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

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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 must be completely filled out. Complete 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.
- All subcontractors must be listed in the appropriate section of the Questionnaire. All subcontractors must provide a fully completed copy of this questionnaire, applicable licenses, and any other information required by the advertisement.
- If additional pages are needed, attach them to the questionnaire and include all applicable information that is required by the questionnaire.
- Failure to properly complete this Professional Legal Services Questionnaire will result in the proposal being deemed not qualified pursuant with Section 2-928(a) of the Jefferson Parish Code of Ordinances, and the proposal will not be evaluated or scored.

Professional Legal Services

A. Person or Firm Name & Principal Address:

Stone Pigman Walther Wittmann L.L.C.
909 Poydras Street
Suite 3150
New Orleans, LA 70112

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:

Paul J. Masinter
Member and Chair of the Litigation Section
504-593-0882
pmasinter@stonepigman.com

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

New Orleans

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

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	XCode Enforcement Matters (Years: 20+)
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<input type="checkbox"/> XPublic Utilities Law (Years: <u>20+</u>) <input type="checkbox"/> Communications Law (Years: <u> </u>) <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation Law (Years: <u> </u>) <input type="checkbox"/> XProperty (Years: <u>20+</u>) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X Trust & Estate Law (Years: <u>20+</u>) <input type="checkbox"/> Other/specific project as required by the advertisement (Years: <u> </u>)	<input type="checkbox"/> XOil Spill Litigation (Years: <u>20+</u>) <input type="checkbox"/> Public Finance (Years: <u> </u>) <input type="checkbox"/> Land Use, Planning & Zoning Law (Years: <u> </u>) <input type="checkbox"/> XEconomic Development (Years: <u>20+</u>) <input type="checkbox"/> XConstruction Law (Years: <u>20+</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.N/A		N/A
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F. Professional Training and experience in relation to the type of work required for the outside legal services.

Stone Pigman has been a leader in the Louisiana legal and business communities for over 90 years. Our attorneys are experienced, creative, and focused on finding the best solutions for our clients.

The firm has a longstanding record of successfully representing municipal bodies, including the City of New Orleans, the City of Plaquemine, the City of Kenner, the City of Baton Rouge, the City of Mandeville, and the City of Ruston. Additionally, we have represented Jefferson Parish, St. Tammany Parish, the Iberville Parish School Board, and the State of Louisiana-Office of Risk Management.

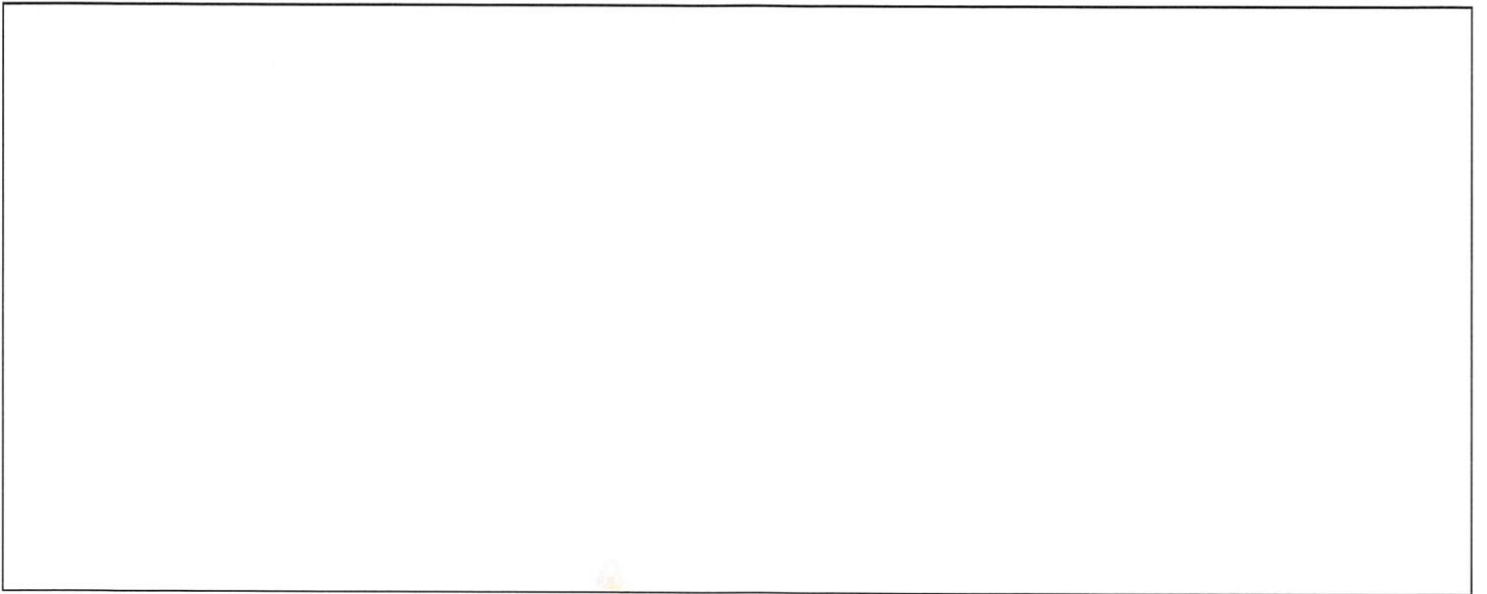
Stone Pigman has had an excellent working relationship with the Housing Authority of New Orleans over the past 20 years and has assisted with numerous litigation and employment matters. We recently represented the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans in litigation involving claims arising from the construction of two sewer lift stations. In addition, we have represented the Louisiana Public Service Commission as special counsel since 1976 in major rate cases and in litigation involving charges paid by Louisiana customers for electric, gas, and telecommunications services.

