

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
Snohomish County, Washington

MOTION NO. 25-060

AUTHORIZING THE SNOHOMISH COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO SIGN A
CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH KAPLAN KIRSCH & ROCKWELL, LLP IN AN
AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$150,000 FOR LEGAL SERVICES
REGARDING FEDERAL AVIATION LAW AND REGULATION

WHEREAS, Kaplan Kirsch & Rockwell LLP has provided the County with sound legal advice regarding federal aviation and airport law and airline requests for commercial passenger service at the Snohomish County Airport at Paine Field; and

WHEREAS, the Kaplan Kirsch & Rockwell firm has been counsel to a wide variety of public agencies and private clients around the country concerning cutting-edge federal aviation law, regulation and compliance issues; and


WHEREAS, Peter Kirsch, a principal at Kaplan Kirsch & Rockwell, is nationally known for insightful solutions to issues that involve airports, aviation, the environment, and public land use under federal law; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the County to amend the current contract for federal aviation and airport law legal services from Peter Kirsch of Kaplan Kirsch & Rockwell in an amendment amount not to exceed \$150,000 through December 31, 2027;

NOW, THEREFORE, ON MOTION, the Snohomish County Council authorizes the County Executive to sign Amendment No. 2 to Agreement for Legal Services with Kaplan Kirsch Rockwell, LLP in the form attached hereto.


PASSED this 26th day of February, 2025.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
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Council Chair

ATTEST:



Deputy Clerk of the Council

CONSULTANT: Kaplan Kirsch & Rockwell LLP
CONTACT PERSON: Peter J. Kirsch
ADDRESS: 1675 Broadway Ste 2300
Denver, CO 80202
TELEPHONE/FAX NUMBER: 303-825-7000/303-825-7005
COUNTY DEPT: Snohomish County Airport
DEPT. CONTACT PERSON: Joshua Marcy
TELEPHONE/FAX NUMBER: 425-388-5100/425-388-5108
PROJECT: On Call Legal Services Re: Aviation
AMOUNT: Not To Exceed \$150,000
FUND SOURCE: 410-5216804101
CONTRACT DURATION: Immediately through discharge
of professional services

AMENDMENT NO. 2 AGREEMENT FOR LEGAL SERVICES

This AMENDMENT (the "Amendment") is made by and between SNOHOMISH COUNTY, a political subdivision of the State of Washington ("County"), and KAPLAN KIRSCH & ROCKWELL LLP Attorneys at Law (the "Attorney"). In consideration of the mutual benefits and covenants contained herein, the parties agree as follows:

1. Compensation. Section 3.a. of the Agreement is revised to add the following term:

a. The total charges for services and other matters provided by the Attorney under this Agreement during the term of this Agreement is increased by \$75,000 (Seventy Five Thousand Dollars) which shall not be exceeded without prior written authorization of the County.

2. Compensation. Section 3.c of the Agreement. Section 3.c., Compensation, of the Agreement is amended to add the following terms: Annually, the parties reserve the right to reasonable adjustments for hourly rates of the attorneys and legal assistants, as set forth on Exhibit A, Compensation, upon written notice, unless otherwise agreed.

3. All other terms and conditions of the Agreement, not inconsistent with this Amendment, shall remain in full force and effect.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY:
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Fong, Michael
Date: 2025.03.04
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County Executive Director

Dated: _____

KAPLAN KIRSCH ROCKWELL LLP:


Peter J. Kirsch, Partner

Dated: 1-13-25

Approved as to form only:
Corsi,
Michelle
Digitally signed by Corsi, Michelle
Date: 2025.01.13
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Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

Exhibit A – Compensation

Not to exceed average of 5 % per year

2024 rates:

Title	Hourly rate
Sr. Partners	567
Partners	529
Sr. Associates	448
Associates	350
Paralegals/Law Clerks	216

2025 rates:

Title	Hourly rate
Sr. Partners	612
Partners	571
Sr. Associates	484
Associates	378
Paralegals/Law Clerks	233