



# Snohomish County Council

## Legislation Details (With Text)

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**Title:** Motion 23-175, approving the 4th amendment to the initial 2020 contract for legal services with Keating, Bucklin & McCormack regarding the Aradon Matter

**Sponsors:**

**Indexes:**

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**Attachments:** 1. Motion 23-175, 2. Staff Report, 3. 4th Amended Contract - SIGNED, 4. Motion Assignment Slip

Date	Ver.	Action By	Action	Result
5/17/2023	1	General Legislative Session	Approved	Pass
5/9/2023	1	Community Safety and Justice Committee	Moved to the GLS Consent Agenda	
4/25/2023	1	Administrative Session	Assigned	

### Executive/Council Action Form (ECAF)

**ITEM TITLE:**

Motion 23-175, approving the 4<sup>th</sup> amendment to the initial 2020 contract for legal services with Keating, Bucklin & McCormack regarding the Aradon Matter

**DEPARTMENT:** PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

**ORIGINATOR:** ELLEN HAGEY

**EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION:** Ken Klein 4/19/23

**PURPOSE:** To obtain Council approval of a 4<sup>th</sup> amendment to a Contract for Legal Services with Shannon M. Ragonesi of the law firm Keating, Bucklin & McCormack (KBM) regarding the Aradon matter (C20-064).

**BACKGROUND:** The Prosecuting Attorney’s Office (PAO) entered into a contract with KBM on August 25, 2020, to provide legal services for up to \$50,000, related to the Aradon matter. Subsequently, the Council approved the first amendment on April 5, 2021, that authorized legal services provided by KBM for up to \$150,000. The Council approved a second amendment on April 20, 2022, that authorized legal services provided by KBM for up to \$250,000. The Council approved a third amendment on March 22, 2023, that authorized legal services provided by KBM for up to \$300,000. Litigation of and resolution to the Aradon matter are taking longer than initially anticipated. Accordingly, the fourth amendment with KBM authorizes legal services for up to \$400,000.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:**

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EXPEND: FUND, AGY, ORG, ACTY, OBJ, AU	CURRENT YR	2ND YR	1ST 6 YRS
506-5124714609 Insurance Defense Fund	\$100,000.00		
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$100,000.00		

REVENUE: FUND, AGY, ORG, REV, SOURCE	CURRENT YR	2ND YR	1ST 6 YRS
<b>TOTAL</b>			

**DEPARTMENT FISCAL IMPACT NOTES:** There are no fiscal impacts to the PAO’s 2023 authorized budget, as these litigation expenses are drawn from the County’s Insurance Defense Fund.

**CONTRACT INFORMATION:**

ORIGINAL	CONTRACT#	Original	AMOUNT	\$50,000.00
AMENDMENT 1	CONTRACT#	1 <sup>st</sup> Amended Contract	AMOUNT	\$150,000.00
AMENDMENT 2	CONTRACT#	2 <sup>nd</sup> Amended Contract	AMOUNT	\$250,000.00
AMENDMENT 3	CONTRACT#	3 <sup>rd</sup> Amended Contract	AMOUNT	\$300,000.00
AMENDMENT 4	CONTRACT#	4 <sup>th</sup> Amended Contract	AMOUNT	\$400,000.00

**Contract Period**

ORIGINAL	START	8/25/2020	END	4/4/2021
AMENDMENT 1	START	4/5/2021	END	4/19/2022
AMENDMENT 2	START	4/20/2022	END	3/21/2023
AMENDMENT 3	START	3/22/2023	END	When 4 <sup>th</sup> amend. approved
AMENDMENT 4	START	When Council approves	END	TBD

**OTHER DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW/COMMENTS:** Reviewed/approved by: Risk Management (Diane Baer 4/19/23), Finance (Nathan Kennedy 4/19/23), and Prosecuting Attorney (Jason Cummings 4/17/23).