AGREEMENT WITH OUTSIDE COUNSEL

THIS AGREEMENT ("this Agreement") is between the State of Indiana acting by and through the Office of the Indiana Attorney General (hereinafter the "State") and Tracy Richardson (hereinafter "Counsel").

WHEREAS, the State desires to engage Counsel to serve as an administrative law judge (ALJ) and provide other legal services as requested (the "Legal Services"), and Counsel represents that she is qualified to provide the Legal Services.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and the mutual promises and covenants set forth below, it is agreed by and between the State and Counsel as follows:

1. Duties of Counsel. Counsel shall perform the Legal Services as requested by the State. Pursuant to IC 4-6-5-3, the Indiana Attorney General hereby appoints, employs and hires Counsel to provide the Legal Services. Counsel shall execute her responsibilities by following and applying the highest professional standards. If the State becomes dissatisfied with the work product or the working relationship with any individual assigned to work on this Agreement, the State may request in writing the replacement of any or all such individuals, and Counsel shall grant such request.

2. Consideration. Counsel shall be paid at the hourly rate set forth in the corresponding Memorandum of Understanding between the Office of the Attorney General and the state agency requesting ALJ services (between $44 and $57 dollars an hour). If Counsel is providing other legal services requested by the State, Counsel and the State shall determine an appropriate hourly rate for such services. Counsel shall be reimbursed for ordinary expenses (i.e. long distance phone calls, copying, fax, postage) any other expenses must be pre-approved by the State. The maximum amount payable under this Agreement shall not exceed ten thousand dollars ($10,000). Counsel shall submit monthly invoices to the State showing with particularity the date and description of the Legal Services rendered, billable in quarter hour increments. All payments shall be made in arrears in accordance with Indiana law and state fiscal policies and procedures. In accordance with IC 4-13-2-20, the parties acknowledge that no retainer fee has been paid in connection with this Agreement.

3. Term. This Agreement is for a period of six (6) months beginning on September 21, 2005 and ending on March 20, 2006. It may be renewed or extended only by written agreement.

4. Access to Files and Records. The State shall have full, immediate, and unrestricted access to the work product of the Counsel during the term of this Agreement. Upon termination or expiration of this Agreement, Counsel shall, without further request and at no cost to the State, turn over to the State all files relating to the work performed under this Agreement. Counsel acknowledges that she may be required to submit to an audit of funds paid pursuant to this Agreement, and shall maintain at her offices all books, accounting records, and other evidence pertaining to costs incurred and invoiced under this Agreement. Such materials shall be available during the term of this Agreement and for three (3) years from the date of termination or expiration,

for inspection by the State or its authorized designee. Copies thereof shall be furnished at no cost to the State if requested.

5. Assignment. Counsel shall not assign any part of the Legal Services to be performed under this Agreement to a third party without the State's prior written consent. Counsel may assign her right to receive payments to such third parties as she may desire without the prior written consent of the State, provided that Counsel gives written notice (including evidence of such assignment) to the State thirty (30) days in advance of any payment so assigned. The assignment shall cover all unpaid amounts under this Agreement and shall not be made to more than one party.

6. Changes in Work. Counsel shall not change scope of the Legal Services to be performed pursuant to this Agreement or undertake additional work on behalf of the State unless authorized in writing by the State. No claim for additional compensation shall be made in the absence of a prior written agreement.

7. Compliance with Laws and Licensing Requirements.

A. Counsel and her partners and employees shall comply with all applicable registration and licensing requirements, rules, standards and codes of conduct governing the practice of law and the transaction of business in Indiana. Counsel shall immediately notify the State if any disciplinary actions are brought against her or any of her attorneys. Counsel certifies, by entering into this Agreement, that neither she nor any of her partners, associates or any other attorney associated with Counsel is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from entering into this Agreement by any federal agency or by any department, agency or political subdivision of the State of Indiana.

B. As required by IC 5-22-3-7:

(1) the Contractor and any principals of the Contractor certify that
- (A) the Contractor, except for de minimis and nonsystematic violations, has not violated the terms of
  - (i) IC 24-4.7 [Telephone Solicitation Of Consumers],
  - (ii) IC 24-5-12 [Telephone Solicitations] , or
  - (iii) IC 24-5-14 [Regulation of Automatic Dialing Machines] in the previous three hundred sixty-five (365) days, even if IC 24-4.7 is preempted by federal law; and
- (B) the Contractor will not violate the terms of IC 24-4.7 for the duration of the Contract, even if IC 24-4.7 is preempted by federal law.

(2) The Contractor and any principals of the Contractor certify that an affiliate or principal of the Contractor and any agent acting on behalf of the Contractor or on behalf of an affiliate or principal of the Contractor:
- (A) except for de minimis and nonsystematic violations, has not violated the terms of IC 24-4.7 in the previous three hundred sixty-five (365) days, even if IC 24-4.7 is preempted by federal law; and

(B) will not violate the terms of IC 24-4.7 for the duration of the Contract, even if IC 24-4.7 is preempted by federal law.

