

CITY OF HUDSON COMMON COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____

May 20th, 2025

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN
AGREEMENT WITH DEVINE AND BRUNO, LLP**

WHEREAS, Devine and Bruno, LLP have submitted a response to a request from the Mayor for legal services relating to collection of delinquent property taxes in the City of Hudson; and

WHEREAS, the response submitted by Devine and Bruno, LLP includes services which include notification, collection, and, where appropriate, commencement of legal proceedings; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Hudson authorizes the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Devine and Bruno, LLP under the terms outlined in the response provided by Devine and Bruno, LLP

Introduced: _____

Seconded: _____

Approved: _____
Kamal Johnson, Mayor



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Re: Request for Legal Representation

Dear Mayor Johnson, Treasurer Campbell:

Please accept this letter as submission in response to your request for proposal for legal services. The firm of DEVINE & BRUNO, LLP, 25 Hudson Avenue Chatham, New York (the "Firm"), would be honored to provide legal services to the City of Hudson. The following is a basic overview of the firm structure and anticipated scope of representation:

Overview:

Devine & Bruno, LLP has offices located in Chatham, NY and Albany, NY. The firm was established in 2007 by a group of attorneys and legal staff who believe that a culture of professionalism and collegiality best enables our firm to provide excellence in personal service to our clients. The success of this premise has been overwhelming. Because of the boutique nature of our law firm, we are not – nor do we try to be – all things to all people; rather, our lawyers focus their legal practice on those areas of concentration in which their knowledge and experience redound to the benefit of our clients, whether it be business law, tax law, landlord/tenant, real-estate, or litigation.

Scope of Representation:

The Firm is seeking to assist the City of Hudson in the collection of property taxes. Services to be performed include notification, collection, and where appropriate commencement of legal proceedings.

Fee Structure:

The Firm's fee for legal services to be provided under this agreement shall be based on the time that our attorneys, assistants and staff devote to the particular matters, the experience and expertise of the individuals performing the services, the complexity of the matter and the results obtained. The Firm's standard hourly fees range from \$75 for legal assistants to a range of \$400 per hour for Partners, Esq.

The fee for time devoted to the noted matters on behalf of the City of Hudson shall be billed at the following rates:

Partners:	\$225/hr
Associates:	\$150/hr
Paralegal:	\$75/hr

The firm will use best efforts to minimize costs. In addition to the fee for legal services, the City will reimburse the Firm for any reasonable actual expenses or disbursements incurred by the Firm on behalf of the City, including filing fees, recording fees, fees for searches, investigative expenses, fees for stenographic transcripts of testimony, travel and lodging expenses, long distance telephone charges, photocopying charges, expert witness fees and any other reasonable expense incurred by the Firm in performing the services to be provided under this agreement. If requested, the City will make payment directly to the provider of any such services. The firm will obtain your authorization for any one charge or expense that exceeds \$500.00.

The firm may assign responsibility for performance of services to be provided under this agreement to one or more attorneys, in accordance with the firm's professional judgment. Certain services may be performed by legal assistants or other staff under the supervision of an attorney.

The firm will send statements to the City monthly detailing services rendered and for expenditures which we have made on behalf of the City. Charges for legal fees and expenses are payable within 30 days after the date of the invoice. A finance charge of 1% per month will be charged on any account balance not paid within 30 days of billing.

Miscellaneous Matters

The Firm reserves the right to withdraw from this case whenever withdrawal is required or permitted by ethical standards of practice. In the event that the substitution of attorneys becomes necessary you will provide the necessary consent for substitution of attorneys of your choice and cooperate fully in effecting such substitution.