACTOR), wherein CONTRACTOR agrees to provide and COUNTY agrees to accept the services specified herein.

WHEREAS, COUNTY requires the services of legal counsel to assist in providing legal advice and representation in the specialized area of public entity defense in tort and civil rights matters; and,

WHEREAS, COUNTY's Board of Supervisors, under the provisions of Section 31000 of the California Government Code, is empowered to contract for special legal services; and,

WHEREAS, CONTRACTOR represents that CONTRACTOR is specially trained, skilled, experienced, expert, and competent to perform the special services required by COUNTY, and COUNTY desires to retain the services of CONTRACTOR pursuant to the terms, covenants, and conditions herein set forth;

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

1. **DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE.** Santa Barbara County Counsel Chief of Litigation Martin McKenzie, at telephone number 805-568-2950 is the authorized representative of COUNTY and will administer this Agreement for and on behalf of COUNTY. Eugene P. Ramirez at telephone number (213) 624-6900 is the authorized representative for CONTRACTOR. Changes in designated representatives shall be made only after advance written notice to the other party.
2. **NOTICES.** Any notice or consent required or permitted to be given under this Agreement shall be given to the respective parties in writing, by personal delivery or facsimile, or with postage prepaid by first class mail, registered or certified mail, or express courier service, as follows:

To COUNTY: Martin McKenzie
 Chief of Litigation
 Office of Santa Barbara County Counsel
 105 East Anapamu Street, #201
 Santa Barbara, CA 93101
 Fax (805) 568-2982

To CONTRACTOR: Eugene P. Ramirez, Attorney at Law
 Manning & Kass, Ellrod, Ramirez, Trester LLP
 801 South Figueroa Street, 15th Floor
 Los Angeles, CA 90017

or at such other address or to such other person as the parties may from time to time designate in accordance with this Notices section. If sent by first class mail, notices and consents under this section shall be deemed received five (5) days following their deposit in the U.S. mail. This Notices section shall not be construed to alter the legal requirements for service of process.

3. **SCOPE OF SERVICES.** CONTRACTOR agrees to provide services to COUNTY in accordance with EXHIBIT A, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.
4. **TERM.** The term of this Agreement shall be for two years from the date the Agreement is approved by the Board of Supervisors, unless otherwise directed by COUNTY or unless earlier terminated.

5. **COMPENSATION OF CONTRACTOR.** In full consideration for CONTRACTOR's services, CONTRACTOR shall be paid for performance under this Agreement in accordance with the terms of EXHIBIT B, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. Billing shall be made by invoice, which shall include the contract number assigned by COUNTY and which is delivered to the address given in Section 2 **NOTICES.** above following completion of the increments identified on EXHIBIT B. Unless otherwise specified on EXHIBIT B, payment shall be net thirty (30) days from presentation of invoice.
6. **INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR.** It is mutually understood and agreed that CONTRACTOR (including any and all of its officers, agents, and employees) shall perform all of its services under this Agreement as an independent contractor as to COUNTY, and not as an officer, agent, servant, employee, joint venturer, partner, or associate of COUNTY. Furthermore, COUNTY shall have no right to control, supervise, or direct the manner or method by which CONTRACTOR shall perform its work and function. However, COUNTY shall retain the right to administer this Agreement so as to verify that CONTRACTOR is performing its obligations in accordance with the terms and conditions hereof. CONTRACTOR understands and acknowledges that it shall not be entitled to any of the benefits of a COUNTY employee, including but not limited to vacation, sick leave, administrative leave, health insurance, disability insurance, retirement, unemployment insurance, workers' compensation and protection of tenure. CONTRACTOR shall be solely liable and responsible for providing to, or on behalf of, its employees all legally-required employee benefits. In addition, CONTRACTOR shall be solely responsible for and save COUNTY harmless from all matters relating to payment of CONTRACTOR's employees, including compliance with Social Security withholding and all other regulations governing such matters. It is acknowledged that during the term of this Agreement, CONTRACTOR may be providing services to others unrelated to COUNTY or to this Agreement.
7. **STANDARD OF PERFORMANCE.** CONTRACTOR represents that it has the skills, expertise, and licenses/ permits necessary to perform the services required under this Agreement. Accordingly, CONTRACTOR shall perform all such services in the manner and according to the standards observed by a competent practitioner of the same profession in which CONTRACTOR is engaged. All products of whatsoever nature which CONTRACTOR delivers to COUNTY pursuant to this Agreement shall be prepared in a first class and workman-like manner, and shall conform to the standards of quality normally observed by a person practicing in CONTRACTOR's profession. CONTRACTOR shall correct or revise any errors or omissions at COUNTY's request, without additional compensation. All required permits and/or licenses shall be obtained and maintained by CONTRACTOR without additional compensation.
8. **DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION.** CONTRACTOR certifies to COUNTY that it and its employees and principals are not debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded from or ineligible for, participation in federal, state or county government contracts. CONTRACTOR certifies that it shall not contract with a subcontractor that is so debarred or suspended.
9. **TAXES.** CONTRACTOR shall pay all taxes, levies, duties, and assessments of every nature due in connection with any work under this Agreement and shall make any and all payroll deductions required by law. COUNTY shall not be responsible for paying any taxes on CONTRACTOR's behalf, and should COUNTY be required to do so by state, federal, or local taxing agencies, CONTRACTOR agrees to promptly reimburse COUNTY for the full value of such paid taxes plus interest and penalty, if any. These taxes shall include, but not be limited to, the following: FICA (Social Security), unemployment insurance contributions, income tax, disability insurance, and workers' compensation insurance.
10. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST.** CONTRACTOR covenants that CONTRACTOR presently has no employment or interest, and shall not acquire any employment or interest, direct or indirect, including any interest in any business, property, or source of income, which would conflict in any manner or degree with the performance of services required to be performed under this Agreement. CONTRACTOR further covenants that in the performance of this Agreement, no person having any such interest shall be employed by CONTRACTOR. CONTRACTOR has conducted a conflicts evaluation and has discovered

no potential conflicts other than those (if any) that CONTRACTOR disclosed to COUNTY prior to this Agreement. CONTRACTOR shall inform COUNTY immediately upon learning of any potential ethical issues or conflicts that may arise in the future. COUNTY retains the right to waive a conflict of interest if COUNTY determines it to be immaterial. Such waiver shall be effective only if given by COUNTY to CONTRACTOR in writing.

