

BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
COUNTY OF HUDSON

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RESOLUTION

No. 528-11-2010

On Motion of Freeholder Dublin
Seconded by Freeholder Liggio

**AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT
FAIR AND OPEN
LEGAL SERVICES
LeCLAIR RYAN
(\$25,000.00)**

WHEREAS, the County issued a Request for Qualifications and sought a firm with expertise to investigate and evaluate allegations of sexual and workplace harassment and hostile work environment and discrimination against the County or County employees for the period of January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010; and

WHEREAS, such services were acquired through a fair and open process pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4; and

WHEREAS, this amendment and contract addition emanates from that process; and

WHEREAS, the County had previously awarded a professional services contract to the law firm of LeClair Ryan on December 10, 2009 by Resolution No. 507-12-2009; and

WHEREAS, the maximum amount of the contract award was not to exceed **ONE HUNDRED SEVENTEEN THOUSAND (\$117,000.00) DOLLARS** with an attorney rate of **ONE HUNDRED FIFTY (\$150.00) DOLLARS** per hour; and

WHEREAS, the anticipated budget for, the expanded services will be **TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND (\$25,000.00) DOLLARS** ; and

WHEREAS, the County now wishes to amend the aforesaid contract to add an additional **TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND (\$25,000.00) DOLLARS** for a total contract amount of **ONE HUNDRED FORTY TWO THOUSAND (\$142,000.00) DOLLARS** and funds for this purpose of available in Account No. 0003B as certified by the Director of the Department of Finance and Administration; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., permits the awarding of a contract for professional services without public advertising for bids, and requires that the resolution and the terms be available for public inspection.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders to the County of Hudson, that:

1. The aforesaid recitals are incorporated herein as though fully set forth at length.
2. The Board hereby authorizes the County Executive, or his lawfully appointed designee, to execute any and all documents and take any and all actions necessary to complete and realize the intent and purpose of this resolution.

