

## COUNTY COUNSEL – OUTSIDE COUNSEL

### DESCRIPTION OF FEE METHODOLOGY

- The fees for outside counsel will be established at actual costs that the County incurs through its contract with the attorney and law firm retained to work on legal matters associated with a specific application.
- Legal services agreements will vary from firm to firm.
- The hourly rate that will be imposed will vary based on the law firm's contract, but will not be more than **\$450.00/hour** without further authorization of the Board of Supervisors. Applicants will be charged all costs billed by the firm, including attorney work, staff support work, and costs.
- Applicants shall be responsible for all costs charged by outside counsel to the County. Such costs typically include, but are not limited to: telephone charges, matter specific computer research charges, filing fees, printing and photographic reproduction expenses, court reporter's fees and all other directly related expenses, facsimile charges and/or postage charges.