11. **EXPERTS/CONSULTANTS/OTHER LAW FIRMS.** CONTRACTOR shall get COUNTY's written approval prior to retaining any expert, consultant, or other attorney to assist with any matter covered by this Agreement.
12. **OWNERSHIP OF DOCUMENTS AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY.** COUNTY shall be the owner of the following items incidental to this Agreement upon production, whether or not completed: all data collected, all documents of any type whatsoever, all photos, designs, sound or audiovisual recordings, software code, inventions, technologies, and other materials, and any material necessary for the practical use of such items, from the time of collection and/or production whether or not performance under this Agreement is completed or terminated prior to completion. CONTRACTOR shall not release any of such items to other parties except after prior written approval of COUNTY. Unless otherwise specified in Exhibit A, CONTRACTOR hereby assigns to COUNTY all copyright, patent, and other intellectual property and proprietary rights to all data, documents, reports, designs, sound or audiovisual recordings, software code, inventions, technologies, and other materials prepared or provided by CONTRACTOR pursuant to this Agreement (collectively referred to herein as "Copyrightable Works and Inventions"). COUNTY shall have the unrestricted authority to copy, adapt, perform, display, publish, disclose, distribute, create derivative works from, and otherwise use in whole or in part, any Copyrightable Works and Inventions. CONTRACTOR agrees to take such actions and execute and deliver such documents as may be needed to validate, protect and confirm the rights and assignments provided hereunder. CONTRACTOR warrants that any Copyrightable Works and Inventions and other items provided under this Agreement will not infringe upon any intellectual property or proprietary rights of any third party. CONTRACTOR at its own expense shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless COUNTY against any claim that any Copyrightable Works or Inventions or other items provided by CONTRACTOR hereunder infringe upon any intellectual property or other proprietary rights of a third party, and CONTRACTOR shall pay any damages, costs, settlement amounts, and fees (including attorneys' fees) that may be incurred by COUNTY in connection with any such claims. This Ownership of Documents and Intellectual Property provision shall survive expiration or termination of this Agreement.
13. **NO PUBLICITY OR ENDORSEMENT.** CONTRACTOR shall not use COUNTY's name or logo or any variation of such name or logo in any publicity, advertising or promotional materials. CONTRACTOR shall not use COUNTY's name or logo in any manner that would give the appearance that COUNTY is endorsing CONTRACTOR. CONTRACTOR shall not in any way contract on behalf of or in the name of COUNTY. CONTRACTOR shall not release any informational pamphlets, notices, press releases, research reports, or similar public notices concerning COUNTY or its projects without obtaining the prior written approval of COUNTY.
14. **COUNTY PROPERTY AND INFORMATION.** All of COUNTY's property, documents, and information provided for CONTRACTOR's use in connection with the services shall remain COUNTY's property, and CONTRACTOR shall return any such items whenever requested by COUNTY and whenever required according to the Termination section of this Agreement. CONTRACTOR may use such items only in connection with providing the services. CONTRACTOR shall not disseminate any COUNTY property, documents, or information without COUNTY's prior written consent.
15. **RECORDS, AUDIT, AND REVIEW.** CONTRACTOR shall keep such business records pursuant to this Agreement as would be kept by a reasonably prudent practitioner of CONTRACTOR's profession and shall maintain such records for at least four (4) years following the termination of this Agreement. All accounting records shall be kept in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. COUNTY

shall have the right to audit and review all such documents and records at any time during CONTRACTOR's regular business hours or upon reasonable notice. In addition, if this Agreement exceeds ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00), CONTRACTOR shall be subject to the examination and audit of the California State Auditor, at the request of COUNTY or as part of any audit of COUNTY, for a period of three (3) years after final payment under the Agreement (Cal. Gov. Code § 8546.7). CONTRACTOR shall participate in any audits and reviews, whether by COUNTY or the State, at no charge to COUNTY. If federal, state or county audit exceptions are made relating to this Agreement, CONTRACTOR shall reimburse all costs incurred by federal, state, and/or county governments associated with defending against the audit exceptions or performing any audits or follow-up audits, including but not limited to: audit fees, court costs, attorneys' fees based upon a reasonable hourly amount for attorneys in the community, travel costs, penalty assessments and all other costs of whatever nature. Immediately upon notification from COUNTY, CONTRACTOR shall reimburse the amount of the audit exceptions and any other related costs directly to COUNTY as specified by COUNTY in the notification.

16. INDEMNIFICATION AND INSURANCE. CONTRACTOR agrees to the indemnification and insurance provisions set forth in EXHIBIT C, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

17. NONDISCRIMINATION. COUNTY hereby notifies CONTRACTOR that COUNTY's Unlawful Discrimination Ordinance (Article XIII of Chapter 2 of the Santa Barbara County Code) applies to this Agreement and is incorporated herein by this reference with the same force and effect as if the ordinance were specifically set out herein, and CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with said ordinance.

18. NONEXCLUSIVE AGREEMENT. CONTRACTOR understands that this is not an exclusive Agreement and that COUNTY shall have the right to negotiate with and enter into contracts with others providing the same or similar services as those provided by CONTRACTOR, as COUNTY desires.

19. NON-ASSIGNMENT. CONTRACTOR shall not assign, transfer or subcontract this Agreement or any of its rights or obligations under this Agreement without the prior written consent of COUNTY, and any attempt to so assign, subcontract or transfer without such consent shall be void and without legal effect, and shall constitute grounds for termination.

20. TERMINATION.

A. By COUNTY. COUNTY may, by written notice to CONTRACTOR, terminate this Agreement in whole or in part at any time, whether for COUNTY's convenience, for non-appropriation of funds, or because of the failure of CONTRACTOR to fulfill the obligations herein.

1. For Convenience. COUNTY may terminate this Agreement in whole or in part upon thirty (30) days written notice. During the thirty (30) day period, CONTRACTOR shall, as directed by COUNTY, wind down and cease its services as quickly and efficiently as reasonably possible, without performing unnecessary services or activities and by minimizing negative effects on COUNTY from such winding down and cessation of services.

2. For Non-appropriation of Funds. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, in the event that no funds or insufficient funds are appropriated or budgeted by federal, state or county governments, or funds are not otherwise available for payments in the fiscal year(s) covered by the term of this Agreement, then COUNTY will notify CONTRACTOR of such occurrence and COUNTY may terminate or suspend this Agreement in whole or in part, with or without a prior notice period. Subsequent to termination of this Agreement under this provision, COUNTY shall have no obligation to make payments with regard to the remainder of the term.

3. For Cause. Should CONTRACTOR default in the performance of this Agreement or materially breach any of its provisions, COUNTY may, at COUNTY's sole option, terminate or suspend this

Agreement in whole or in part by written notice. Upon receipt of notice, CONTRACTOR shall immediately discontinue all services affected (unless the notice directs otherwise) and notify COUNTY as to the status of its performance. The date of termination shall be the date the notice is received by CONTRACTOR, unless the notice directs otherwise.

