# STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS **DEPARTMENT OF ATTORNEY GENERAL**150 SOUTH MAIN STREET, PROVIDENCE **PETER F. KILMARTIN, ATTORNEY GENERAL**





# INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO:

CHRISTOPHER COTTA, DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION

FROM:

MARIA R. CORVESE, SPECIAL ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL

SUBJECT:

IN RE: WILLIAM J. CONLEY, JR., ESQUIRE - C.A. NO.: LL 13-0104

(U.S.D.O.J., et al. v. OHHS, et al.)

DATE:

October 2, 2013

- 1. Please process the above for payment. The following documents are attached:
  - a) Order signed by Judge Montalbano;
  - b) Motion for Approval of Attorney's Fees, along with supporting documentation; and
  - c) Copy of a Form W-9.
- 2. The payee information is as follows:

William J. Conley, Jr. 670 Willett Avenue East Providence, RI 02915

F.I.N.: 035-34-4180

3. The amount to be paid is \$4, 545.00

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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND PROVIDENCE, SC.

SUPERIOR COURT

In Re: William J. Conley, Jr., Attorney at Law

C.A. No.: 13-3686

#### ORDER.

This matter was heard on the Motion Calendar in Providence County Superior Court on Wednesday, September 25, 2013 on the State of Rhode Island's Motion for Approval of Attorney's Fees. After hearing and due consideration by this Honorable Court, it is hereby:

# ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED:

Pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws § 9-31-11, this Honorable Court finds the fees of William J. Conley, Jr., Esquire in the amount of Four Thousand Five Hundred Forty Five and 00/100 (\$4,545.00) Dollars to be reasonable, and, therefore, grant the State's Motion for Approval of Attorney's Fees.

ENTERED:

Justice Joseph A. Montalbono

PER ORDER:

Nickia M. Monteiro, Deputy Clerk

Respectfully submitted,

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

By its Attorney,

PETER F. KILMARTIN

ATTORNEY GENERAL

Maria R. Corvese, Bar No. 8558

Special Assistant Attorney General

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Providence, Rhode Island 02903

(401) 274-4400, Extension 2225

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mcorvese@riag.ri.gov

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#### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing Motion for Approval of Attorney Fees was mailed, postage prepaid, on this 25 day of September 2013, to the following:

William J. Conley, Jr., Esquire Law Office of William J. Conley, Jr. 670 Willett Avenue East Providence, Rhode Island 02915

Maria R. Cowese

# DATE OF HEARING: Wednesday, September 25, 2013

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND PROVIDENCE, SC.

SUPERIOR COURT

In Re: William J. Conley, Jr., Attorney at Law

C.A. No.: 13-3686

# MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF ATTORNEY FEES PURSUANT TO RHODE ISLAND GENERAL LAWS § 9-31-11

WHEREAS, the Department of Justice ("DOJ") has initiated an investigation into whether the State of Rhode Island ("State") violated Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act ("ADA"), 42 U.S. § 12132 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act ("Section 504"), 29 U.S.C. § 794(a), as interpreted by the Supreme Court's decision in Olmstead v. L.C., 527 U.S. 581 (1999).

WHEREAS, pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 9-31-11, the Attorney General determined that there was a conflict of interest, and that it was not in the best interest of the State of Rhode Island for the Department of Attorney General to represent the State in this matter.

WHEREAS, pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 9-31-11, the State was advised of the determination of the Department of Attorney General and William J. Conley, Jr., Esquire was retained to represent the State;

WHEREAS, pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 9-31-11, the Attorney General had consulted in advance with the prospective counsel to establish the parameters within which the State would be liable for attorney fees, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A;

WHEREAS, R.I. Gen. Laws § 9-31-11 requires that the reasonableness of the attorney fees be approved by this Court.

WHEREAS, James R. Lee, Chief of the Civil Division of the Rhode Island Department of Attorney General, has reviewed the bill listed below and has determined that the services rendered were reasonably performed in accordance with the parameters set forth in Exhibit A.

