



**SOQ 21-006 Soliciting for firm or individuals interested in providing various professional legal services to the Parish.**  
Jefferson Parish Government

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## **Professional Legal Services Questionnaire Instructions**

- The Professional Legal Services Questionnaire shall be used for outside legal services.
- **The Professional Legal Services Questionnaire should be completely filled out. Complete and attach ALL sections. Insert "N/A" or "None" if a section does not apply or if there is no information to provide.**
- Questionnaire must be dated and signed by an authorized representative of the Firm. Failure to sign the questionnaire shall result in disqualification of proposer pursuant to J.P. Code of Ordinances Sec. 2-928.
- All subcontractors must be listed in the appropriate section of the Questionnaire. Each subcontractor must provide a complete copy of the Professional Legal Services Questionnaire, applicable licenses, and any other information required by the advertisement. Failure to provide the subcontractors' complete questionnaire(s), applicable licenses, and any other information required by the advertisement shall result in disqualification of proposer pursuant to J.P. Code of Ordinances Sec. 2-928.
- If additional pages are needed, attach them to the questionnaire and include all applicable information that is required by the questionnaire.

## Professional Legal Services Questionnaire

**A. Person or Firm Name & Principal Address:**

Bobby Harges LLC Attorney at Law  
724 11th Street  
Gretna, LA 70053

**B. Name, Title, & contact information of Firm Representative, as defined in Section 2-926 of the Jefferson Parish Code of Ordinances, who is licensed to practice law in the State of Louisiana with a minimum of five (5) years' experience:**

Bobby Harges, Principal

**C. Location of the principal office where work will be performed:**

724 11th Street  
Gretna, LA 70053

**D. Please check the legal field or fields in which Firm is qualified to perform services for Jefferson Parish and include the number of years of experience in that particular field.**

<input type="checkbox"/> Bond Services (Years: _____)	<input type="checkbox"/> Science & Technology Law (Years: _____)
<input type="checkbox"/> Elections (Years: _____)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State & Local Government Law (Years: <u>20</u> )
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Administrative & Regulatory (Years: <u>10</u> )	<input type="checkbox"/> Taxation (Years: _____)
<input type="checkbox"/> Antitrust Law (Years: _____)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tort Trial & Insurance Practices (Years: <u>30</u> )
<input type="checkbox"/> Business Law (Years: _____)	<input type="checkbox"/> Complex Litigation (including asbestos litigation) (Years: _____)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Criminal Justice (Years: <u>12</u> )	<input type="checkbox"/> Securities (Years: _____)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dispute Resolution (Years: <u>31</u> )	<input type="checkbox"/> Ethics Law (Years: _____)
<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental, Energy & Resources (Years: _____)	<input type="checkbox"/> Civil Service Matters (Years: _____)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Health Law (Years: <u>20</u> )	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Civil Rights & the Constitution (Years: <u>20</u> )
<input type="checkbox"/> Intellectual Property (Years: _____)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Municipal Representation (including liability & intergovernmental conflicts) (Years: <u>10</u> )
<input type="checkbox"/> International Law (Years: _____)	<input type="checkbox"/> Code Enforcement Matters (Years: _____)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Labor & Employment Law (Years: <u>20</u> )	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Contract Law (Years: <u>20</u> )	

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Utilities Law (Years: <u>10</u> ) <input type="checkbox"/> Communications Law (Years: <u>      </u> ) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation Law (Years: <u>15</u> ) <input type="checkbox"/> Property (Years: <u>      </u> ) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust & Estate Law (Years: <u>10</u> ) <input type="checkbox"/> Other/specific project as required by the advertisement (Years: <u>      </u> )	<input type="checkbox"/> Oil Spill Litigation (Years: <u>      </u> ) <input type="checkbox"/> Public Finance (Years: <u>      </u> ) <input type="checkbox"/> Land Use, Planning & Zoning Law (Years: <u>      </u> ) <input type="checkbox"/> Economic Development (Years: <u>      </u> ) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Construction Law (Years: <u>34</u> )
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**E. List all subcontractors anticipated for this Project. Please note that all subcontractors must submit a fully completed copy of this questionnaire, applicable licenses, and any other information required by the advertisement. See Jefferson Parish Code of Ordinances, Sec. 2-928(a)(3). Please attach additional pages if necessary.**

Name & Address:	Specialty:	Worked with Firm Before (Yes or No):
1. None.		
2.		
3.		
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## Professional Legal Services Questionnaire