- B. By CONTRACTOR. Should COUNTY fail to pay CONTRACTOR all or any part of the payment set forth in EXHIBIT B, CONTRACTOR may, at CONTRACTOR's option, terminate this Agreement if such failure is not remedied by COUNTY within thirty (30) days of written notice to COUNTY of such late payment.
- C. Upon termination, CONTRACTOR shall deliver to COUNTY all data, estimates, graphs, summaries, reports, and all other property, records, documents or papers as may have been accumulated or produced by CONTRACTOR in performing this Agreement, whether completed or in process, except such items as COUNTY may, by written permission, permit CONTRACTOR to retain. Notwithstanding any other payment provision of this Agreement, COUNTY shall pay CONTRACTOR for satisfactory services performed to the date of termination to include a prorated amount of compensation due hereunder less payments, if any, previously made. In no event shall CONTRACTOR be paid an amount in excess of the full price under this Agreement nor for profit on unperformed portions of service. CONTRACTOR shall furnish to COUNTY such financial information as in the judgment of COUNTY is necessary to determine the reasonable value of the services rendered by CONTRACTOR. In the event of a dispute as to the reasonable value of the services rendered by CONTRACTOR, the decision of COUNTY shall be final. The foregoing is cumulative and shall not affect any right or remedy which COUNTY may have in law or equity.

- 21. **SECTION HEADINGS**. The headings of the several sections, and any Table of Contents appended hereto, shall be solely for convenience of reference and shall not affect the meaning, construction or effect hereof.
- 22. **SEVERABILITY**. If any one or more of the provisions contained herein shall for any reason be held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect, then such provision or provisions shall be deemed severable from the remaining provisions hereof, and such invalidity, illegality or unenforceability shall not affect any other provision hereof, and this Agreement shall be construed as if such invalid, illegal or unenforceable provision had never been contained herein.
- 23. **REMEDIES NOT EXCLUSIVE**. No remedy herein conferred upon or reserved to COUNTY is intended to be exclusive of any other remedy or remedies, and each and every such remedy, to the extent permitted by law, shall be cumulative and in addition to any other remedy given hereunder or now or hereafter existing at law or in equity or otherwise.
- 24. **TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE**. Time is of the essence in this Agreement and each covenant and term is a condition herein.
- 25. **NO WAIVER OF DEFAULT**. No delay or omission of COUNTY to exercise any right or power arising upon the occurrence of any event of default shall impair any such right or power or shall be construed to be a waiver of any such default or an acquiescence therein; and every power and remedy given by this Agreement to COUNTY shall be exercised from time to time and as often as may be deemed expedient in the sole discretion of COUNTY.
- 26. **ENTIRE AGREEMENT AND AMENDMENT**. In conjunction with the matters considered herein, this Agreement contains the entire understanding and agreement of the parties and there have been no promises, representations, agreements, warranties or undertakings by any of the parties, either oral or written, of any character or nature hereafter binding except as set forth herein. This Agreement may be altered, amended or modified only by an instrument in writing, executed by the parties to this Agreement

and by no other means. Each party waives their future right to claim, contest or assert that this Agreement was modified, canceled, superseded, or changed by any oral agreements, course of conduct, waiver or estoppel.

27. **SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS.** All representations, covenants and warranties set forth in this Agreement, by or on behalf of, or for the benefit of any or all of the parties hereto, shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of such party, its successors and assigns.
28. **COMPLIANCE WITH LAW.** CONTRACTOR shall, at its sole cost and expense, comply with all County, State and Federal ordinances and statutes now in force or which may hereafter be in force with regard to this Agreement. The judgment of any court of competent jurisdiction, or the admission of CONTRACTOR in any action or proceeding against CONTRACTOR, whether COUNTY is a party thereto or not, that CONTRACTOR has violated any such ordinance or statute, shall be conclusive of that fact as between CONTRACTOR and COUNTY.
29. **CALIFORNIA LAW AND JURISDICTION.** This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of California. Any litigation regarding this Agreement or its contents shall be filed in the County of Santa Barbara, if in state court, or in the federal district court nearest to Santa Barbara County, if in federal court.
30. **EXECUTION OF COUNTERPARTS.** This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts and each of such counterparts shall for all purposes be deemed to be an original; and all such counterparts, or as many of them as the parties shall preserve undestroyed, shall together constitute one and the same instrument.
31. **AUTHORITY.** All signatories and parties to this Agreement warrant and represent that they have the power and authority to enter into this Agreement in the names, titles and capacities herein stated and on behalf of any entities, persons, or firms represented or purported to be represented by such entity(ies), person(s), or firm(s) and that all formal requirements necessary or required by any state and/or federal law in order to enter into this Agreement have been fully complied with. Furthermore, by entering into this Agreement, CONTRACTOR hereby warrants that it shall not have breached the terms or conditions of any other contract or agreement to which CONTRACTOR is obligated, which breach would have a material effect hereon.
32. **SURVIVAL.** All provisions of this Agreement which by their nature are intended to survive the termination or expiration of this Agreement shall survive such termination or expiration.
33. **PRECEDENCE.** In the event of conflict between the provisions contained in the numbered sections of this Agreement and the provisions contained in the Exhibits, the provisions of the Exhibits shall prevail over those in the numbered sections.
34. **BUSINESS ASSOCIATE.** The parties agree to the terms and conditions set forth in Exhibit D - HIPAA Business Associate Agreement (BAA), attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.
35. **EFFECTIVE DATE OF AGREEMENT.** The effective date of this Agreement shall be the date it is executed by COUNTY. This Agreement shall apply to services performed by CONTRACTOR for COUNTY on this matter during the term of the Agreement as defined above in Paragraph 4, including services provided before the effective date.

(Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor between County of Santa Barbara and Manning & Kass, Ellrod, Ramirez, Trester LLP)

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement to be effective on the date executed by COUNTY.

ATTEST:

Mona Miyasato
County Executive Officer
Clerk of the Board

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA:

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

By: _____
Chair, Board of Supervisors

Date: _____

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL:

County Counsel

CONTRACTOR:

Manning & Kass, Ellrod, Ramirez, Trester
LLP

By: 
Michael C. Ghizzoni, County Counsel

By: _____
Authorized Representative

Name: _____
Title: Attorney at Law


APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Michael C. Ghizzoni
County Counsel

APPROVED AS TO ACCOUNTING FORM:

BETSY M. SCHAFFER, CPA, CPFO
Auditor-Controller

By: 
Martin G. McKenzie, Chief of Litigation

By: 
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Risk Management

By: 
Ray Aromatorio, Risk Manager

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EUGENE P. RAMIREZ, ESQ.

Title: _____
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EXHIBIT A

**EXHIBIT A
STATEMENT OF WORK**

As requested by COUNTY, CONTRACTOR shall assist COUNTY by providing legal advice and representation in tort and civil rights matters. COUNTY may, in its sole discretion, request CONTRACTOR to discontinue the services of any person providing services to COUNTY under this Agreement, whereupon CONTRACTOR shall promptly do so.

