

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A JOINT APPLICATION BY THIS BOARD AND THE ASHTABULA COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY TO THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS TO RETAIN THE SERVICES OF MANSOUR GAVIN, LPA, IN ORDER TO ADVISE THE ASHTABULA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AS LEGAL COUNSEL IN CASE MARTIN PEASPANEN V. DARLENE BUCK ET AL, CASE NUMBER 2023CV00548

WHEREAS, The Ashtabula County Board of Commissioners desires to contract with Mansour Gavin LPA in order to advise the Board as a result of a conflict which precludes the Ashtabula County Prosecutor from representing, assisting or advising the commissioners in the matter of Martin Peaspanen v. Darlene Buck et al, Ashtabula County Court of Common Pleas, Case No. 2023CV00548; and

WHEREAS, April Grabman, County Prosecutor, concurs with this Board that contracting with Mansour Gavin LPA, would be in the best interests of Ashtabula County; and

WHEREAS, the total amount of legal services shall not exceed, \$10,000.00; and

WHEREAS, In accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 305.14 the Board and the County Prosecutor determine to make a joint application to the Ashtabula County Court of Common Pleas for authorization to hire Mansour Gavin LPA, as outside legal counsel to assist the Ashtabula County Board of Commissioners as stated above; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Ashtabula County, the Ashtabula County Prosecutor is requested to make a joint application to the Ashtabula County Court of Common Pleas for authorization to contract with Mansour Gavin LPA, in order to advise the Board in the matter of Martin Peaspanen v. Darlene Buck et al, Ashtabula County Court of Common Pleas, Case No. 2023CV00548. The cost of same shall be borne by the Ashtabula County Board of Commissioners.

**ASHTABULA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CERTIFICATION PAGE**

Resolution No. 2025-203

April 22, 2025

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Upon the motion of Casey R. Kozlowski, seconded by Kathryn L. Whittington.

VOTE:

J.P. Ducro IV

Aye

Casey R. Kozlowski

Aye

Kathryn L. Whittington

Aye

CERTIFICATE OF CLERK

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of a resolution acted upon and duly passed by the Board of County Commissioners of Ashtabula County, Ohio, on the date noted above.



Lisa Hawkins, Clerk of the Board
Board of County Commissioners
Ashtabula County, Ohio

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
ASHTABULA COUNTY, OHIO

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) **CASE NO.**
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) **JUDGE**
IN RE: JOINT APPLICATION FOR)
EMPLOYMENT OF COUNSEL) **JOINT APPLICATION FOR AUTHORITY**
) **TO EMPLOY SEPARATE LEGAL**
) **COUNSEL TO REPRESENT THE BOARD**
) **OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**
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Now comes April Grabman, the duly qualified, elected and acting Prosecuting Attorney for Ashtabula County, Ohio (“Prosecutor”) and the Board of County Commissioners of Ashtabula County (“Board”), pursuant to O.R.C. 305.14 and Resolution 2025-²⁰³ passed by the Board on April 22, 2025, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit “A”, hereby jointly submits this application for an Order of Court authorizing the Board to engage Mansour Gavin LLP as outside legal counsel in order to represent Ashtabula County in the matter titled Martin Peaspanen v. Darlene Buck et al, Ashtabula County Court of Common Pleas, Case No. 2023CV00548..

Attached as Exhibit “A” is Resolution No. 2025-²⁰³ passed by the Board of Commissioners on April ~~22~~²³2025, authorizing the filing of this Joint Application.

BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS



J.P. Ducro IV, President




Casey Kozlowski



Kathryn Whittington

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IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
ASHTABULA COUNTY, OHIO

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) **CASE NO.**
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IN RE: JOINT APPLICATION FOR)
APPOINTMENT OF COUNSEL) **JUDGMENT ENTRY**
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Upon the joint application of the Ashtabula County Board of Commissioners and the Ashtabula County Prosecuting Attorney pursuant to Resolution Number 2025-~~202~~³⁰³ and R.C. 305.14(A) and for good cause shown.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Board of County Commissioners employ separate legal counsel to represent Ashtabula County in related legal services for Ashtabula County pursuant to the terms set forth in Resolution No. 2025-~~202~~²⁰³ in the matter of Martin Peaspanen v. Darlene Buck et al, Ashtabula County Court of Common Pleas, Case No. 2023CV00548.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the costs of said legal counsel shall be to the Ashtabula County Board of Commissioners as outlined in Resolution 2025-~~202~~²⁰³.

JUDGE