### **F. Professional Training and experience in relation to the type of work required for the outside legal services.**

Bobby Harges is a resident of New Orleans, Louisiana. He received a B.S. in Electrical Engineering from Mississippi State University in 1982. After graduating from the University of Mississippi School of Law in 1986, where he was the Moot Court finalist and the outstanding law graduate, he practiced law in New Orleans with Deutsch, Kerrigan, & Stiles. In 1990, after graduating from Harvard Law School, he began teaching at the University of Mississippi School of Law, and in 1992 returned to New Orleans to teach at Loyola University New Orleans School of Law. He is licensed to practice law in Louisiana and Mississippi. Mr. Harges has over thirty-four years of experience handling matters in litigation, in both state and federal courts as an attorney, mediator, arbitrator, and special master. His practice areas include construction litigation, commercial litigation, securities litigation, commercial transactions, toxic torts, and complex litigation. He has substantial experience in the construction industry and has represented owners, architects, engineers, surveyors, contractors, suppliers and building construction sureties. As a neutral mediator, arbitrator and special master, he has handled over one thousand matters.

#### **EDUCATION**

LL.M. Harvard Law School, 1990

J.D. University of Mississippi School of Law, 1986

B.S., cum laude, Electrical Engineering, Mississippi State University, 1982

Kelly O' Hara Thibaux is a resident of New Orleans. She graduated from Mercy Academy in 1983, received a bachelor's degree in English from Loyola University in 1990, and a Juris Doctor degree from Loyola University School of Law. She is licensed to practice law in Louisiana and Mississippi. Ms. Thibaux's practice has focused on the defense of business entities, health-care providers, major corporations, and insurance agents. She has also represented clients who were injured in automobile accidents. Ms. Thibaux has substantial experience with matters in litigation including taking and defending depositions, propounding discovery, preparing and arguing motions and exceptions, preparing writs and appeals, and attending mediations. Ms. Thibaux is also a qualified Louisiana civil and family mediator.

#### **EDUCATION**

Loyola University

Bachelor's Degree in English. 1990

Loyola University New Orleans College of Law

Juris Doctor, 1995

### **G. Size of Firm and capacity for timely completion of newly assigned work considering the number of professional and support personnel required to perform the type of outside legal services tasks and the Firm's current unfinished workload.**

The firm has two lawyers and one paralegal.

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i. Please specify the total number of support staff that may assist in the completion of a matter for each area of the law selected above: <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

ii. List any attorneys that may assist in the completion of a matter for each area of the law selected above. If necessary, please attach additional documentation that demonstrates the employment history and experience of the Firm's attorneys that may assist in the completion of this Project (i.e. resume). Please attach additional pages if necessary.

Name:	Legal Field:	Years of Experience in Legal Field:
1. Bobby Harges	Yes	34
2. Kelly Thibeaux	Yes	24
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### **H. Past performance by person or Firm on Parish contracts. Please attach additional pages if necessary.**

The firm has not held any parish contracts. But during the mid 1990s, Bobby Harges was a Jefferson Parish Assistant Parish Attorney who defended the Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office in federal court in civil rights cases based on 42 USC Sec. 1983.

### **I. Adversarial legal proceedings between the Parish and the person or Firm performing professional services, in which the Parish prevailed, and excluding those instances or cases where the person or Firm was added as an indispensable party, or where the person or Firm participated in or assisted the public entity in prosecution of its claim. In the event that the person or Firm fails to provide accurate and detailed information regarding legal proceedings with the Parish, including the absence of legal proceedings, the person or firm shall be deemed unresponsive with regard to this category, and zero (0) points shall be awarded. Please attach additional pages if necessary.**

None.



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**J. Prior successful completion of projects of the type and nature of legal services, as defined, for which Firm has provided verifiable references. (List no more than 10 projects.)**

**1.**

For the City of New Orleans, our past work included litigation in federal court and the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals over its new taxicab regulations and litigation over the Firefighters Pension and Relief Fund, and advising the City as it provides regulatory authority over Entergy New Orleans, Inc. Reference - Sharonda R. Williams, Esq. Former City Attorney, City of New Orleans, Phone: 504-556-5506 Fax: 504-586-5250; Email: swilliams@fishmanhaygood.com

**2.**

For the New Orleans French Market Corporation, our past work included litigation with vendors in the French Market over the enforcement and implementation of new regulations governing the French Market vendors and litigation involving the eviction of a commercial tenant. Other work with the French Market Corporation included litigation against a personal injury plaintiff as well as a commercial dispute with a French Market business partner. Contact - Jon W. Smith, Former Executive Director of the French Market Corporation and now Senior Transaction Manager for CBRE Advisory & Transaction Services / Global Workplace Solutions. Phone - (713) 5771599.

