

RESOLUTION OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
(Approving the FY 2024 Attorney Contract between the Tohono O'odham Nation and
Clark Law Firm, P.C.)

RESOLUTION NO. 24-055

1 **WHEREAS, the Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation vests the Legislative Council with**
2 **the power to "consult, negotiate and conclude agreements and contracts on behalf**
3 **of the Tohono O'odham Nation with ... private persons or organizations on all**
4 **matters within the authority of the Tohono O'odham Council" (Constitution of the**
5 **Tohono O'odham Nation, Article VI, Section 1(f)); and**

6 **WHEREAS, the Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation vests the Legislative Council with**
7 **the power "to employ legal counsel for the protection and advancement of the**
8 **rights of the Tohono O'odham Nation... "(Constitution of the Tohono O'odham**
9 **Nation, Article VI, Section 2(a)); and**

10 **WHEREAS, it is advisable that the Human Resources Department has available independent**
11 **legal representation for employment issues in which the Office of Attorney General**
12 **is unable to provide legal advice due to conflicts of interest; and**

13 **WHEREAS, the Human Resources Department has determined that additional legal assistance**
14 **is required during the current fiscal year with regard to employment issues; and**

15 **WHEREAS, the Human Resources Department prepared and submitted for review an Attorney**
16 **Contract with Clark Law Firm, P.C., to provide legal representation to the Human**
17 **Resources Department, in substantially the form attached; and**

18 **WHEREAS, the Human Resources Development and Domestic Affairs Committees have**
19 **reviewed the Attorney Contract and recommend its approval.**

20 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council approves**
21 **the FY2024 Attorney Contract between the Tohono O'odham Nation and Clark**
22 **Law Firm, P.C., in the amount of \$10,000 for the period of October 1, 2023**
23 **through September 30, 2024.**

24 **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the funding for the Attorney Contract shall be provided from**
25 **the Human Resources Budget, and that the Chairman of the Nation is authorized**
26 **to execute the Attorney Contract in substantially the form attached.**

27 **The foregoing Resolution was passed by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council on the 13TH**
28 **day of FEBRUARY 2024 at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of 2,106.2**
29 **FOR; 1,157.1 AGAINST; -0- NOT VOTING; and [04] ABSENT, pursuant to the powers vested in**
30 **the Council by Article VI, Section 1(f) and 2(a) of the Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation,**
31 **adopted by the Tohono O'odham Nation on January 18, 1986; and approved by the Acting Deputy**
32 **Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs (Operations) on March 6, 1986, pursuant to Section 16 of**
33 **the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat.984).**
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Wavalene M. Saunders

Wavalene M. Saunders, Legislative Chairwoman

16 day of February, 2024

ATTEST:

Evonne Wilson

Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary

16 day of February, 2024

Said Resolution was submitted for approval to the office of the Chairman of the Tohono O'odham Nation on the 16 day of February, 2024 at 3:00 o'clock, p .m., pursuant to the provisions of Section 5 of Article VII of the Constitution and will become effective upon his approval or upon his failure to either approve or disapprove it within 48 hours of submittal.

TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Wavalene M. Saunders

Wavalene M. Saunders, Legislative Chairwoman

APPROVED

on the 20 day of February, 2024

DISAPPROVED

at 6:24 o'clock, p .m.

Verlon M. Jose

**VERLON M. JOSE, CHAIRMAN
TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION**

Returned to the Legislative Secretary on the 21 day of

February, 2024, at 12:11 o'clock, p .m.

Evonne Wilson

Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary

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ACTION: APPROVING THE FY 2024 ATTORNEY CONTRACT BETWEEN THE TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION AND CLARK LAW FIRM, P.C.

MOVED: COUNCILMAN LEANDER MASE

SECOND: COUNCILWOMAN JANICE FELIX

DATE: FEBRUARY 13, 2024

DISTRICT	LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVES	# OF VOTES	FOR	AGAINST	NOT VOTING	ABSENT
BABOQUIVARI 391.2	1. LEANDER MASE (Francine Schooling) 2. JESSE NAVARRO (Alberta J. Ray)	197.1 197.1	X X			
CHUKUT KUK 354.7	1. VIVIAN JUAN-SAUNDERS (Cornelius Antone) 2. MARLAKAY HENRY ()	177.35 177.35	X X			
GU ACHI 282.7	1. VICTORIA HOBBS (Tonya L. Joaquin) 2. TIMOTHY L. JOAQUIN (Jerome L. Joaquin)	141.35 141.35		X X		X
GU VO 276.0	1. DALLAS LEWIS () 2. LESLIE LUNA (Grace Manuel)	138.0 138.0	X X			
HICKIWAN 220.5	1. DELMA M. GARCIA () 2. LOUIS R. LOPEZ (Loretta A. Ortega)	110.25 110.25		X X		X
PISINEMO 236.2	1. EDWARD D. MANUEL (<i>Absent</i>) (Monica Morgan) (<i>Present</i>) 2. PAMELA J. BENAVIDEZ (Nora J. Ruelas)	118.1 118.1	X X			X
SAN LUCY 257.6	1. ROGER MANUEL (Christina Andrews) 2. GLORIA M. RAMIREZ (Lorraine M. Eiler)	128.8 128.8	X X			
SAN XAVIER 244.5	1. JANICE FELIX () 2. DANIEL L.A. PRESTON III ()	122.25 122.25	X X			
SCHUK TOAK 191.8	1. DELISA M. RAMON (Sharon A. Francisco) 2. THEORIA CAMPILLO (Rebecca Ann Valentine)	95.9 95.9	X	X		
SELLS 558.0	1. EVELYN JUAN-MANUEL (Arvada Liston) 2. JANET B. ELEANDO ()	279.0 279.0		X X		
SIF OIDAK 247.1	1. LUCINDA ALLEN (Francis Homewytewa) 2. WAVALENE M. SAUNDERS (Mary Lopez)	123.55 123.55	X X			X
TOTAL		3,263.30	2,106.2	1,157.1	-0-	[04]