

Police and Firemen's Retirement System  
State of New Jersey  
Department of Treasury  
Division of Pensions and Benefits  
50 West State Street  
Trenton, NJ 08608-1220

June 17, 2014

**Re: REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR OUTSIDE COUNSEL  
FOR THE NEW JERSEY POLICE AND FIREMEN'S  
RETIREMENT SYSTEM (PFRS), DEPARTMENT OF  
TREASURY.**

Dear Counsel:

The Police and Firemen's Retirement System of New Jersey, through the Department of Treasury, hereby announces the issuance of an emergent Request for Qualifications ("RFQ") for outside counsel to handle litigation against Gov. Chris Christie's proposal to unilaterally disregard the mandated payment schedule as stated in P.L. 2011 Chapter 78.

The Minimum Qualifications for this engagement are as follows:

- \* Firms must review the August 2, 1984 Opinion Letter of Attorney General Irwin I. Kimmelman (attached)
- \* Have an understanding of the fiduciary responsibilities of the PFRS Board of Trustees to its members and the pension system as a whole.
- \* Have an understanding of P.L. 2011 Chapter 78.
- \* Demonstrate superior trial and appellate experience involving complex issues of law and facts, particularly regarding state agencies.

The effective date of the RFQ is June 20, 2014. The response to the RFQ is to be submitted on or before 2:00 pm, Tuesday, June 24, 2014. A firm will be selected based on the criteria set forth in the RFQ.

The PFRS Chairman requests that interested firms submit a proposal in accordance with the RFQ. The RFQ is available on the New Jersey Division of Pension and Benefits website <http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/>

The response should be marked as follows: "Outside Counsel RFQ for PFRS."

Questions may be submitted no later than 3:00 p.m. Monday June 23, 2014 to Board and Trustee Administration, Attn: PFRS Board Secretary, Division of Pensions and Benefits, at the following email address: [BOTRFQOutsideCounsel@treas.nj.gov](mailto:BOTRFQOutsideCounsel@treas.nj.gov)

Please note that the "subject" line of your email address must specifically reference the RFQ as follows: "Outside Counsel RFQ for PFRS Board of Trustees."

Sincerely yours,

*Wayne K. Hall*

Wayne K. Hall  
PFRS Board Chairperson

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Date issued 6/20/2014

Question & Answer Cut-off Date: 6/23/14 @ 3:00 P.M.  
(Email to [BOTRFQOutsideCounsel@treas.nj.gov](mailto:BOTRFQOutsideCounsel@treas.nj.gov) )

Proposals Due: 6/24/2014 @ 2:00 P.M.  
(Email to [BOTRFQOutsideCounsel@treas.nj.gov](mailto:BOTRFQOutsideCounsel@treas.nj.gov) )

Wayne K. Hall  
Chairperson  
Police and Fireman's Retirement System

## 1. Purpose and Intent

The PFRS Board of Trustees (Trustees) through the Department of Treasury serve as officers of the Police and Firemen's Retirement System. The Trustees issue this Request for Qualification (RFQ") intending to select a firm to serve as Outside Counsel for the Scope of Services as described in Section 2.0.

The Board Chairman or his designee will be the sole point of contact for all matters pertaining to this engagement and to oversee and coordinate the activities of Outside Counsel.

### 1.1. Minimum Requirements

The Board of Trustees seeks a law firm with attorney(s) who have a working knowledge of Public Laws, specifically P.L. 2011 Chapter 78 and the fiduciary responsibilities of the Board of Trustees of the Police and Firemen's Retirement System.

### 1.2 Outside Counsel Guidelines

Review and understand the following "Outside Counsel Guidelines" found at the following website: [http://www.nj.gov/oag/law/pdf/rfqs/oag-dol-Outside-Counsel-Guidelines-v4\\_012111\\_MBW.pdf](http://www.nj.gov/oag/law/pdf/rfqs/oag-dol-Outside-Counsel-Guidelines-v4_012111_MBW.pdf). Also, must have knowledge of the "Pay to Play" statutes.

## 2.0 Scope of Services

The firm selected as Outside Counsel will be required to file and represent the PFRS Board of Trustees vs. Governor Chris Christie in a lawsuit in response to the Governor's proposal to unilaterally disregard the mandated payment schedule requirement as stated in P.L. 2011 Chapter 78.

### 2.1 Experience

Interested firms should include a summary of relevant experience, by attorney, together with proposed billing rates.