**3.**

For the Parish Hospital Service District for the Parish of Orleans District A (HSD-A), our past representation included representation of the board, its board members, and the Mayor and City Council members of the City of New Orleans in litigation resulting from the Mayor's appointment of new board members, and as a subcontractor to perform contract drafting for the professionals, consultants, advisors, vendors, contractors and subcontractors who were hired to design, build, and develop the new hospital in New Orleans East. Contact - Brian Grubb, former outside counsel to the HSD-A, now with FMOL Health System, Phone - (225) 922-7490, Email - brian.grubb@fmolhs.org

**4.**

For the New Orleans Aviation Board (NOAB), our past work included assisting with the development of a new NOAB airline-airport use and lease agreement with signatory airlines. The primary responsibilities included attending internal meetings and airline negotiation sessions, assisting in the drafting of the new agreement, and maintaining the document control responsibilities. Other work included advising the NOAB on bid disputes with disappointed bidders and assisting NOAB's legal counsel with negotiating the Construction Manager at Risk contract for the building of a North Terminal Airport Project at Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport. Contact - Benjamin Hunter, Esq, former

**5.**

For the New Orleans Sewerage and Water Board (NOSWB), our work included appellate work on a tort action brought by homeowners against the NOSWB who alleged that their homes were damaged as a result of operation of heavy equipment and other activities related to board's project to increase drainage capacity in order to withstand ten-year rainfall events. Contact - Yolanda Grinstead, Special Counsel to the NOSWB, Phone - 504-585-2154; Email - ygrinstead@swbno.org.



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6.

For the New Orleans Sewerage and Water Board, our past work included representing the employees of the New Orleans Sewerage and Water Board, the Managed Competition Employee Committee in its bid to privatize the Sewerage and Water Board. The issues involved were labor and employment and negotiations with the Board of Directors of the New Orleans Sewerage and Water Board. Contact - Deirdre Fuller, former law partner, Phone: (318) 448-3456; Fax: (318) 445-3031, Email - [dfullerlaw@gmail.com](mailto:dfullerlaw@gmail.com)

We also advised the Sewerage and Water board on certain regulatory issues. Contact - Yolanda Grinstead, Special Counsel to the NOSWB, Phone - 504-585-2154; Email - [ygrinstead@swbno.org](mailto:ygrinstead@swbno.org).

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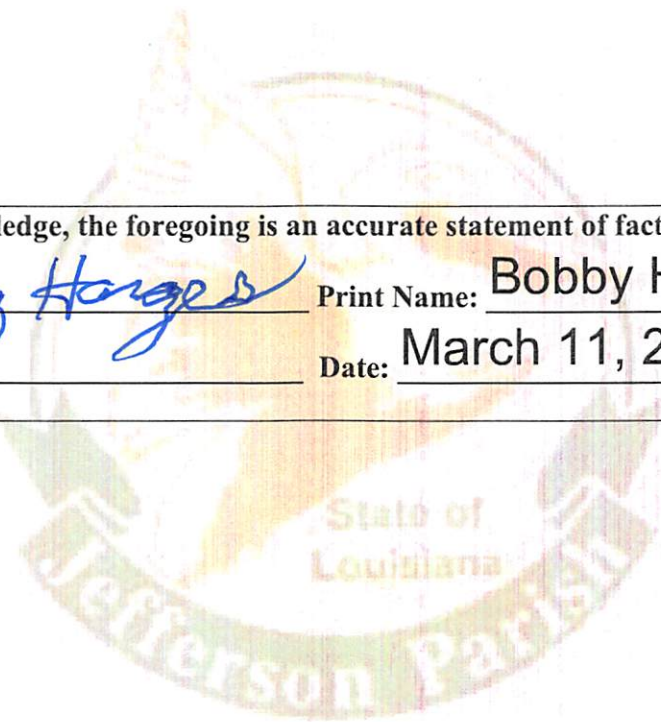
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K. Use this space to provide any additional information or description of resources supporting Firm's qualifications for the proposed project.

No additional information.

L. To the best of my knowledge, the foregoing is an accurate statement of facts.

Signature: Bobby Harges Print Name: Bobby Harges  
Title: Principal Date: March 11, 2021



Statement of Qualifications

AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF Louisiana

PARISH/COUNTY OF Jefferson

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, personally came and appeared: Bobby Harges, (Affiant) who after being by me duly sworn, deposed and said that he/she is the fully authorized principal of Bobby Harges LLC (Entity), Attorney at Law, the party who submitted a Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) to Professional Legal Services Questionnaire (Briefly describe the services the SOQ will cover), to the Parish of Jefferson.