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 25203, COUNTY's Board of Supervisors directs and controls the conduct of litigation in which COUNTY is a party. COUNTY, acting by and through County Counsel, retains control over the course and conduct of the case. CONTRACTOR and County Counsel, in consultation with the Board of Supervisors, will review and decide, among other matters, the following specific issues: (1) ultimate disposition of the case, including but not limited to settlement, (2) witnesses and evidence to be presented at trial, (3) waiver of jury trial, (4) final approval of all dispositive motions and any oppositions to such motions, (5) selection of consultants and experts, (6) approval of any expert reports, (7) overall discovery approach, and (8) all other questions of litigation and trial strategy. County Counsel retains veto power over any decisions made or proposed to be made by CONTRACTOR. Decisions regarding settlement of the case are reserved exclusively to the discretion of COUNTY's Board of Supervisors, through County Counsel. Any party in the litigation may contact County Counsel directly without having to confer with CONTRACTOR.

EXHIBIT B

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PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS
Periodic Compensation (with attached Schedule of Fees)

- A. For CONTRACTOR services to be rendered under this Agreement, CONTRACTOR shall be paid a total contract amount, including cost reimbursements, not to exceed two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000).
- B. Payment for services and/or reimbursement of costs shall be made upon CONTRACTOR's satisfactory performance, based upon the scope and methodology contained in **EXHIBIT A** as determined by COUNTY. Payment for services and/or reimbursement of costs shall be based upon the costs, expenses, overhead charges and hourly rates for personnel, as defined in **Attachment B-1** (Schedule of Fees). Invoices submitted for payment that are based upon **Attachment B-1** must contain sufficient detail to enable an audit of the charges, and CONTRACTOR must provide supporting documentation if requested.
- C. Monthly, CONTRACTOR shall submit to COUNTY's DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE an invoice or certified claim on the County Treasury for the service performed over the period specified. These invoices or certified claims must cite the assigned Board Contract Number. COUNTY DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE shall evaluate the quality of the service performed and if found to be satisfactory and within the cost basis of **Attachment B-1**, shall initiate payment processing. COUNTY shall pay invoices or claims for satisfactory work within 30 days of receipt of correct and complete invoices or claims from CONTRACTOR.
- D. COUNTY's failure to discover or object to any unsatisfactory work or billings prior to payment will not constitute a waiver of COUNTY's right to require CONTRACTOR to correct such work or billings or seek any other legal remedy.

ATTACHMENT B-1

**ATTACHMENT B-1
(Schedule of Fees)**

HOURLY RATES

CONTRACTOR's hourly rates shall not exceed the following:

- For work performed by Eugene Ramirez: \$275 per hour;
- For work performed by other partners and senior associates in CONTRACTOR's firm: \$250 per hour;
- For work performed by other attorneys in CONTRACTOR's firm: \$225 per hour; and
- For work performed by paralegals and law clerks in CONTRACTOR's firm: \$130 per hour.

COSTS AND EXPENSES

COUNTY shall reimburse CONTRACTOR for certain costs and expenses actually incurred and reasonably necessary for completing the matter for which COUNTY has engaged CONTRACTOR, as long as CONTRACTOR's charges for costs and expenses are competitive with other sources of the same products or services. COUNTY shall reimburse CONTRACTOR in accordance with the following guidelines:

Billable costs and expenses: COUNTY shall reimburse CONTRACTOR at COUNTY's reimbursement rates for reasonable costs and expenses incurred by CONTRACTOR in performing services for COUNTY, such as photocopying, messenger and delivery service, computerized research, travel (including mileage, parking, airfare, lodging, meals, and transportation), long-distance telephone, and filing fees.

Non-billable overhead and administration: COUNTY does not expect to be charged for and will not pay for any of the following: attorney time spent preparing time sheets or bills, conflicts checks, local phone service, local travel costs, secretarial services, word processing services, librarian services, other clerical activities such as creating, organizing and maintaining files, distributing documents, overtime, or any other services traditionally considered overhead or administrative.

Photocopying: COUNTY will reimburse CONTRACTOR at a maximum of \$.15 per page for normal photocopying and will not be responsible for time spent by photocopying personnel. CONTRACTOR shall give COUNTY an opportunity to use its own internal staff to duplicate documents or an outside photocopying vendor if certain jobs can be less expensively performed by COUNTY or by the vendor.

Computerized research: CONTRACTOR shall perform any computerized research in a low-cost manner. Computerized research charges such as Lexis/Nexis or Westlaw that are billed to COUNTY shall be billed at CONTRACTOR's cost and shall be accompanied by a copy of the invoice received by CONTRACTOR.

Document delivery: For document delivery costs that are billed to COUNTY, CONTRACTOR shall use the most economical delivery method or service available. To help minimize such costs, CONTRACTOR shall use messengers and overnight delivery only where necessary in the interests of urgency and reliability.

Multiple billing: If an attorney works simultaneously on a COUNTY matter and a matter for another client of CONTRACTOR's firm, COUNTY shall be billed only for the proportionate amount of time spent on the COUNTY matter.

Travel: COUNTY will reimburse CONTRACTOR at COUNTY's reimbursement rates for reasonable travel expenses directly related to CONTRACTOR's work for COUNTY when CONTRACTOR has obtained COUNTY's prior approval. First class airfare, luxury accommodations and lavish meals are considered unreasonable expenses and will not be paid. CONTRACTOR shall not bill for travel time within Los Angeles County, but may bill for any other required travel time.

BILLING PROCEDURE

All invoices must include the following information, in addition to the information specified in Exhibit B:

- Matter description and number;
- A chronological listing and informative description of all legal activity performed (whether or not billed) broken down by date, identity of timekeeper, time spent in increments of one-tenth of an hour, and amounts billed;
- A summary of the names and corresponding billing rates of each attorney or other personnel working on the matter with the total number of hours billed by each during the time period covered by the invoice;
- The total number of hours billed for the matter during the time period covered by the invoice;
- The total charges for the matter for the time period covered by the invoice, for the year to date, and for the matter to date; and
- The last payment, the total payments made by COUNTY, and any outstanding balances for the matter.

Reimbursable expenses must be included on each bill and broken down by category.

EXHIBIT C

EXHIBIT C
Indemnification and Insurance Requirements
(For Professional Contracts)

1. **INDEMNIFICATION.** CONTRACTOR agrees to indemnify, defend (with counsel reasonably approved by COUNTY) and hold harmless COUNTY and its officers, officials, employees, agents and volunteers from and against any and all claims, actions, losses, damages, judgments and/or liabilities arising out of this Agreement from any cause whatsoever, including the acts, errors or omissions of any person or entity and for any costs or expenses (including but not limited to attorneys' fees) incurred by COUNTY on account of any claim except where such indemnification is prohibited by law. CONTRACTOR's indemnification obligation applies to COUNTY's active as well as passive negligence but does not apply to COUNTY's sole negligence or willful misconduct.

2. **NOTIFICATION OF ACCIDENTS AND SURVIVAL OF INDEMNIFICATION PROVISIONS.** CONTRACTOR shall notify COUNTY immediately in the event of any accident or injury arising out of or in connection with this Agreement. The indemnification provisions in this Agreement shall survive any expiration or termination of this Agreement.