8. Conflict of Interest.

A. Counsel represents and warrants that, after due and diligent inquiry, she is satisfied that she has no Conflict of Interest (as that term is defined in the *Indiana Rules of Professional Conduct*) that will preclude her from providing the Legal Services.

B. Counsel represents and warrants that she has reviewed and is familiar with the statutes and regulations relating to the ethical conduct of state employees. Counsel certifies that, after due inquiry, no partner or any spouse or unemancipated child of any partner (collectively, an "Interested Party"), is an employee of the State of Indiana. If an Interested Party is an employee of the State of Indiana, Counsel shall provide the State with an opinion by the State Ethics Commission indicating that the existence of this Agreement and the employment by the State of Indiana of the Interested Party does not violate any statute or regulation relating to the ethical conduct of state employees.

9. Continuity of Services. Counsel recognizes that the Legal Services provided under this Agreement are vital to the State and must be continued without interruption and that, upon expiration or termination of this Agreement, a successor, either the State or another Counsel, may continue them. Counsel shall use her best efforts and cooperation to effect an orderly and efficient transition to a successor, and shall be reimbursed for all reasonable transition costs.

10. Disputes.

A. Counsel agrees that, the existence of a dispute notwithstanding, she will continue without delay to carry out all her responsibilities under this Agreement that are not affected by the dispute. Should Counsel fail to continue to perform her responsibilities as regards all non-disputed work, any additional costs incurred by the State or Counsel as a result of such failure shall be borne by Counsel, and Counsel shall make no claim against the State for such costs.

B. The parties agree to resolve disputes through submission of their dispute to the Commissioner of the Indiana Department of Administration. The Commissioner shall reduce a decision to writing and mail or otherwise furnish a copy thereof to Counsel and the Office of the Attorney General within ten (10) working days after presentation of such dispute for action. The Commissioner's decision shall be final and conclusive unless either party mails or otherwise furnishes to the Commissioner, within ten (10) working days after receipt of the Commissioner's decision, a written appeal. Within ten (10) working days of receipt by the Commissioner of a written request for appeal, the decision may be reconsidered. If no reconsideration is provided within ten (10) working days, the parties may mutually agree to submit the dispute to arbitration for a determination, or otherwise the dispute shall be submitted to an Indiana court of competent jurisdiction.

C. The State may withhold payments on disputed items pending resolution of the dispute. The unintentional nonpayment by the State of one or more invoices not in dispute in accordance with the terms of this Agreement will not be cause for Counsel to terminate this Agreement, and

Counsel may bring suit to collect these amounts without following the disputes procedure contained herein.

11. Drug-Free Workplace. As required by Governor's Executive Order No. 90-5 dated April 12, 1990, Counsel certifies and agrees that she will provide a drug-free workplace by:

A. Publishing and providing to all of her employees a statement notifying her employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in Counsel's workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violations of such prohibition; and

B. Establishing a drug-free awareness program to inform her employees of (1) the dangers of drug abuse in the workplace; (2) Counsel's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace; (3) any available drug consulting, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs; and (4) the penalties that may be imposed upon an employee for drug abuse violations occurring in the workplace; and

C. Notifying all employees in the statement required by subparagraph (A), above, that as a condition of continued employment the employee will (1) abide by the terms of the statement; and (2) notify Counsel of any criminal drug statute conviction for a violation occurring in the workplace no later than five (5) days after such conviction; and

D. Notifying in writing the State within ten (10) days after receiving notice from an employee under subdivision (C)(2) above, or otherwise receiving actual notice of such conviction; and

E. Within thirty (30) days after receiving notice under subdivision (C)(2) above of a conviction, imposing the following sanctions or remedial measures on any employee who is convicted of drug abuse violations occurring in the workplace: (1) take appropriate personnel action against the employee, up to and including termination; or (2) require such employee to satisfactorily participate in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program approved for such purposes by a federal, state or local health, law enforcement, or other appropriate agency; and

F. Making a good faith effort to maintain a drug-free workplace through the implementation of subparagraphs (A) through (E) above.

12. Ethics. Counsel shall abide by all ethical requirements that apply to persons who have a business relationship with an agency, as set forth in Indiana Code § 4-2-6 et seq., the regulations promulgated thereunder, and Executive Order 04-08, dated April 27, 2004. If Counsel is not familiar with these ethical requirements, she should refer any questions to the Indiana State Ethics Commission, or visit the Indiana State Ethics Commission website at <<<http://www.in.gov/ethics/>>>. If Counsel or her agents violate any applicable ethical standards, the State may, in its sole discretion, terminate this contract immediately upon notice to Counsel. In addition, Counsel may be subject to penalties under Indiana Code § 4-2-6-12."

