

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
(Approving the FY 2025 Attorney Contract between the Tohono O'odham
Nation and Clark Law Firm, P.C.)**

RESOLUTION NO. 24-371

1 **WHEREAS, the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council is authorized to "consult, negotiate and**
2 **conclude agreements and contracts on behalf of the Tohono O'odham Nation**
3 **with ... private persons or organization on all matters within the authority of the**
4 **Tohono O'odham Council" (Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation, Article**
5 **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 **Tohono O'odham Nation..." (Constitution, of the Tohono O'odham Nation, Article**
9 **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**
12 **General is unable to provide legal advice due to conflicts of interest; and**

13 **WHEREAS, the Human Resources Department has determined that additional legal**
14 **assistance is required during the 2025 fiscal year with regard to employment**
15 **issues, and**

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

19 **WHEREAS, the Human Resources Development and Domestic Affairs Committees have**
20 **reviewed the FY 2025 Attorney Contract and recommend its approval.**

21 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council approves the**
22 **FY 2025 Attorney Contract between the Tohono O'odham Nation and Clark Law**
23 **Firm, P.C., in the amount of \$35,000.00 for the period of October 1, 2024, through**
24 **September 30, 2025.**

25 **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the funding for the Attorney Contract shall be provided from the**
26 **Human Resources Budget, and that the Chairman of the Nation is authorized to**
27 **execute the FY 2025 Attorney Contract in substantially the form attached.**

28 **The foregoing Resolution was passed by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council on the 12TH**
29 **day of NOVEMBER 2024 at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of 3,263.3 FOR;**
30 **-0- AGAINST; [01] NOT VOTING; and [01] ABSENT, pursuant to the powers vested in the Council by**
31 **Article VI, Section 1(f) 2(a) of the Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation, adopted by the**
32 **Tohono O'odham Nation on January 18, 1986; and approved by the Acting Deputy Assistant**
33 **Secretary - Indian Affairs (Operations) on March 6, 1986, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June**
34 **18, 1934 (48 Stat.984).**

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TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Wavalene M. Saunders
Wavalene M. Saunders, Legislative Chairwoman

19 day of November, 2024

ATTEST:

Evonne Wilson
Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary

18 day of November, 2024

Said Resolution was submitted for approval to the office of the Chairman of the Tohono O'odham Nation on the 19 day of November, 2024 at 12:55 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 November, 2024

DISAPPROVED

at 5:48 o'clock, P.m.

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VERLON M. JOSE, CHAIRMAN
TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION

Returned to the Legislative Secretary on the 21 day of November, 2024, at 11:49 o'clock, A.m.

Evonne Wilson
Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary

ACTION: APPROVING THE FY 2025 ATTORNEY CONTRACT BETWEEN THE TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION AND CLARK LAW FIRM, P.C.

Moved: COUNCILWOMAN JANICE FELIX

Second: VICE CHAIRWOMAN MARLAKAY HENRY

DATE: NOVEMBER 12, 2024

DISTRICT	LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVES	# OF VOTES	FOR	AGAINST	NOT VOTING	ABSENT
BABOQUIVARI 394.2	1. LEANDER MASE (<i>Absent</i>) (Francine Schooling) (<i>Present</i>) 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			
GUACHI 282.7	1. VICTORIA HOBBS (Tonya L. Joaquin) 2. JEROME F. JOAQUIN ()	141.35 141.35	X X			
GU VO 276.0	1. DALLAS LEWIS () 2. LESLIE LUNA ()	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			
PISINEMO 236.2	1. EDWARD D. MANUEL () 2. PAMELA J. BENAVIDEZ (Nora J. Ruelas)	118.1 118.1	X X			
SAN LUCY 257.6	1. ROGER MANUEL (Christina Andrews) 2. GLORIA M. RAMIREZ (<i>Absent</i>) (Lorraine M. Eiler) (<i>Present</i>)	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			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		X	
SIF OIDAK 247.1	1. FRANCIS HOMEWYTEWA () 2. WAVALENE M. SAUNDERS (Mary Lopez)	123.55 123.55	X X			
TOTAL		3,263.30	3,263.3	-0-	[01]	[01]