



TOWN OF FAIRFAX

STAFF REPORT

April 1, 2015

TO: Mayor and Town Council

FROM: Garrett Toy, Town Manager *GT*

SUBJECT: Approval of contract with Best, Best, and Krieger for Town Attorney services to retain the services of Janet Coleson, the current Town Attorney

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the Town Manager to do everything necessary and appropriate to execute an agreement with Best, Best, and Krieger for Town Attorney services, and to terminate the current agreement with Richards, Watson, and Gershon.

DISCUSSION

Janet Coleson, with Richards, Watson, and Gershon (RWG), has been the Town Attorney for approximately two years. However, Ms. Coleson has indicated that she plans to join another firm in April 2015. The Town Council recently conducted her performance evaluation and indicated they were very satisfied with her services. Staff concurs with the Council's evaluation and recommends retaining Ms. Coleson. Ms. Coleson has indicated the transition will be seamless and that her billing rates will remain the same. The current billing rate is \$190/hour for general town attorney services and \$225/hour for litigation services, which are very reasonable for such services.

FISCAL IMPACT

None, as the billing rate remains the same.

ATTACHMENT

Draft agreement

Note: Town Attorney Agreement will distributed as a supplemental item prior to the meeting.