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June 16, 2023

VIA EMAIL: WESLEY. VICKERS@COFFEECOUNTY-GA. GOV Wesley Vickers, County Administrator Coffee County, Georgia

Re: Advising the Coffee County Board of Elections

Dear Mr. Vickers:

We thank Coffee County for retaining Oliver Maner LLP to advise the Coffee County Board of Elections regarding pending and potential issues that may arise. The scope of the representation is limited as described. To the extent further services are required in the future, we will address those at the appropriate time. This correspondence is intended to outline my firm's compensation and to generally address other matters concerning the above-mentioned representation.

I will bear primary responsibility for the Board's representation; however, I will enlist the assistance of other attorneys and legal assistants employed by my firm, from time to time, when, in my professional opinion, the work can be done more cost-effectively, more efficiently (if there are areas where another attorney has a more particularized knowledge than do I), or more quickly (if the matter is time sensitive, or requires work by more than one attorney) by utilizing those persons to assist in providing requested services. For your reference, my email address is <a href="mailto:bperkins@olivermaner.com">bperkins@olivermaner.com</a> and direct dial telephone number is 912-238-2515.

We will bill partner time at the rate of \$325 per hour, and associate time at the rate of \$225 per hour. Any paralegals who work on the file will be billed at the rate of \$165 per hour. You will not be billed for secretarial or administrative time. These rates will be billed for travel time.

My firm will prepare and submit monthly billing statements to you, and we expect that prompt payment on those invoices will be made. The billing detail will reflect the attorney(s) who is/are performing the work, a description of the work, the time spent (in base units of no less than 0.1 hours, or 6 minutes), and the date on which the work is done. The billing detail will also



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reflect costs incurred, which have been advanced by my firm or incurred by my firm in the furtherance of our representation of the Board. These include telecopier charges, courier services, out of town travel, photocopies, and postage charges.

As you know, while the County will be paying our legal fees and costs, our client is the Board of Elections, and thus we will take direction from the Board of Elections without influence from the County or its officials.

Again, my firm and I greatly appreciate the opportunity to represent you in this matter. We look forward to serving you, and we promise to use our best efforts to effectuate a favorable outcome. Please review the foregoing and feel free to contact me with any questions. If, however, the foregoing meets with your approval, please counter-sign a copy of this letter, and return the same to me at your earliest convenience. We look forward to working with you, and we appreciate the opportunity to be of assistance.

Best regards,

OLIVER MANER LAP

Benjamin M. Perkins

For the Firm

Agreed to, this 16th day of June, 2023.

Coffee County, Georgia

Wesley Vickers, County Administrator