The firm also represents the New Orleans Business Corporation, and entity of the City of New Orleans that develops and manages certain properties owned by the City. In that capacity, we have assisted the NOBC in connection with the World Trade Center development and re-development of the Sanger theater.

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.

Stone Pigman has 55 attorneys and offices in New Orleans and Baton Rouge. We have the resources needed to staff additional matters. We have partners, associates, and paralegals available to work on these matters and administrative staff including in-house IT and Records Departments to provide additional resources. Paul Masinter, Chair of the firm's Litigation Section, and David Rieveschl, Chair of the firm's Business Section, are responsible for coordinating and assigning matters to Stone Pigman team members in their respective Sections. They evaluate the matters and determine which team member(s) should be assigned based on complexity, experience, and anticipated costs.

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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: 44

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. Paul J. Masinter	Business Litigation	34
2. David C. Rieveschl	Corporate and Business Law	24
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H. Past performance by person or Firm on Parish contracts. Please attach additional pages if necessary.

N/A

- 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.**

N/A



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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. Stone Pigman represented the City of New Orleans and certain City representatives in a series of cases filed by three state entity retirement funds that sought to compel contributions to the respective retirement from ad valorem taxes collected by the City. The cases involved the interpretation and application of Louisiana statutory and constitutional provisions pertaining to the state, state agencies, municipal bodies, taxes, and taxpayer rights.**
- 2. Represented the City of New Orleans in connection with the merger of the operations of The New Orleans Tourism Marketing Corporation, a quasi-public entity formed to promote leisure and recreational tourism in New Orleans, into New Orleans and Company, a private, non-profit corporation whose mission was primarily to promote conventions and business travel to New Orleans.**
- 3. The firm served as counsel to the New Orleans Building Corporation in connection with the amendment and restatement of its Lease with the Jazz Casino Company, LL, the subsidiary of Caesars Entertainment Corporation that owns the Harrah's New Orleans Casino**
- 4. The firm has twice represented the Housing Authority of New Orleans (HANO) in class actions filed in the Eastern District of Louisiana in which the court twice refused plaintiffs' bids for class certification in a suit arising from the Housing Authority's decision to demolish and redevelop the Hurricanes Katrina and Rita-damaged housing developments in New Orleans.**
- 5. Stone Pigman represented HANO in defending claims brought by contractors on several new construction and infrastructure replacement projects. All cases were resolved by settlement prior to trial.**

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6. The firm represented the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans in connection with a construction dispute. The case was resolved pre-trial.

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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.

