

CITY OF VINELAND

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024- 67**

**RESOLUTION RATIFYING AND CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF BETH WHITE, ESQ., VINELAND, NJ AS PART-TIME MUNICIPAL COURT PUBLIC DEFENDER FOR THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF THE CITY OF VINELAND AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CLERK TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT THEREFORE.**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Chapter 24, Section 24- 7 of the Code of the City of Vineland, the position of public defender, part time, is established and the appointment is made by the Mayor with the advice and consent of the City Council of the City of Vineland; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with NJSA 2B: 24 – 4, the position of public defender, part time, is a one year appointment, and said person so appointed shall continue to serve until reappointed or a successor is appointed and qualified; and

**WHEREAS**, by letter dated February 2, 2024, Mayor Anthony R. Fanucci appointed Beth White, Esq., as Public Defender, part time, and the City Council of the City of Vineland finds he meets all of the requirements to serve in the capacity of Public Defender, part time.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Vineland as follows:

1. The appointment of Beth White, Esq. as Public Defender part time, is hereby ratified and confirmed subject to any applicable pre-employment qualifications to commence upon taking the oath of office.
2. The salary for Beth White, Esq., shall be in accordance with Ordinance in the amount of \$47,500.00.
3. The Mayor and Clerk are authorized to execute a Professional Services Agreement to commence February 1, 2024 and for a period of one year or until reappointment or a successor is appointed and qualified. Said Agreement shall be in the form and substance approved by the Solicitor for the City of Vineland.

Adopted:

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President of Council

ATTEST:

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Deputy City Clerk



**ANTHONY R. FANUCCI**  
**MAYOR**

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February 1, 2024

To: Council President Dr. Arthur and Members of City Council  
Re: Appointment of Beth White, Esq. PT Public Defender

Dear Council President Dr. Arthur and Members of City Council,

Pursuant to City Code Section 24-7, I have reviewed the qualifications of the applicants for the position of Part time Public Defender for the Vineland Municipal Court and hereby appoint Ms. Beth White, Esq. to the position of Part time Municipal Court Public Defender for the Vineland Municipal Court for the period from February 1, 2024 through January 31, 2025, subject to your confirmation. I believe you have Ms. White's resume for review. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Anthony R. Fanucci  
Mayor, City of Vineland

Cc. K. Petrosky CMC  
S. Baldosaro, CFO  
R. D'Ippolito, Ct. Admin.

**INTRODUCTION**

The Law Offices of Beth White, LLC (the “Firm”) responds to the Request for Proposal issued by the City of Vineland and seeks to provide Municipal Public Defender legal services for the City during the term of appointment. The Firm, having been in existence for a three and one half years, has provided such services to the City of Bridgeton since January 2023 as Public Defender. Attorney Beth White has provided Municipal Public Defender services to the City of Bridgeton, City of Millville, and Cumberland Salem Regional Municipal Court since 2022 on a coverage basis as conflict public defender.

**CONTACT INFORMATION/RESPONSIBLE PARTY**

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**FIRM PROFILE**

The Law Offices of Beth White, LLC is a single attorney, general practice law firm concentrating in workers’ compensation, municipal court matters, estate planning, real estate transactions and civil litigation. Ms. White has been listed as a Rising Star in workers’ compensation by Super Lawyers from 2018 to 2021.

The Firm began operation in May of 2020, but Ms. White has been a licensed attorney since 2008, working in private practice in Cumberland County since 2011.

Ms. White is a graduate of Rowan University with a BA in Communications, and Widener University School of Law, Delaware. She was admitted to the New Jersey Bar in 2008, the U.S. District Court, District of New Jersey in 2011 and the Supreme Court of the United States of America in 2014. In law school she served as the editor-in-chief of the Widener Law Forum.

Following her clerkship with the Hon. Georgia M. Curio, A.J.S.C. (Ret.), working in both Gloucester and Cumberland Counties, Ms. White worked briefly in private practice and then for the Municipal Division of the NJ Judiciary in Vicinage 15 for several years.

After reentering private practice, Ms. White worked at Chance & McCann in Bridgeton, NJ. While there she provided workers' compensation defense to Cumberland County, served as solicitor to the Ocean City (NJ) Ethics Board (since disbanded) and conflict Public Defender in Millville and Public Defender in Penns Grove. Ms. White continued her work in private practice with the Jacob Law Group in Millville before opening her own firm. She continues to work in an Of Counsel capacity at the Jacob Law Group.

Through the Law Offices of Beth White, LLC, Ms. White serves as Solicitor of Cumberland County Construction Board of Appeals, Solicitor for the City of Millville Zoning Board, Solicitor for the City of Millville Planning Board, City of Bridgeton Public Defender, City of Millville Conflict Public Defender and Cumberland Salem Regional Municipal Court Conflict Public Defender. She also provides representation to Cumberland County in workers' compensation defense.

Ms. White is a current trustee of the Cumberland County Bar Foundation, and a past president of the Cumberland County Bar Association. She acts as chair of Foundation's Annual Children's Holiday Party, providing breakfast with Santa to the children of Big Brothers, Big Sisters and The Salvation Army - a position she has held since 2009.

She has been named a "Rising Star" in the area of workers' compensation in the past several editions of the publication "Super Lawyers".

Ms. White served as a member of the District I Fee Arbitration committee from 2017 to 2019, and served as Vice Chair from 2019 to 2022.

Ms. White's resume is attached.

### **REPRESENTATION OF COUNTY and PUBLIC ENTITIES**

Ms. White has held the following positions:

- County of Cumberland (NJ) - workers' compensation defense
- Ocean City (NJ) Ethics Board - solicitor
- County of Cumberland (NJ) - solicitor, Construction Board of Appeals
- City of Bridgeton - municipal public defender
- City of Millville Zoning Board - solicitor
- City of Millville Planning Board - solicitor
- City of Millville - conflict public defender
- Cumberland Salem Regional Municipal Court - conflict public defender

## STAFFING PLAN

Ms. White is the only attorney with the Firm. She is licensed to practice law and is in good standing in the federal, state and local courts of New Jersey. She will serve as the lead attorney for the City during the course of the representation. She has been admitted to the Bar of the State of New Jersey since 2008 and conducted the majority of her practice in the area of municipal court law since opening her firm in 2020. She is able and available to travel throughout the State of New Jersey. Having grown up in Bergen County, she is accustomed to travel on both the New Jersey Turnpike and the Garden State Parkway.

No ethical violations have been cited against Ms. White, nor has her license ever been suspended or revoked in New Jersey or any other state. The Firm maintains professional liability insurance and if awarded the subject contract, appropriate certificates of insurance will be provided and the Firm agrees to the indemnification agreement set forth in the subject RFP. No conflicts of interest have been identified with the City of Vineland. Ms. White's husband, attorney Justin R. White, Esq. serves as the Solicitor for Maurice River Township.

## RESOURCES

The Firm utilizes technology in rendering its services, including electronic case management software, billing software, and a secure document management system. The Firm's case management software is "cloud" based and allows for remote working. The Firm rents space in a physical office that is large and comfortable, providing adequate space for meetings and depositions, mediations, arbitrations and more. All closed client files are maintained on site.

## PROPOSED FEES

- The Firm proposes \$325.00 per court session.

## REFERENCES

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