

Kittitas County Superior Court

Agenda Staff Report

AGENDA DATE:

1/16/2018

ACTION REQUESTED:

Request to execute Agreement for Kittitas County Superior Court Indigent Defense Services with CK Powers and Paul McBride.

BACKGROUND:

At least since 1989 indigent defense in the Kittitas County Superior Court has been provided by willing attorneys volunteering to have their names placed upon a list off of which the Court (through its Administrator) appointed attorneys. Under this system the Court has compensated the attorneys on a per-case basis, with additional funding being available for time spent in trial, and for complex or abnormally time-consuming cases. In 2018 the Court is moving to contract attorneys as already implemented in the Lower and Upper Kittitas County District Courts. Contracts will be provided to individual attorneys. The contracts provide how many cases will be completed by each attorney and the rate of pay thereon. This gives the attorney certainty in workload and compensation, and guarantees to the court that an attorney will be available for the contract term.

INTERACTION:

The Prosecutors office has reviewed and signed the proposed Resolution.

RECOMMENDATION:

Request to execute Agreement for Kittitas County Superior Court Indigent Defense Services with CK Powers and Paul McBride.

HANDLING:

Original – Clerk of the Board

Copy – Auditor

Copy – Prosecutor

Copy – Superior Court

LEAD STAFF:

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