Affiant further said:

Campaign Contribution Disclosures

(Choose A or B, if option A is indicated please include the required attachment):

Choice A \_\_\_\_\_ Attached hereto is a list of all campaign contributions, including the date and amount of each contribution, made to current or former elected officials of the Parish of Jefferson by Entity, Affiant, and/or officers, directors and owners, including employees, owning 25% or more of the Entity during the two-year period immediately preceding the date of this affidavit or the current term of the elected official, whichever is greater. Further, Entity, Affiant, and/or Entity Owners have not made any contributions to or in support of current or former members of the Jefferson Parish Council or the Jefferson Parish President through or in the name of another person or legal entity, either directly or indirectly.

Choice B X there are NO campaign contributions made which would require disclosure under Choice A of this section.



Affiant further said:

Debt Disclosures

**(Choose A or B, if option A is indicated please include the required attachment):**

Choice A \_\_\_\_\_ Attached hereto is a list of all debts owed by the affiant to any elected or appointed official of the Parish of Jefferson, and any and all debts owed by any elected or appointed official of the Parish to the Affiant.

Choice B X There are **NO** debts which would require disclosure under Choice A of this section.

Affiant further said:

Solicitation of Campaign Contribution Disclosures

**(Choose A or B, if option A is indicated please include the required attachment):**

Choice A \_\_\_\_\_ Attached hereto is a list of all elected officials of the Parish of Jefferson, whether still holding office at the time of the affidavit or not, where the elected official, individually, either by **telephone or by personal contact**, solicited a campaign contribution or other monetary consideration from the Entity, including the Entity's officers, directors and owners, and employees owning twenty-five percent (25%) or more of the Entity, during the two-year period immediately preceding the date the affidavit is signed. Further, to the extent known to the Affiant, the date of any such solicitation is included on the attached list.

Choice B X there are **NO** solicitations for campaign contributions which would require disclosure under Choice A of this section.

Affiant further said:

Subcontractor Disclosures

**(Choose A or B, if option A is indicated please include the required attachment):**

**Choice A** \_\_\_\_\_

Affiant further said that attached is a listing of all subcontractors, excluding full time employees, who may assist in providing professional services for the aforementioned SOQ.

**Choice B** X \_\_\_\_\_

There are **NO** subcontractors which would require disclosure under Choice A of this section.

Affiant further said:

That Affiant has employed no person, corporation, firm, association, or other organization, either directly or indirectly, to secure the public contract under which he received payment, other than persons regularly employed by the Affiant whose services in connection with the construction, alteration or demolition of the public building or project or in securing the public contract were in the regular course of their duties for Affiant; and

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That no part of the contract price received by Affiant was paid or will be paid to any person, corporation, firm, association, or other organization for soliciting the contract, other than the payment of their normal compensation to persons regularly employed by the Affiant whose services in connection with the construction, alteration or demolition of the public building or project were in the regular course of their duties for Affiant.

Bobby Harges  
Signature of Affiant

Bobby Harges  
Printed Name of Affiant

SWORN AND SUBSCRIBED TO BEFORE ME  
ON THE 12<sup>th</sup> DAY OF March, 2021

Gaynell Williams  
Notary Public

Gaynell Williams  
Printed Name of Notary

18045  
Notary/Bar Roll Number

My commission expires Life.



## **Statement of Qualifications Affidavit Instructions**

- **Affidavit is supplied as a courtesy to Affiants, but it is the responsibility of the affiant to insure the affidavit they submit to Jefferson Parish complies, in both form and content, with federal, state and parish laws.**
- **Affidavit must be signed by an authorized representative of the entity or the affidavit will not be accepted.**
- **Affidavit must be notarized or the affidavit will not be accepted.**
- **Notary must sign name, print name, and include bar/notary number, or the affidavit will not be accepted.**
- **Affiant MUST select either A or B when required or the affidavit will not be accepted.**
- **Affiants who select choice A must include an attachment or the affidavit will not be accepted.**
- **If both choice A and B are selected, the affidavit will not be accepted.**
- **Affidavit marked N/A will not be accepted.**
- **It is the responsibility of the Affiant to submit a new affidavit if any additional campaign contributions are made after the affidavit is executed but prior to the time the council acts on the matter.**

*Instruction sheet may be omitted when submitting the affidavit*