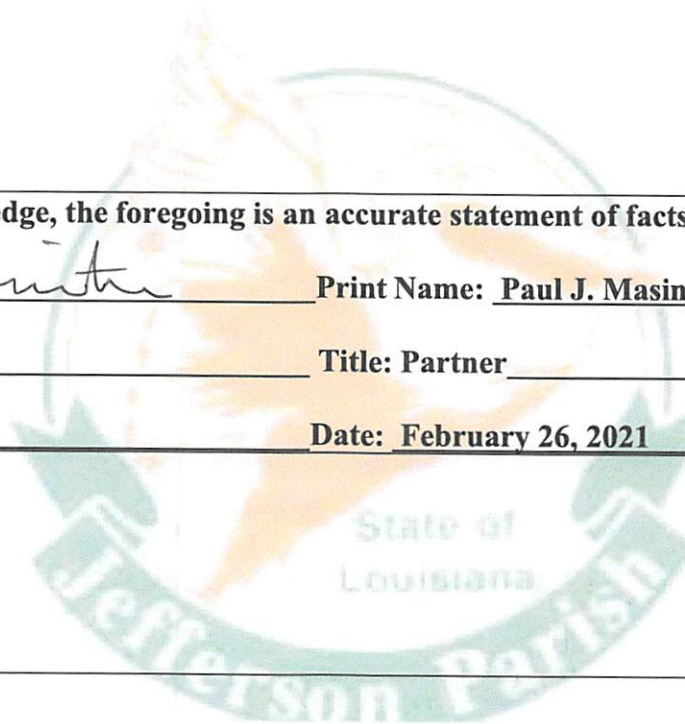
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L. To the best of my knowledge, the foregoing is an accurate statement of facts.

Signature:  Print Name: Paul J. Masinter

Title: Partner

Date: February 26, 2021





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PRACTICE AREAS

- Business Litigation
- Securities Litigation
- Products Liability

ADMITTED

- United States Supreme Court
- United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals
- Louisiana Federal and State Courts

PAUL J. MASINTER | MEMBER

Paul Masinter focuses his legal practice on complex business, commercial, and securities litigation. As Chair of the firm's Litigation Section and Co-Chair of the Securities Practice Group, he represents clients in corporate disputes, breach of contract claims, arbitration, and unfair trade practices. He also advises business and individuals on crisis management, including government investigations.

His career has afforded him various unique work experiences, including litigating cases throughout Louisiana and the Gulf Coast. Paul's most recent notable case involved the State of Louisiana's termination of his client's \$190 million contract for alleged criminal conduct. Through creative and aggressive representation, no criminal charges were sought, and the client ultimately won a substantial verdict against the state.

Paul believes that getting to know his clients is critical to a successful representation. To that end, he meets with clients early in a representation to make sure he understands the client's goals.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Representing directors and officers of the Make It Right Foundation in litigation brought by Lower Ninth Ward homeowners against the foundation, Brad Pitt, and others.
- Obtained summary judgment dismissing \$100 million securities fraud claim against investment advisory firm and one of its members. The claim arose out of the collapse of an investment managed by Alphonse "Buddy" Fletcher. *Firefighters Ret. Sys. V. Citco Grp., Ltd.*, 2018 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 211087.
- Represented a college apartment developer in obtaining resolution of litigation over construction defects in an apartment building in Baton Rouge.
- Represented a private equity firm in connection with obtaining a favorable settlement in a class-action lawsuit brought against a PPO insurer the firm owned and assisted with insurance coverage issues.
- After litigation and arbitration, obtained a favorable settlement for a software company for the State of Louisiana's termination of a \$197 million computer services contract. Also assisted the client in connection with several government investigations arising from the dispute. *Client Network Servs. v. State*, 2013-2118R (La. App. 1 Cir. 4/29/15), 2015 La. App. LEXIS 851.

- Represented a real estate developer in a criminal case in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Mississippi (Gulfport) where the government brought charges for Clean Water Act violations, mail fraud, and conspiracy.
- Prosecuted and defended claims for breach of employment contracts, including claims to enforce non-competition, anti-raiding, and confidentiality agreements.

HONORS & AWARDS

Paul has been named by Chambers & Partners as a leading lawyer in General Commercial Litigation. He has been recognized by *Best Lawyers in America* and *Louisiana Super Lawyers*. Paul was a *New Orleans CityBusiness* 2020 Leadership in Law Honoree.

PROFESSIONAL & CIVIC ACTIVITIES

Paul a member of the American Bar Association, the Louisiana State Bar Association, and the New Orleans Bar Association. He is the Co-Chair of the ABA's Meetings and Programs Subcommittee for the Business Law Section, former Chair of the Business Torts Subcommittee, and former Chair of the Newsletter Committee. He is a member of the Louisiana State Bar Association and the New Orleans Bar Association.

Paul is President of the St. Charles Avenue Association and Past President of the Board of Commissioners of the New Orleans City Park Improvement Association. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the New Orleans Botanical Garden Foundation, the Board of Commissioners of the Hurstville Security and Neighborhood Improvement District, Dean's Advisory Council for the Humanities and Social Services College at Louisiana State University, and the LSU Foundation National Board. Paul formerly served as the Chair of the Board of Directors of Lighthouse Louisiana, the Board of Trustees of Trinity Episcopal School, the Board of Trustees of the New Orleans Museum of Art, and Past President of Save Our Cemeteries, Inc.

