



# Snohomish County Council

## Legislation Details (With Text)

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**Title:** Motion 22-538, authorizing the County Executive to execute a Mutual Termination of Contract For Legal Services Agreement with Cozen O'Connor and to execute a new contract for legal services with Stokes Lawrence, P.S.

**Sponsors:** Airport, Nickolis Landgraff

**Indexes:**

**Code sections:** 2.20 (5) - Powers, To employ legal counsel as allowed by the laws of the state of Washington., 3.04.140 (8) - Award, execution, by whom

**Attachments:** 1. Motion 22-538, 2. Staff Report, 3. Contract for Legal Services (Stokes Lawrence, P.S.) - SIGNED, 4. Contract Termination (Cozen O'Conner) - SIGNED, 5. Executed Contract (Cozen O'Conner), 6. Certificate of Insurance, 7. Motion Assignment Slip

Date	Ver.	Action By	Action	Result
12/14/2022	1	General Legislative Session	Approved	Pass
12/13/2022	1	Administrative Session	Assigned	
12/13/2022	1	Finance and Economic Development Committee	Moved to the GLS Consent Agenda	

### Executive/Council Action Form (ECAF)

**ITEM TITLE:**

Motion 22-538, authorizing the County Executive to execute a Mutual Termination of Contract For Legal Services Agreement with Cozen O'Connor and to execute a new contract for legal services with Stokes Lawrence, P.S.

**DEPARTMENT:** Airport

**ORIGINATOR:** Nickolis A. Landgraff

**EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION:** Neepaporn Bounjaktha (12/6/22)

**PURPOSE:** Approval of mutual termination of legal professional services agreement with Cozen O'Connor and new legal professional services agreement with Stokes Lawrence, P.S. to represent the County for runway recovery.

**BACKGROUND:** .

- By Motion No. 19-211, the Snohomish County Council approved and authorized the County Executive to sign a Contract for Legal Services between Snohomish County and Cozen O'Connor for recovery of damages claims at the Snohomish County Airport.
- The primary attorney representing the County at Cozen O'Connor has changed law firms and requests the existing contract be transferred to his new law firm, Stokes Lawrence, P.S.

- The current law firm Cozen O'Connor agrees to the transfer of the matter to Stokes Lawrence, P.S. and to the mutual termination of its current contract with the County.
- It is in the best interests of the County to mutually terminate the existing Contract for Legal Services with Cozen O'Connor and enter a new Contract for Legal Services with Stokes Lawrence, P.S. to continue with the same attorney representation and upon the same terms as the contract with Cozen O'Connor.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:**

EXPEND: FUND, AGY, ORG, ACTY, OBJ, AU	CURRENT YR	2ND YR	1ST 6 YRS
410.521680.4101 - Professional Services	\$80,000		\$80,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$80,000		\$80,000

REVENUE: FUND, AGY, ORG, REV, SOURCE	CURRENT YR	2ND YR	1ST 6 YRS
410.321680.0800 - Fund Balance	\$80,000		\$80,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$80,000		\$80,000

**DEPARTMENT FISCAL IMPACT NOTES:** The Airport has sufficient funding planned in its 2023 budget.

**CONTRACT INFORMATION:**

ORIGINAL	X	CONTRACT#	Stokes Lawrence, P.S.	AMOUNT	NTE \$80,000
AMENDMENT		CONTRACT#		AMOUNT	

**Contract Period**

ORIGINAL	START	Effective	END	Indefinite
AMENDMENT	START		END	

**OTHER DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW/COMMENTS:** Reviewed/approved by: Risk Management (Sheila Barker 12/6/22) and Finance (Nathan Kennedy 12/6/22)