

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NORTH BRUNSWICK
AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT
TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT
FOR TAX APPEAL COUNSEL**

WHEREAS, on January 2, 2025 the Township Council of the Township of North Brunswick approved Resolution 3-1.25 which authorized the Mayor to execute and the Township Clerk to witness an agreement with Shain Schaffer PC to serve as Tax Appeal Counsel, with an authorization not-to-exceed \$60,000.00 for calendar year 2025, in accordance with RFP PRO25012; and

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2025, the Township received notification of a transfer of ownership and reacquisition by Rainone Coughlin Minchello effective February 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS, as part of the transfer, Shain Schaffer PC desires and hereby requests to assign all of its rights and obligations under the current agreement to Rainone Coughlin Minchello (555 US-1, Iselin, NJ 08830); and

WHEREAS, in addition, Rainone Coughlin Minchello has completed and submitted a C.271 Political Contribution Disclosure Form pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.26 et seq.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 28th day of February 2025 that the Township Council of the Township of North Brunswick does hereby authorize the Mayor to execute and the Township Clerk to witness an amendment to the agreement with Rainone Coughlin Minchello authorizing the assignment of all rights and obligations under the current agreement to be assumed by Rainone Coughlin Minchello to serve as Tax Appeal Counsel with an authorization not-to-exceed \$60,000.00 for calendar year 2025.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED notice of this action shall be published in the Home News & Tribune as required by law within 10 (ten) days after its passage.

Cavel Gallimore
Chief Financial Officer

Justine Progebin
Business Administrator

Ronald Gordon, Esq.
Township Attorney
Approved as to legal form

RECORDED VOTE:

COUNCIL MEMBER	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	NOTES
CHEIDID				
HUTCHINSON				
MEHTA				
DAVIS				
SOCIO				
GUADAGNINO				
MAYOR WOMACK				

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was duly adopted by the Township Council of the Township of North Brunswick, County of Middlesex, at its meeting held on February 18, 2025.

 Lisa Russo
 Township Clerk



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January 30, 2025

VIA E-MAIL ONLY – mayorwomack@northbrunswicknj.gov

The Honorable Francis Womack, III, Mayor
Township of North Brunswick
710 Hermann Road
North Brunswick, New Jersey 08902

Dear Mayor Womack:

We are pleased to announce some exciting changes coming to Shain Schaffer in 2025. The Firm is being acquired by Rainone Coughlin Minchello, effective February 1, 2025. Marguerite M. Schaffer will become Of Counsel to Rainone Coughlin Minchello. At the same time, Ms. Schaffer and Joel L. Shain will join Murphy Orlando as Of Counsel.

Shain Schaffer PC has a proud history of representing municipal entities, financial institutions, corporations and private individuals since 1978. We have decided that it is time to expand our services and join firms with larger platforms.

With the help of this expansion, we will be able to provide you with many new services and areas of expertise. Rainone Coughlin Minchello's main office is located at 555 US-1, Iselin, New Jersey 08830, but our office in Bernardsville will remain as a satellite office. You may find out more information on the acquiring firm at their website: <https://njrcmlaw.com>.

Assuming you wish to continue your association with the Shain Schaffer attorneys, we also want to point out that your point of contact in our organization will not change as a result. All of our staff are being retained in their current roles, and we will continue to provide you with the same services and high-quality customer service we currently offer. There will be no change to the fees and costs currently associated with your retainer agreement.

Rainone Coughlin Minchello and the Shain Schaffer employees will maintain an office at 150 Morristown Road, Suite 105, Bernardsville, NJ and be reachable at (908) 953-9300, (732) 709-4182, and (908) 432-0090 (Marguerite Schaffer cell). Murphy Orlando's main office is located at 494 Broad Street, 5th Floor, Newark, New Jersey 07102 (tel. (201) 451-5000). You may find out more information on Murphy Orlando at their website: <https://murphyorlando.com>.

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We deeply appreciate your continued partnership and support and are thrilled to continue doing business with you.

Please countersign this letter to indicate your receipt of this correspondence and willingness to remain with the newly structured firm.

If you are willing to do so, please ask the Clerk to put the enclosed resolution on the next agenda.

Very truly yours,

SHAIN SCHAFFER PC

/s/ Marguerite M. Schaffer

Marguerite M. Schaffer

cc: Justine Progebin, Business Administrator
(via e-mail only: TWPNBadministration@northbrunswicknj.gov)
Lisa Russo, RMC, CMR, Municipal Clerk
(via e-mail only: TWPNBclerk@northbrunswicknj.gov)

I HAVE READ THE ABOVE CORRESPONDENCE AND AGREE TO REMAIN WITH THE NEWLY STRUCTURED FIRM.

TOWNSHIP OF NORTH BRUNSWICK

Name:
Date: