



## Snohomish County Council

**Committee:** LJHS  
**ECAF:** 21-0845  
**Proposal:** Mot. 21-382

**Analyst:** Heidi Beazizo  
**Date:** 10/6/2021

### **Consideration**

The Executive's Office requests Council consider approving proposed Motion 21-382 which would approve Amendment No. 2 to the 2021 Contract for Legal Services with Harrigan Leyh Farmer & Thomsen LLP.

### **Background**

The original agreement for legal services with Harrigan Leyh Farmer & Thomsen was executed on April 14, 2021 for a not-to-exceed amount of \$50,000.

Amendment No 2 was approved by Motion 21-196<sup>1</sup> on June 16, 2021 and increased the not-to-exceed amount to \$200,000.

The outside counsel is representing Snohomish County in the civil lawsuit, Civil Survival Project, et al. v. State of Washington et al.

### **Current Proposal**

*Scope:* Motion 21-382 approves Amendment No. 2 to the 2021 contract for legal services with Harrigan Leyh Farmer & Thomsen, LLP.

*Duration:* Unknown

*Fiscal Implications:* Not to exceed \$400,000

**2021 Budget:** YES

**Future Budget Impacts:** Unknown and dependent on ongoing litigation costs

**Handling:** NORMAL.

**Approved-as-to-form:** YES.

**Risk Management:** APPROVE.

**Executive Recommendation:** APPROVE.

**Analysis:** SCC 3.04.140(5) allows for the Prosecuting Attorney to approve \$50,000 in litigation contracts. As the not to exceed amount is increasing, it requires council approval.

**Attachments:** NONE

**Amendments:** NONE

**Request:** Assign to COW and place on the COW agenda at GLS on October 13, 2021 for the Council to consider taking action.

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<sup>1</sup> [Agenda \(legistar.com\)](https://legistar.com)