



amount, and arranges for the appointment of private counsel when necessary. This is not an exhaustive list but is representative of the duties that are required of the Chief Alternate Defender. The duties are required to be carried out separately and distinctly from the Public Defender's Office (PDO), as stated in *Castro v. Los Angeles Board of Supervisors* (1991), 232 Cal. App. 1432.

The Public Defender recommends that the Board approve a Professional Services Agreement with the Law Offices of Lawrence & Peck to provide oversight and supervision of the ADO, i.e., to serve as the Chief Alternate Defender. Lawrence & Peck were chosen for this agreement based on significant prior managerial, trial and litigation experience within the Public Defender and Alternate Defender Offices.

The Public Defender recommends approval of non-standard professional liability insurance and determines that the contractor's coverage meets the county's requirements that are sufficient for the purposes of providing the services agreed upon.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

County Counsel has reviewed the Professional Service Agreement and cannot approve the following non-standard provisions: mutual termination provisions and non-standard payment provisions in a flat amount, as opposed to itemized invoices.

FINANCING:

Funding for this agreement is included in the FY 2021-22 Recommended Budget. Fund 001- Public Defender PUB001-2270-Budget Unit 8168-Court Assigned Counsel. Approval of the recommended actions will have no additional impact on the County General Fund.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS STRATEGIC INITIATIVES:

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** The Alternate Defender strives to protect the constitutional rights of the indigent by providing them quality representation in a society free and safe from unlawful State interference, by vigorously defending individual rights where the Public Defender has a conflict of interest. Acceptance of the recommendations ensures the continuation of criminal defense services to the indigent.

X Public Safety

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Attachments:

Professional Service Agreement with the Law Offices of Lawrence & Peck