

West Virginia Counties Group-Self Insurance Risk Pool (WVCoRP) is seeking attorneys to represent its Members in litigation throughout West Virginia on a case by case basis. The attorneys/firms selected, if any, will be independent contractors, and not employees, of WVCoRP.

Qualified law firms or attorneys are invited to submit proposals on or before June 1, 2015. Selection of counsel, if any, will be made on an on-going basis.

Background

WVCoRP is a public entity self-insurance risk pool authorized by the West Virginia Insurance Commissioner. WVCoRP Members currently consist of 45 West Virginia counties and 85 authorities.

Litigation WVCoRP members face include the following types:

- Automobile liability
- Public officials' liability, employment law, in particular
- Law Enforcement liability
- General liability
- Workers' Compensation

Selected counsel will be expected to handle assigned claims in their totality from the filing of responsive pleadings until completion. WVCoRP seeks counsel with particular experience as follows:

- Significant experience representing local governments in West Virginia with respect to The Governmental Tort Claims and Insurance Reform Act;
- Specific litigation background and experience in one or more areas outlined above;
- Strong mediation and trial skills.

Scope of Representation

The client(s) are the Members of WVCoRP. Selected attorneys or firms will be expected to work closely with WVCoRP staff and in-house counsel to assist with the legal services in question. Working with WVCoRP staff will include providing established, periodic suit status reports, willingness to have conference calls to discuss ongoing case facts and approaches, and supplying detailed case analysis as requested.

Conflict of Interest Information

The attorney or firm shall disclose any prior or current representations creating any apparent potential conflict(s) with WVCoRP, existing or former clients, including prior representation of any counties or authorities, or insurance carriers/programs in West Virginia. The final selection of counsel, if any, is contingent upon the successful completion of a conflicts of interest analysis.

Proposals

No specific form is required for proposals, but it should address the following items:

- experience and demonstrated skill (via references, example documents, and/or a descriptive narrative) in the following practice areas:
 - The Governmental Tort Claims and Insurance Reform Act;
 - Automobile liability;
 - Employment law;
 - Law Enforcement liability;
 - Premises liability;
 - Civil rights violations;
 - Workers' Compensation.
- Whether the attorneys possess the requisite skills and expertise needed to handle the legal matters set forth above. Note, firms which specialize in one or more of the above areas, but not all, are still encouraged to respond. If you would like to limit the types of cases you handle, please note the same.
- Whether the attorneys possess the requisite staffing and support to handle a volume of litigation;
- Whether the attorneys, or any members of the attorneys' law firm, have been subject to reprimand by the West Virginia State Bar, or other entities, for unethical conduct;
- Whether the attorneys have been peer rated, and if so, the peer ratings received, along with any other recognitions or awards for legal services;
- The hourly rates for all persons who will perform any work on the assigned files;
- Per-unit costs, if any, for expenses such as copying, travel expenses, legal research;
- The willingness of the attorneys to enter into alternative billing arrangements;
- Any experiences that may particularly qualify you for representing our Members.

Evaluation and Acceptance

All proposals will be evaluated by WVCoRP. Any and all proposals may be rejected. Proposals should be addressed to Nancy Sullivan, Esquire and can be e-mailed to nancy@vacoins.org or mailed to 308 Market Street, SE, Suites 1&2, Roanoke, Virginia 24011. Questions will be answer through May 22, 2015 and can be sent to the same e-mail address. Questions and responses will be shared via www.wvrisk.org. No telephone calls, please.

WVCoRP reserves the right to select numerous attorneys/firms. Being selected does not guarantee any assignments. WVCoRP reserves the right to terminate any attorney or firm at any time for any reason or no reason at all.