

**GLOUCESTER, CUMBERLAND, SALEM SCHOOL DISTRICTS  
JOINT INSURANCE FUND**

**Resolution No. 2015-07**

**Appointing Defense Attorneys**

**Whereas**, the Gloucester, Cumberland, Salem School Districts Joint Insurance Fund has been organized pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 18A-18B-1 et seq.; and

**Whereas**, the Board of Trustees of the Gloucester, Cumberland, Salem School Districts Joint Insurance Fund finds that it is necessary and appropriate to designate Approved Defense Attorneys so that the claims filed against the member Boards of Education and for which the Gloucester, Cumberland, Salem School Districts Joint Insurance Fund is obligated to provide a defense may be properly defended; and

**Now, Therefore Be It Resolved**, by the Board of Trustees of the Gloucester, Cumberland, Salem School Districts Joint Insurance Fund, assembled in a public session on **May 21, 2015**, that the following law firms and attorneys be and hereby are designated as approved defense attorneys for the Gloucester, Cumberland, Salem School Districts Joint Insurance Fund in the areas specified:

**Workers' Compensation Claims:**

Capehart & Scatchard  
Neil Stackhouse, Esquire  
Pietras, Saracino, Smith & Meeks  
Affanato, Marut, LLC

**General Liability and Automobile Liability Claims:**

Powell, Birchmeier & Powell  
Capehart & Scatchard  
Marshall, Dennehy, Warner, Coleman & Goggin  
McDowell Posternock P.C.  
Madden & Madden  
William Donio, Esquire of Cooper Levenson  
Thomas G. Smith, Esquire

**Educator's Legal Liability Claims:**

Madden & Madden  
Youngblood, Franklin, Sampoli & Coombs  
Capehart & Scatchard  
with Betsy Ramos as the responsible attorney  
Marshall, Dennehy, Warner, Coleman & Goggin  
with Richard L. Goldstein, Esquire as the responsible attorney  
William Donio, Esquire of Cooper Levenson  
Thomas G. Smith, Esquire  
Richardson, Galella & Austermuhl  
With Linda Galella, Esquire as the responsible attorney

**Friendly Hearings:**

Capehart & Scatchard

**Conflict Resolution:**

David DeWeese, Esquire

**Be It Further Resolved**, that assignment of specific claims for defense shall be made by the Attorney (Solicitor) for the Gloucester, Cumberland, Salem School Districts Joint Insurance Fund who shall supervise and coordinate the defense of matters in cooperation with the Claims Administrator and in

accordance with the Litigation Management Policy and other policies determined by the Gloucester, Cumberland, Salem School Districts Joint Insurance Fund; and

**Be It Further Resolved**, that compensation for the services shall be in accordance with the amounts budgeted for the specific services and that the Fund will compensate attorneys at an hourly rate not to exceed \$135.00, paralegals at an hourly rate not to exceed \$65.00, attorneys attending workers' compensation court appearances at an hourly rate not to exceed \$135.00, and reasonable out of pocket expenses as approved by the Fund Attorney and Claim Administrator. Such amounts on these classes of claims shall conform with the Litigation Management Policy and other policies determined by the Gloucester, Cumberland, Salem School Districts Joint Insurance Fund; and

**Be It Further Resolved**, that the compensation for the handling of friendly hearings shall be a flat fee of \$650.00, plus court and necessary administrative costs; and

**Be It Further Resolved**, that copies of this Resolution shall be provided to the Administrator/Executive Director, Solicitor and Claims Service Company of the Gloucester, Cumberland, Salem School Districts Joint Insurance Fund and those herein appointed for their information and attention.

The foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Gloucester, Cumberland, Salem School Districts Joint Insurance Fund at a public meeting held on [May 21, 2015](#).

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Secretary