EDUCATION

Paul received his J.D. from the Paul M. Hebert Law Center at Louisiana State University in 1987, where he was an Associate Editor of the *Louisiana Law Review*, 1986-87. He received his B.A. in Political Science from Louisiana State University in 1984.



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PRACTICE AREAS

- Corporate and Business Law
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Emerging Companies
- Securities

ADMITTED

- Louisiana
- Georgia
- District of Columbia
- New York

DAVID C. RIEVESCHL | MEMBER

David Rieveschl has a diverse practice representing clients in a wide variety of transactional matters. His primary areas of representation include corporate and business, mergers and acquisitions, and securities law. His clients include large and small companies, both public and private, as well as emerging companies, startups, and individual entrepreneurs. Notable matters he has handled include the representation of multiple investors as Louisiana counsel in their successful acquisition and financing of a Louisiana public utility holding company in a \$4.7 billion deal that spanned the course of multiple years.

David is Chair of the firm's Business Section and its Emerging Companies Practice Team. He also regularly counsels established and emerging companies on a wide variety of business issues including legal structure, financial transactions, contract negotiations, intellectual property rights, angel financing, venture capital, and private equity transactions.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Represented group of national aggregates mining companies across all aspects of their business operations, including general corporate matters, mergers and acquisitions, contract negotiations, transportation, real estate, minerals law, environmental law, labor and employment, and litigation.
- Represented early-stage venture capital fund focused on companies developing commercially promising life sciences technologies with emphasis on those originating in Louisiana or relocating to Louisiana.
- Represented leading Louisiana-based venture capital platform in acquisition of Series A Preferred Stock of technology company that helps non-profit organizations increase capacity and enable enterprises that deploy billions of dollars to scale impact.
- Represented medicinal marijuana pharmacy through all aspects of offering and sale of preferred equity to group of investors.
- Represented marketing and advertising agency in investment in life sciences company, including negotiation of terms of investment and marketing services agreement pursuant to which target company engaged services of investor following closing of investment.
- Represented leading medical and security services company as Louisiana counsel in connection with sale of business to provider of medical solutions and personnel to off-shore oil and gas industry.

- Represented large private equity buyer as Louisiana counsel in \$210 million acquisition of marine liquids terminals group of companies with operations in Louisiana and other parts of United States.
- Represented multiple investors as Louisiana counsel in their successful acquisition of a public utility holding company based in Louisiana. Involved in both the acquisition and financing of the deal, which spanned the course of multiple years and was valued at \$4.7 billion.

HONORS & AWARDS

David has been named by Chambers & Partners as a leading lawyer in Corporate/M&A Law and *New Orleans Magazine* has recognized him as a "Top Lawyer." He has been recognized by *Best Lawyers in America* and *Louisiana Super Lawyers*. David was a *New Orleans CityBusiness* 2020 Leadership in Law Honoree and was also named to the 2013 "Silicon Bayou Top 100" by the *Silicon Bayou News*.

PROFESSIONAL & CIVIC ACTIVITIES

David is an active Board Member and Past President of the Louisiana Chapter of the Association for Corporate Growth (ACG Louisiana), and he is actively involved on the Board of the Tulane Association of Business Alumni (TABA). David is also an active member of Louisiana's entrepreneurial ecosystem, and he works with several organizations that support emerging companies and startups, including the Lepage Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation at Tulane University and the Louisiana Technology Park.

David is a member of the American Bar Association, Louisiana State Bar Association, the New York Bar Association, the State Bar of Georgia, and the Bar Association of the District of Columbia. He is also active in numerous other civic and community organizations, including the alumni associations of Tulane Law School, Tulane's A.B. Freeman School of Business, Duke University, and The Lawrenceville School.

EDUCATION

David received his J.D., *magna cum laude*, from Tulane Law School in 1997, where he was named a member of the Order of the Coif, received the George Dewey Nelson Memorial Award, and served as Managing Editor of the *Tulane Law Review*. He also received his M.B.A. from Tulane's A.B. Freeman School of Business in 1997, where he was a Morton A. Aldrich Scholar and Levy-Rosenblum Institute for Entrepreneurship TABA Community Service Award recipient, and his B.A. from Duke University in 1991.