

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Office of the Attorney General



MARKET SURVEY FOR OUTSIDE LEGAL COUNSEL

Survey Number: DCCB-2022-S-0027

Caption: Outside Legal Services for Bankruptcy Proceedings

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Response Due Date: July 5, 2022

The Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia (OAG) is conducting market research to identify the availability and interest of qualified law firm(s) to assist in navigating bankruptcy proceedings.

Under D.C. Official Code §2-354.13(3), the procurement for these legal services is exempt from the competitive procurement process. Responses to this market survey may be used to determine the availability of qualified firms, but it is not intended to be the basis for award.

BACKGROUND OF MATTER

In OAG's affirmative civil enforcement cases handled by the Public Advocacy Division (PAD), defendants sometimes file for bankruptcy in federal court, either during D.C. Superior Court proceedings or after judgment. This has occurred most frequently in housing enforcement matters, but also can arise in other OAG affirmative enforcement areas, including civil rights, consumer protection, or workers' rights. We seek outside bankruptcy counsel to assist in navigating bankruptcy proceedings so that OAG can continue to vigorously pursue its civil enforcement claims in Superior Court and enforce judgments in favor of the District.

SUBMISSION OF INFORMATION

Interested firms should submit the following no later than 2:00 pm on July 5, 2022 to gena.johnson@dc.gov. The submission should be no longer than seven (7) pages (excluding resumes) and include:

1. A short statement of interest and availability;

2. A description of the firm's experience in bankruptcy proceedings—especially representing state or local governments, tenants, workers, or other similarly-situated plaintiffs in bankruptcy proceedings initiated by defendants in those actions;
3. Resumes for the attorneys who would handle these services;
4. The hourly rate or retainer fee charged to client for advisory services or participation in bankruptcy proceedings;
5. Certified Business Enterprise status; and
6. Disclosure of any actual or potential conflicts of interest.

Although this will not be a competitively awarded procurement, OAG values diversity, as well as working with firms located in the District of Columbia, and encourages firms certified as small or local business enterprises by the District of Columbia Department of Small and Local Business Development pursuant to §2-218.31 et seq. to respond to this Market Survey.

If you would like more information or have questions regarding this market survey, please contact Kathleen Konopka, Deputy Attorney General, at Kathleen.Konopka@dc.gov or (202) 724-6610.