3. **INSURANCE.** CONTRACTOR shall procure and maintain for the duration of this Agreement insurance against claims for injuries to persons or damages to property which may arise from or in connection with the performance of the work hereunder and the results of that work by CONTRACTOR, CONTRACTOR's agents, representatives, employees or subcontractors.
 - A. Minimum Scope of Insurance Coverage shall be at least as broad as:
 1. **Commercial General Liability (CGL):** Insurance Services Office (ISO) Form CG 00 01 covering CGL on an "occurrence" basis, including products-completed operations, personal & advertising injury, with limits no less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$2,000,000 in the aggregate.
 2. **Automobile Liability:** ISO Form Number CA 00 01 covering any auto (Code 1), or if CONTRACTOR has no owned autos, hired, (Code 8) and non-owned autos (Code 9), with limit no less than \$1,000,000 per accident for bodily injury and property damage.
 3. **Workers' Compensation:** as required by the State of California, with Statutory Limits, and Employer's Liability Insurance with limit of no less than \$1,000,000 per accident for bodily injury or disease.
 4. **Professional Liability (Errors and Omissions) Insurance** appropriate to CONTRACTOR'S profession, with limit of no less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence or claim, \$2,000,000 aggregate.

If CONTRACTOR maintains higher limits than the minimums shown above, COUNTY requires and shall be entitled to coverage for the higher limits maintained by CONTRACTOR. Any available insurance proceeds in excess of the specified minimum limits of insurance and coverage shall be available to COUNTY.

- B. **Other Insurance Provisions.** The insurance policies are to contain, or be endorsed to contain, the following provisions:
 1. **Additional Insured** – COUNTY, its officers, officials, employees, agents and volunteers are to be covered as additional insureds on the CGL policy with respect to liability arising out of work or operations performed by or on behalf of CONTRACTOR including materials, parts, or equipment furnished in connection with such work or operations. General liability coverage can be provided in the form of an endorsement to CONTRACTOR's insurance at least as broad as ISO Form CG

20 10 11 85 or if not available, through the addition of both CG 20 10 and CG 20 37 if a later edition is used).

2. **Primary Coverage** – For any claims related to this Agreement, CONTRACTOR's insurance coverage shall be primary insurance as respects COUNTY, its officers, officials, employees, agents and volunteers. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by COUNTY, its officers, officials, employees, agents or volunteers shall be excess of CONTRACTOR's insurance and shall not contribute with it.
3. **Notice of Cancellation** – Each insurance policy required above shall provide that coverage shall not be canceled, except with notice to COUNTY.
4. **Waiver of Subrogation Rights** – CONTRACTOR hereby grants to COUNTY a waiver of any right to subrogation which any insurer of said CONTRACTOR may acquire against COUNTY by virtue of the payment of any loss under such insurance. CONTRACTOR agrees to obtain any endorsement that may be necessary to effect this waiver of subrogation, but this provision applies regardless of whether or not COUNTY has received a waiver of subrogation endorsement from the insurer.
5. **Deductibles and Self-Insured Retention** – Any deductibles or self-insured retentions must be declared to and approved by COUNTY. COUNTY may require CONTRACTOR to purchase coverage with a lower deductible or retention or provide proof of ability to pay losses and related investigations, claim administration, and defense expenses within the retention.
6. **Acceptability of Insurers** – Unless otherwise approved by Risk Management, insurance shall be written by insurers authorized to do business in the State of California and with a minimum A.M. Best's Insurance Guide rating of "A- VII".
7. **Verification of Coverage** – CONTRACTOR shall furnish COUNTY with proof of insurance, original certificates and amendatory endorsements as required by this Agreement. The proof of insurance, certificates and endorsements are to be received and approved by COUNTY before work commences. However, failure to obtain the required documents prior to the work beginning shall not waive CONTRACTOR's obligation to provide them. CONTRACTOR shall furnish evidence of renewal of coverage throughout the term of the Agreement. COUNTY reserves the right to require complete, certified copies of all required insurance policies, including endorsements required by these specifications, at any time.
8. **Failure to Procure Coverage** – In the event that any policy of insurance required under this Agreement does not comply with the requirements, is not procured, or is canceled and not replaced, COUNTY has the right but not the obligation or duty to terminate the Agreement. Maintenance of required insurance coverage is a material element of the Agreement and failure to maintain or renew such coverage or to provide evidence of renewal may be treated by COUNTY as a material breach of contract.
9. **Subcontractors** – CONTRACTOR shall require and verify that all subcontractors maintain insurance meeting all the requirements stated herein, and CONTRACTOR shall ensure that COUNTY is an additional insured on insurance required from subcontractors.
10. **Claims Made Policies** – If any of the required policies provide coverage on a claims-made basis:
 - i. The Retroactive Date must be shown and must be before the date of the contract or the beginning of contract work.

- ii. Insurance must be maintained and evidence of insurance must be provided for at least five (5) years after completion of contract work.
- iii. If coverage is canceled or non-renewed, and not replaced with another claims-made policy form with a Retroactive Date prior to the contract effective date, CONTRACTOR must purchase "extended reporting" coverage for a minimum of five (5) years after completion of contract work.

11. Special Risks or Circumstances – COUNTY reserves the right to modify these requirements, including limits, based on the nature of the risk, prior experience, insurer, coverage, or other special circumstances

Any change requiring additional types of insurance coverage or higher coverage limits must be made by amendment to this Agreement. CONTRACTOR agrees to execute any such amendment within thirty (30) days of receipt.

Any failure, actual or alleged, on the part of COUNTY to monitor or enforce compliance with any of the insurance and indemnification requirements will not be deemed as a waiver of any rights on the part of COUNTY.

EXHIBIT D

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HIPAA Business Associate Agreement (BAA)

This Business Associate Agreement ("BAA") supplements and is made a part of the Agreement between COUNTY (referred to herein as "Covered Entity") and CONTRACTOR (referred to herein as "Business Associate").

RECITALS

Covered Entity wishes to disclose certain information to Business Associate pursuant to the terms of the Agreement, some of which may constitute Protected Health Information ("PHI") (defined below).

Covered Entity and Business Associate intend to protect the privacy and provide for the security of PHI disclosed to Business Associate pursuant to the Agreement in compliance with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, Public Law 104-191 ("HIPAA"), the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act, Public Law 111-005 ("HITECH Act"), and 45 CFR Parts 160 and 164, Subpart C (the "Security Rule"), Subpart D (the "Data Breach Notification Rule") and Subpart E (the "Privacy Rule") (collectively, the "HIPAA Regulations").

As part of the HIPAA Regulations, the Privacy Rule and the Security Rule (defined below) require Covered Entity to enter into a contract containing specific requirements with Business Associate prior to the disclosure of PHI, as set forth in, but not limited to, Title 45, Sections 164.314(a), 164.502(e) and 164.504(e) of the Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) and contained in this BAA.