13. Funding Cancellation. When the director of the State Budget Agency makes a written determination that funds are not appropriated or otherwise available to support continuation of performance of this Agreement, it shall be canceled. A determination by the Budget Director that funds are not appropriated or otherwise available to support continuation of performance shall be final and conclusive.

14. Governing Laws. This Agreement shall be construed in accordance with, and governed by the laws of the State of Indiana and suit, if any, must be brought in the State of Indiana.

15. Indemnification. Counsel agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the State of Indiana and its agents, officials, and employees from all claims and suits, including court costs, attorney's fees, and other expenses caused by any act or omission of Counsel.

16. Independent Contractor. Counsel and the State are acting in their individual capacities and not as employees, partners, joint ventures or associates of one another. The employees or agents of one party shall not be deemed or construed to be the employees or agents of the other party for any purposes whatsoever. Neither party will assume any liability for any injury to any persons, or damage to any property, arising out of the acts or omissions of the agents, employees of the other party. Counsel shall be responsible for providing all necessary unemployment and worker's compensation insurance for her employees.

17. Nondiscrimination. As required by IC 22-9-1-10 and the federal Civil Rights Act of 1964, Counsel shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment in the performance of this Agreement with respect to the hire, tenure, terms, conditions or privileges of employment or in any matter directly or indirectly related to employment, because of race, color, religion, sex, disability, national origin or ancestry. Acceptance of this Agreement signifies compliance with applicable federal laws, regulations, and executive orders prohibiting discrimination in the provision of services based on race, color, national origin, age, sex, disability or status as a veteran.

18. Notice to Parties. Whenever any notice, statement or other communication is required under this Agreement, it shall be sent to the following addresses by U.S. first class mail, postage prepaid.

A. Notice to the State shall be sent to:
Gregory F. Zoeller
Office of the Attorney General
302 W. Washington St., ICGS 5th Fl.
Indianapolis, IN 46204

B. Notice to Counsel shall be sent to:
Tracy Richardson
3228 North Washington Blvd.
Indianapolis, IN 46205

19. Payments. All payments shall be made in arrears in conformance with State fiscal policies and procedures and, as required by IC 4-13-2-14.8, by electronic funds transfer to the financial institution designated by the Contractor in writing unless a specific waiver has been obtained from the Auditor of State. No payments will be made in advance of receipt of the goods or services that are the subject of this Contract except as permitted by IC 4-13-2-20.

20. Penalties/Interest/Attorney's Fees. The State will in good faith perform its required obligations hereunder and does not agree to pay any penalties, liquidated damages, finance charges, interest, or attorney's fees, except as required by Indiana law, in part, IC 5-17-5-1 *et seq.*, IC 34-54-8-5, and IC 34-13-1-6.

21. Severability. The invalidity of any section, subsection, clause or provision of this Agreement shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections, subsections, clauses or provisions.

22. Taxes. The State of Indiana is exempt from state, federal and local taxes. The State will not be responsible for any taxes levied on Counsel as a result of this Agreement.

23. Termination. This Agreement may be terminated, in whole or in part, by the State whenever, for any reason, the State determines that such termination is in the best interest of the State. Termination of services shall be affected by delivery to Counsel of a Termination Notice at least fifteen (15) business days prior to the termination effective date, specifying the extent to which performance of services under such termination becomes effective. The State will not be liable for legal services performed after effective date of termination. Counsel may terminate this Agreement as provided by Rule 1.16, *Indiana Rules of Professional Conduct.*

24. Travel. Expenditures made by Counsel for travel will be reimbursed by the State at the current rate paid by the State and in accordance with the State Travel Policies and Procedures as specified in the current Financial Management Circular.

25. Waiver of Rights. No right conferred on either party under this Agreement shall be deemed waived and no breach of this Agreement excused, unless such waiver or excuse shall be in writing and signed by the party claimed to have waived such right.

26. Binding Authority; Non-Collusion and Acceptance. The undersigned attests, subject to the penalties for perjury, she has been duly authorized to execute this Agreement on behalf of the entity designated below, and that she has not, nor has any other partner, associate, member, employee, representative, agent, or officer of the entity designated below, directly or indirectly, to the best of her knowledge, entered into or offered to enter into any combination, collusion, or agreement to receive or pay, and that she has not received or paid, any sum of money or other consideration for the execution of this Agreement, other than that which appears upon the face of this Agreement.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Counsel and the State by their duly authorized representatives have executed this Agreement as of the dates set forth below.

Tracy Richardson

By: _____

Atty #: 19838-49-A

Date: 09/21/05

Indiana Office of the Attorney General

By: _____ (for)
Stephen Carter, Attorney General

Date: 9/21/05

Indiana Department of Administration

By: _____ (for)
Earl Goode, Commissioner

Date: 9-26-05

Budget Agency

By: _____ (for)
Charles Schalliol, Director

Date: 9/27/2005

Form and Legality:
Indiana Office of the Attorney General

By: _____ (for)
Stephen Carter, Attorney General

Date: 9/29/05