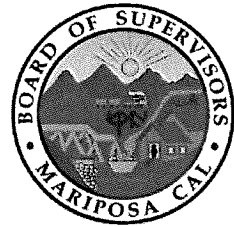




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## **RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2015-219**

MEETING: May 12, 2015

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Doug Binnewies, Sheriff-Coroner-Public Administrator

RE: Professional Service Agreement with Starchman and Bryant Attorneys at Law

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### **RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:**

Approve a Legal Services Agreement Authorizing the Mariposa County Public Administrator to Retain Starchman and Bryant Attorneys at Law to Proceed with the Administrating of Estates, and Authorize the Board of Supervisors Chair to Sign the Legal Services Agreement. The Mariposa County Public Administrator investigates and may administer the estates of Mariposa County residents who die with no next of kin, with no appropriate person willing or able to act as administrator and/or when appointed by the court because of an extraordinary situation.

It is common and necessary for the Public Administrator to attain attorney services in order to proceed with the administrating of the estate. The Legal Services Agreement is being pursued to expedite the process of individual cases. There is no impact to the General Fund as all fees associated with this agreement are the responsibility of the estate.

### **BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:**

Similar Professional Services Agreement have been supported.

### **ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:**

Not support the Professional Services Agreement which would cause the Public Administrator to pursue specific and individual agreements per case when opened. This could cause delay and potential asset devaluation of the estate.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

**All Fees are defined in the Agreement and attached Probate Code. No Impact to General Fund as all fees are the responsibility of the estate.**

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

**Probate Code Attachment (PDF)**

**Professional Service Agreement Public Administrator (DOC)**

### **CAO RECOMMENDATION**

Requested Action Recommended

*Mary Hodson*

Mary Hodson, CAO

5/7/2015

**RESULT: ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]**

**MOVER:** Marshall Long, District III Supervisor

**SECONDER:** John Carrier, District V Supervisor

**AYES:** Rosemarie Smallcombe, Merlin Jones, Marshall Long, John Carrier

**EXCUSED:** Kevin Cann