In consideration of the mutual promises below and the exchange of information pursuant to this BAA, the parties agree as follows:

A. Definitions

1. **Breach** shall have the meaning given to such term under the HITECH Act [42 U.S.C. § 17921].
2. **Business Associate** shall have the meaning given to such term under the Privacy Rule, the Security Rule, and the HITECH Act, including but not limited to, 42 U.S.C. Section 17938 and 45 C.F.R. Section 160.103.
3. **Covered Entity** shall have the meaning given to such term under the Privacy Rule and the Security Rule, including, but not limited to, 45 C.F.R. Section 160.103.
4. **Data Aggregation** shall have the meaning given to such term under the Privacy Rule, including, but not limited to, 45 C.F.R. Section 164.501.
5. **Designated Record Set** shall have the meaning given to such term under the Privacy Rule, including, but not limited to, 45 C.F.R. Section 164.501.
6. **Electronic Protected Health Information** means Protected Health Information that is maintained in or transmitted by electronic media.
7. **Electronic Health Record** shall have the meaning given to such term in the HITECH Act, including, but not limited to, 42 U.S.C. Section 17921.
8. **Health Care Operations** shall have the meaning given to such term under the Privacy Rule, including, but not limited to, 45 C.F.R. Section 164.501.

9. **Privacy Rule** shall mean the HIPAA Regulation that is codified at 45 C.F.R. Parts 160 and 164, Subparts A and E.
10. **Protected Health Information or PHI** means any information, whether oral or recorded in any form or medium: (i) that relates to the past, present or future physical or mental condition of an individual; the provision of health care to an individual; or the past, present or future payment for the provision of health care to an individual; and (ii) that identifies the individual or with respect to which there is a reasonable basis to believe the information can be used to identify the individual, and shall have the meaning given to such term under the Privacy Rule, including, but not limited to, 45 C.F.R. Section 164.501. Protected Health Information includes Electronic Protected Health Information [45 C.F.R. §§ 160.103, 164.501].
11. **Protected Information** shall mean PHI provided by Covered Entity to Business Associate or created or received by Business Associate on Covered Entity's behalf.
12. **Security Rule** shall mean the HIPAA Regulation that is codified at 45 C.F.R. Parts 160 and 164, Subparts A and C.
13. **Unsecured PHI** shall have the meaning given to such term under the HITECH Act and any guidance issued pursuant to such Act including, but not limited to, 42 U.S.C. Section 17932(h).

B. Obligations of Business Associate

1. **Permitted Uses.** Business Associate shall not use Protected Information except for the purpose of performing Business Associate's obligations under the Agreement and as permitted under the Agreement and this BAA. Further, Business Associate shall not use Protected Information in any manner that would constitute a violation of the Privacy Rule or the HITECH Act if so used by Covered Entity. However, Business Associate may use Protected Information (i) for the proper management and administration of Business Associate, (ii) to carry out the legal responsibilities of Business Associate, or (iii) for Data Aggregation purposes for the Health Care Operations of Covered Entity [45 C.F.R. §§ 164.504(e)(2)(ii)(A) and 164.504(e)(4)(i)].
2. **Permitted Disclosures.** Business Associate shall not disclose Protected Information except for the purpose of performing Business Associate's obligations under the Agreement and as permitted under the Agreement and this BAA. Business Associate shall not disclose Protected Information in any manner that would constitute a violation of the Privacy Rule or the HITECH Act if so disclosed by Covered Entity. However, Business Associate may disclose Protected Information (i) for the proper management and administration of Business Associate; (ii) to carry out the legal responsibilities of Business Associate; (iii) as required by law; or (iv) for Data Aggregation purposes for the Health Care Operations of Covered Entity. If Business Associate discloses Protected Information to a third party, Business Associate must obtain, prior to making any such disclosure, (i) reasonable written assurances from such third party that such Protected Information will be held confidential as provided pursuant to this BAA and only disclosed as required by law or for the purposes for which it was disclosed to such third party, and (ii) a written agreement from such third party to immediately notify Business Associate of any breaches of confidentiality of the Protected Information, to the extent the third party has obtained knowledge of such breach [42 U.S.C. § 17932; 45 C.F.R. §§ 164.504(e)(2)(i), 164.504(e)(2)(i)(B), 164.504(e)(2)(ii)(A) and 164.504(e)(4)(ii)].
3. **Prohibited Uses and Disclosures.** Business Associate shall not use or disclose Protected Information for fundraising or marketing purposes. Business Associate shall not disclose Protected Information to a health plan for payment or health care operations purposes if the patient has requested this special restriction, and has paid out of pocket in full for the health care item or service to which the PHI solely relates [42 U.S.C. § 17935(a)]. Business Associate shall

not directly or indirectly receive remuneration in exchange for Protected Information, except with the prior written consent of Covered Entity and as permitted by the HITECH Act (42 U.S.C. § 17935(d)(2)); however, this prohibition shall not affect payment by Covered Entity to Business Associate for services provided pursuant to the Agreement. Business Associate shall mitigate, to the extent practicable, any harmful effect that is known to Business Associate of a use or disclosure of PHI by Business Associate in violation of this Agreement, the BAA, or the HIPAA Regulations.

4. **Appropriate Safeguards.** Business Associate shall implement appropriate safeguards as are necessary to prevent the use or disclosure of Protected Information otherwise than as permitted by the Agreement or this BAA, including, but not limited to, administrative, physical and technical safeguards that reasonably and appropriately protect the confidentiality, integrity and availability of the Protected Information, in accordance with 45 C.F.R. Sections 164.308, 164.310, and 164.312. [45 C.F.R. § 164.504(e)(2)(ii)(B); 45 C.F.R. § 164.308(b)]. Business Associate shall comply with the policies and procedures and documentation requirements of the HIPAA Security Rule, including, but not limited to, 45 C.F.R. § 164.316 [42 U.S.C. § 17931].
5. **Reporting of Improper Access, Use or Disclosure.** Business Associate shall report to Covered Entity in writing of any access, use or disclosure of Protected Information not permitted by the Agreement and this BAA, and any Breach of Unsecured PHI, as required by the Data Breach Notification Rule, of which it becomes aware without unreasonable delay and in no case later than 60 calendar days after discovery [42 U.S.C. § 17921; 45 C.F.R. § 164.504(e)(2)(ii)(C); 45 C.F.R. § 164.308(b)].
6. **Business Associate's Subcontractors and Agents.** Business Associate shall ensure that any agents and subcontractors to whom it provides Protected Information, agree in writing to the same restrictions and conditions that apply to Business Associate with respect to such PHI and implement the safeguards required above with respect to Electronic PHI [45 C.F.R. § 164.504(e)(2)(ii)(D); 45 C.F.R. § 164.308(b)]. Business Associate shall implement and maintain sanctions against agents and subcontractors that violate such restrictions and conditions and shall mitigate the effects of any such violation (see 45 C.F.R. §§ 164.530(f) and 164.530(e)(1)).
7. **Access to Protected Information.** To the extent that the Covered Entity keeps a designated record set then Business Associate shall make Protected Information maintained by Business Associate or its agents or subcontractors in Designated Record Sets available to Covered Entity for inspection and copying within five (5) days of a request by Covered Entity to enable Covered Entity to fulfill its obligations under state law [Health and Safety Code § 123110] and the Privacy Rule, including, but not limited to, 45 C.F.R. Section 164.524 [45 C.F.R. § 164.504(e)(2)(ii)(E)]. If Business Associate maintains an Electronic Health Record, Business Associate shall provide such information in electronic format to enable Covered Entity to fulfill its obligations under the HITECH Act, including, but not limited to, 42 U.S.C. Section 17935(e).
8. **Amendment of PHI for Business Associate who is Required to Maintain a Record Set.** If Business Associate is required to maintain a designated record set on behalf of the Covered Entity the Business Associate shall within ten (10) days of receipt of a request from Covered Entity for an amendment of Protected Information or a record about an individual contained in a Designated Record Set, Business Associate or its agents or subcontractors shall make such Protected Information available to Covered Entity for amendment and incorporate any such amendment to enable Covered Entity to fulfill its obligations under the Privacy Rule, including, but not limited to, 45 C.F.R. Section 164.526. If any individual requests an amendment of Protected Information directly from Business Associate or its agents or subcontractors; Business Associate must notify Covered Entity in writing within five (5) days of the request. Any approval or denial of amendment of Protected Information maintained by Business Associate or its agents or subcontractors shall be the responsibility of Covered Entity [45 C.F.R. § 164.504(e)(2)(ii)(F)].

9. **Accounting Rights.** Within ten (10) days of notice by Covered Entity of a request for an accounting of disclosures of Protected Information, Business Associate and its agents or subcontractors shall make available to Covered Entity the information required to provide an accounting of disclosures to enable Covered Entity to fulfill its obligations under the Privacy Rule, including, but not limited to, 45 C.F.R. Section 164.528, and the HITECH Act, including but not limited to 42 U.S.C. Section 17935(c), as determined by Covered Entity. Business Associate agrees to implement a process that allows for an accounting to be collected and maintained by Business Associate and its agents or subcontractors for at least six (6) years prior to the request. However, accounting of disclosures from an Electronic Health Record for treatment, payment or health care operations purposes are required to be collected and maintained for only three (3) years prior to the request, and only to the extent that Business Associate maintains an electronic health record and is subject to this requirement. At a minimum, the information collected and maintained shall include: (i) the date of disclosure; (ii) the name of the entity or person who received Protected Information and, if known, the address of the entity or person; (iii) a brief description of Protected Information disclosed and (iv) a brief statement of purpose of the disclosure that reasonably informs the individual of the basis for the disclosure, or a copy of the individual's authorization, or a copy of the written request for disclosure. In the event that the request for an accounting is delivered directly to Business Associate or its agents or subcontractors, Business Associate shall within five (5) days of a request forward it to Covered Entity in writing. It shall be Covered Entity's responsibility to prepare and deliver any such accounting requested. Business Associate shall not disclose any Protected Information except as set forth in Section B(2) of this BAA [45 C.F.R. §§ 164.504(e)(2)(ii)(G) and 165.528]. The provisions of this subparagraph shall survive the termination of this Agreement.
10. **Governmental Access to Records.** Business Associate shall make its internal practices, books and records relating to the use and disclosure of Protected Information available to Covered Entity and to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (Secretary) for purposes of determining Business Associate's compliance with the Privacy Rule [45 C.F.R. § 164.504(e)(2)(ii)(H)]. Business Associate shall provide to Covered Entity a copy of any Protected Information that Business Associate provides to the Secretary concurrently with providing such Protected Information to the Secretary.
11. **Minimum Necessary.** Business Associate (and its agents or subcontractors) shall request, use and disclose only the minimum amount of Protected Information necessary to accomplish the purpose of the request, use, or disclosure [42 U.S.C. § 17935(b); 45 C.F.R. § 164.514(d)(3)]. Business Associate understands and agrees that the definition of "minimum necessary" is in flux and shall keep itself informed of guidance issued by the Secretary with respect to what constitutes "minimum necessary."
12. **Data Ownership.** Business Associate acknowledges that Business Associate has no ownership rights with respect to the Protected Information.
13. **Business Associate's Insurance.** Business Associate represents and warrants that it purchases commercial insurance to cover its exposure for any claims, damages or losses arising as a result of a breach of the terms of this BAA.
14. **Notification of Possible Breach.** During the term of the Agreement, Business Associate shall notify Covered Entity within twenty-four (24) hours of any suspected or actual breach of security, or any access, use or disclosure of Protected Information not permitted by the Agreement or this BAA or unauthorized use or disclosure of PHI of which Business Associate becomes aware and/or any actual or suspected use or disclosure of data in violation of any applicable federal or state laws or regulations. Business Associate shall take (i) prompt corrective action to cure any such deficiencies and (ii) any action pertaining to such unauthorized disclosure required by

applicable federal and state laws and regulations. [42 U.S.C. § 17921; 45 C.F.R. § 164.504(e)(2)(ii)(C); 45 C.F.R. § 164.308(b)]

15. **Breach Pattern or Practice by Covered Entity.** Pursuant to 42 U.S.C. Section 17934(b), if the Business Associate knows of a pattern of activity or practice of the Covered Entity that constitutes a material breach or violation of the Covered Entity's obligations under the Agreement or this BAA or other arrangement, the Business Associate must take reasonable steps to cure the breach or end the violation. If the steps are unsuccessful, the Business Associate must terminate the Agreement or other arrangement if feasible, or if termination is not feasible, report the problem to the Secretary. Business Associate shall provide written notice to Covered Entity of any pattern of activity or practice of the Covered Entity that Business Associate believes constitutes a material breach or violation of the Covered Entity's obligations under the Agreement or this BAA or other arrangement within five (5) days of discovery and shall meet with Covered Entity to discuss and attempt to resolve the problem as one of the reasonable steps to cure the breach or end the violation.
16. **Audits, Inspection and Enforcement.** Within ten (10) days of a written request by Covered Entity, Business Associate and its agents or subcontractors shall allow Covered Entity to conduct a reasonable inspection of the facilities, systems, books, records, agreements, policies and procedures relating to the use or disclosure of Protected Information pursuant to this BAA for the purpose of determining whether Business Associate has complied with this BAA; provided, however, that (i) Business Associate and Covered Entity shall mutually agree in advance upon the scope, timing and location of such an inspection, (ii) Covered Entity shall protect the confidentiality of all confidential and proprietary information of Business Associate to which Covered Entity has access during the course of such inspection; and (iii) Covered Entity shall execute a nondisclosure agreement, upon terms mutually agreed upon by the parties, if requested by Business Associate. The fact that Covered Entity inspects, or fails to inspect, or has the right to inspect, Business Associate's facilities, systems, books, records, agreements, policies and procedures does not relieve Business Associate of its responsibility to comply with this BAA, nor does Covered Entity's (i) failure to detect or (ii) detection, but failure to notify Business Associate or require Business Associate's remediation of any unsatisfactory practices, constitute acceptance of such practice or a waiver of Covered Entity's enforcement rights under the Agreement or this BAA, Business Associate shall notify Covered Entity within ten (10) days of learning that Business Associate has become the subject of an audit, compliance review, or complaint investigation by the Office for Civil Rights.

