## AGREEMENT FOR LEGAL SERVICES

This agreement for legal services is effective May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022. This agreement is between The Wisconsin State Assembly (hereinafter referred to as "the Client") and Consultare LLC, a Wisconsin limited liability company, by and through its President Michael J. Gableman (hereinafter referred to as "Gableman").

## **RECITALS**

- A. The parties previously entered into a series of contracts for services related to the staffing of The Office of The Special Counsel (hereinafter referred to as the "Office"). The second and final amendment to said contracts is set to discontinue after April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022.
- B. The Parties desire to enter into a further agreement for legal services provided by Consultare, LLC so that the Office may remain open in order prosecute a series of lawsuits the Office is engaged in.

## **TERMS**

- 1. The client desires to engage Consultare LLC and Gableman for legal services related to the prosecution of lawsuits involving the Office.
- 2. Gableman will execute his duties to the client in accordance with all standards of care, including confidentiality and attorney-client privilege, with respect to an attorney-client relationship with the Client.
- 3. Gableman will work as lead counsel at the direction of the Client in all matters and in cooperation with outside counsel James Bopp of the Bopp Law Firm in all matters in which the Bopp Law Firm is retained plus any other outside counsel retained.
- 4. The Client will pay Consultare LLC the current salary of Gableman of <u>Five Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$5,500)</u> per month for all legal services including but not limited to representation, advice, consultation, and litigation strategy, plus the current rent of <u>Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500)</u> per month for maintaining the Office, and reasonable expenses for operating the Office. Any other expenses are subject to the original budget set forth for the Office and must be preapproved by the Client.
- 5. Gableman will continue to work on, research, and execute any other legal duties related to legal challenges to the Office for the duration of the agreement.
- 6. Other outside legal counsel with written agreements with the Client will continue to be paid for by the Client. The Client will indemnify and hold harmless Consultare LLC and Gableman

while in the Office for any legal matters or challenges relating in any way to the discharge of the duties under this agreement.

- 7. This agreement represents the sole agreement between <u>Consultare LLC</u> and Gableman and supersedes any previous agreement between the two parties.
- 8. Client asserts that there are no conflicts of interest and that Consultare LLC represents no other branches of Wisconsin state government, state agencies, or other entities with an interest in the lawsuits involving the Client and the Office.
- 9. Consultare LLC will retain and remit all documents of the Client upon the Client's (or successor counsel) request within 30 days.
- 10. Either party to this agreement may terminate said agreement by providing written notice to the other party. Absent termination, this agreement will terminate upon the conclusion of all outside lawsuits involving the Office or special investigator, as either plaintiff or defendant.

In Witness WHEREOF, the parties hereby enter into this agreement as of the date first written above:

Speaker Robin J. Vos

Wisconsin State Assembly

Michael J. Gableman, President

Consultare, LLC