See Exhibit B. Affidavit of James R. Lee.

Now, wherefore, the State requests that this Court review and approve Attorney Conley's invoice dated August 2, 2013 in the amount of four thousand five hundred forty-five and 00/100 (\$4,545.00) dollars, herein attached as <u>Exhibit C</u>, for the purpose of determining the attorney fees to be reasonable.

Respectfully submitted,

State of Rhode Island

By its Attorney, PETER F. KILMARTIN ATTORNEY GENERAL

Maria R. Corvese, Bar No. 8558
Special Assistant Attorney General
150 South Main Street
Providence, Rhode Island 02903
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# CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing Motion for Approval of Attorney Fees was mailed, postage prepaid, on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of September 2013, to the following:

William J. Conley, Jr., Esquire Law Office of William J. Conley, Jr. 670 Willett Avenue East Providence, Rhode Island 02915

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# **EXHIBIT A**



# State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

# DEPARTMENT OF ATTORNEY GENERAL

150 South Main Street • Providence, RI 02903 (401) 274-4400 - TDD (401) 453-0410

Peter F. Kilmartin, Attorney General

January 23, 2013

William Conley, Esq. 670 Willett Ave. East Providence, RI 02915

Re: U.S. D.O.J, et al. v. Rhode Island (OHHS, et al)

Dear Bill:

There has been a determination made by this office that it is in the best interest of the State of Rhode Island to have outside counsel represent the State in the above referenced proceeding. We wish to retain you as counsel in this matter within the following parameters, as contemplated by R.I. Gen. Laws § 9-31-11, which are hereby agreed upon by the State of Rhode Island:

- 1. Work performed by you will be paid by the State at the rate of \$150.00 per hour.
- 2. You will provide this office with itemized statements including date, service performed and time spent for services rendered which will be paid, provided that their reasonableness is first reviewed and approved by this office and the Court.

If the foregoing is acceptable, please indicate your acceptance by signing and returning to me the duplicate of this letter.

Sincerely,

James R. Lee Assistant Attorney General

JRL/

Accepted

William Conley Esq.

EXHIBIT B

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND PROVIDENCE, SC.

In Re: William J. Conley, Jr. Attorney at Law C.A. NO. 13-3686

#### AFFIDAVIT OF JAMES R. LEE

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I, James R. Lee, first being duly sworn according to the laws of the State of Rhode Island, do hereby depose and state:

- 1. I am the Chief of the Civil Division of the Rhode Island Department of the Attorney General. I file this Affidavit in support of the Motion for Approval of Attorney Fees filed herein.
- 2. Based upon my familiarity with the rates charged by law firms for civil litigation in the State of Rhode Island, it is my opinion that the rate of one hundred fifty and 00/100 (\$150.00) dollars per hour is fair and reasonable and not in excess of the prevailing rates in the community for time spent in civil litigation of this nature by attorneys with similar experience.
- 3. I have reviewed the attached invoice dated August 2, 2013 and find it to be a fair and reasonable representation of services rendered from June 24, 2013 through July 11, 2013.

WHEREFORE, the State requests permission to pay the sum of four thousand five hundred forty-five and 00/100 (\$4,545.00) dollars to William J. Conley, Jr., Esquire.

James R. Lee

hief, Civil Division

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND COUNTY OF PROVIDENCE

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this

day of September 2013.

Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

# EXHIBIT C

Attorney at Law 670 Willett Avenue East Providence, RI 02915 (401) 437-0905

# BILL TO State of RI Department of Attorney General 150 South Main St. Providence, RI 02903

# INVOICE

DATE	INVOICĘ NO.
8/2/2013	A 287

REGARDING	
US Department of Justice Title II Investigation	

DATE	ITEM	DESCRIPTION	QTY/HRS.	AMOUNT
DATE 6/24/2013		DBC Attention to file, research re: status of dismissal, attention to Federal Court Calendar,	1.7	255.00 ·
6/25/2013	Legal Services	correspondence with DOJ, attention to correspondence amongst state agencies, attention to ISA deadlines, research re: state liabilities DBC Further research re: status of dismissal, attention to Federal Court Calendar, correspondence with DOJ, attention to correspondence amongst state agencies, attention to ISA deadlines, research re: state	3.5	525.00
6/29/2013	Legal Services	liabilities	1	150.00
7/1/2013	Legal Services	Morgan re same WJC Tel. conferences & e-mails with Attorneys Morgan, Abbott, Barclay, & Kelly; attn. to review of compliance reports; tel. conf. with US DOJ Attorney Kline re Monitor compliance report, Federal Ct. pleading status; conf. with Attorney Carroll of PSD re same	2	300.00
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Total	<u></u>
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DATE 7/1/2013	1	DBC Teleconference with DOI, research re: ISA due dates, review of compliance documents, research and correspondence re: current status of state agencies.  Review of facts and travel of pertinent dates, confirmation of compliance with past due deadlines, legal analysis of ISA requirements without deadlines,	6	900.00
7/2/2013	Legal Services	communications amongst state parties WIC Further attn. to e-mails & tel. conferences re	0.7	105.00
7/2/2013	Legal Services	Monitor Contract & compliance status; Attorneys Abbott, Barclay, Morgan, Kelly, US Attorney Kline	3.1	465.00
7/3/2013	Legal Services	Review of facts and travel of perfinent dates, confirmation of compliance with past due deadlines.	0.6	
7/3/2013	Legal Services	DATED AND TOO IN	1.3	195.00

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Legal Services	dates, confirmation of compliance with past due deadlines, legal analysis of ISA requirements without deadlines, communications amongst state parties DBC Tel. conferences with US Attorney Kline remonitor contract; RI Agency status reports; attn. to e-mails & tel. conf. with Monitor Gurney re Contract, variance procedures; status of pleadings in Federal	1.2	180.00
Legal Services	Court; noncompliance issues  WJC Tel. conferences & e-mails with Federal Ct.  Clerk re status of pleadings; tel. conf. with US	0.9	135.00
Legal Services	Attorney Kline re same; tel. conf. with City of Prov. Attorney Carrol; attn. to e-mails from Attorney D. Barclay or ORS, Attorney J. Kelley of OHHS	0.8	120.00
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7/9/2013	Legal Services	WJC Teleconference with DOJ, re: variance process, status of individuals from Birch, July 1 deadlines	0.5	, 75.00
7/9/2013	Legal Services	WIC Attention to requests for extension on July 1 dates, research re: placements vs. services, ISA requirements, communications amongst state parties, attention to monitor contract, correspondence with the monitor, state, and DOJ, attention to status of individuals from Birch, consideration of variance process, correspondence with State agencies	2.5	375.00
7/10/2013	Legal Services	WJC Attn. to revised ISA, independent review reports, scope of same	1	150.00
7/10/2013	Legal Services	DBC Correspondence with RIDE confirming that RIDE has an accurate history regarding the facts and travel of the ISA as it pertains to the term "state"	0.2	30.00
7/11/2013 7/11/2013	Legal Services Legal Services	WJC Tel. conf. with Attorney Morgan	0.2	30.00 150.00

Total \$4,545.00

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Note, if a requester gives you a form other than Form W-9 to request your 11N, you must use the requester's form if it is substantially similar to this Form W-9.

Special rules for partnerships, Fatherships that conduct a trade or business in the United States are generally required to pay a withholding tax on any foreign partners' share of income from euch business, Further, in certain cases where a Form W-9 has not been received, a partnership is required to presume that a partner is a foreign person, and pay the withholding tax. Therefore, if you are a U.S. person that is a partner in a partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States, provide Form W-9 to the partnership to establish your U.S. status and avoid withholding on your share of partnership income.

The person who gives Form W-8 to the partnership for purposes of establishing its U.S. status and avoiding withholding on its allocable share of net income from the partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States is in the following oness:

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