C. Termination

1. **Material Breach.** A breach by Business Associate of any provision of this BAA, as determined by Covered Entity, shall constitute a material breach of the Agreement and shall provide grounds for immediate termination of the Agreement, any provision in the Agreement to the contrary notwithstanding [45 C.F.R. § 164.504(e)(2)(iii)].
2. **Judicial or Administrative Proceedings.** Covered Entity may terminate the Agreement, effective immediately, if (i) Business Associate is named as a defendant in a criminal proceeding for a violation of HIPAA, the HITECH Act, the HIPAA Regulations or other security or privacy laws or (ii) a finding or stipulation that the Business Associate has violated any standard or requirement of HIPAA, the HITECH Act, the HIPAA Regulations or other security or privacy laws is made in any administrative or civil proceeding in which the party has been joined.
3. **Effect of Termination.** Upon termination of the Agreement for any reason, Business Associate shall, at the option of Covered Entity, return or destroy all Protected Information that Business Associate or its agents or subcontractors still maintain in any form, and shall retain no copies of such Protected Information. If return or destruction is not feasible, as determined by Covered

Entity, Business Associate shall continue to extend the protections of Section 2 of this BAA to such information, and limit further use of such PHI to those purposes that make the return or destruction of such PHI infeasible. [45 C.F.R. § 164.504(e)(ii)(2)(I)]. If Covered Entity elects destruction of the PHI, Business Associate shall certify in writing to Covered Entity that such PHI has been destroyed.

D. Indemnification

If Business Associate fails to adhere to any of the privacy, confidentiality, and/or data security provisions set forth in this BAA or if there is a Breach of PHI in Business Associate's possession and, as a result, PHI or any other confidential information is unlawfully accessed, used or disclosed, Business Associate agrees to reimburse Covered Entity for any and all costs, direct or indirect, incurred by Covered Entity associated with any Breach notification obligations. Business Associate also agrees to pay for any and all fines and/or administrative penalties imposed for such unauthorized access, use or disclosure of confidential information or for delayed reporting if it fails to notify the Covered Entity of the Breach as required by this BAA.

E. Disclaimer

Covered Entity makes no warranty or representation that compliance by Business Associate with this BAA, HIPAA, the HITECH Act, or the HIPAA Regulations will be adequate or satisfactory for Business Associate's own purposes. Business Associate is solely responsible for all decisions made by Business Associate regarding the safeguarding of PHI.

F. Certification

To the extent that Covered Entity determines that such examination is necessary to comply with Covered Entity's legal obligations pursuant to HIPAA relating to certification of its security practices, Covered Entity or its authorized agents or contractors, may, at Covered Entity's expense, examine Business Associate's facilities, systems, procedures and records as may be necessary for such agents or contractors to certify to Covered Entity the extent to which Business Associate's security safeguards comply with HIPAA, the HITECH Act, the HIPAA Regulations or this BAA.

G. Amendment to Comply with Law

The parties acknowledge that state and federal laws relating to data security and privacy are rapidly evolving and that amendment of the Agreement or this BAA may be required to provide for procedures to ensure compliance with such developments. The parties specifically agree to take such action as is necessary to implement the standards and requirements of HIPAA, the HITECH Act, the Privacy Rule, the Security Rule and other applicable laws relating to the security or confidentiality of PHI. The parties understand and agree that Covered Entity must receive satisfactory written assurance from Business Associate that Business Associate will adequately safeguard all Protected Information. Upon the request of either party, the other party agrees to promptly enter into negotiations concerning the terms of an amendment to this BAA embodying written assurances consistent with the standards and requirements of HIPAA, the HITECH Act, the Privacy Rule, the Security Rule or other applicable laws. Covered Entity may terminate the Agreement upon thirty (30) days written notice in the event (i) Business Associate does not promptly enter into negotiations to amend the Agreement or this BAA when requested by Covered Entity pursuant to this Section or (ii) Business Associate does not enter into an amendment to the Agreement or this BAA providing assurances regarding the safeguarding of PHI that Covered Entity, in its sole discretion, deems sufficient to satisfy the standards and requirements of applicable laws.

H. Assistance in Litigation of Administrative Proceedings

Business Associate shall make itself, and any subcontractors, employees or agents assisting Business Associate in the performance of its obligations under the Agreement or this BAA, available to Covered Entity, at no cost to Covered Entity, to testify as witnesses, or otherwise, in the event of litigation or administrative proceedings being commenced against Covered Entity, its directors, officers or employees based upon a claimed violation of HIPAA, the HITECH Act, the Privacy Rule, the Security Rule, or other laws relating to security and privacy, except where Business Associate or its subcontractor, employee or agent is named adverse party.

I. No Third-Party Beneficiaries

Nothing express or implied in the Agreement or this BAA is intended to confer, nor shall anything herein confer, upon any person other than Covered Entity, Business Associate and their respective successors or assigns, any rights, remedies, obligations or liabilities whatsoever.

J. Effect on Agreement

Except as specifically required to implement the purposes of this BAA, or to the extent inconsistent with this BAA, all other terms of the Agreement shall remain in force and effect.

K. Entire Agreement of the Parties

This BAA supersedes any and all prior and contemporaneous business associate agreements between the parties and constitutes the final and entire agreement between the parties hereto with respect to the subject matter hereof. Covered Entity and Business Associate acknowledge that no representations, inducements, promises, or agreements, oral or otherwise, with respect to the subject matter hereof, have been made by either party, or by anyone acting on behalf of either party, which are not embodied herein. No other agreement, statement or promise, with respect to the subject matter hereof, not contained in this BAA shall be valid or binding.

L. Interpretation

The provisions of this BAA shall prevail over any provisions in the Agreement that may conflict or appear inconsistent with any provision in this BAA. This BAA and the Agreement shall be interpreted as broadly as necessary to implement and comply with HIPAA, the HITECH Act, the Privacy Rule and the Security Rule. The parties agree that any ambiguity in this BAA shall be resolved in favor of a meaning that complies and is consistent with HIPAA, the HITECH Act, the Privacy Rule and the Security Rule.