

# WESTCHESTER COUNTY

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Date: June 29, 2026

To: The Honorable Members of the Board of Legislators

From: John M. Nonna, County Attorney *s/JMN*

Re: Amend Airport Counsel Agreements With Kaplan Kirsch, LLP And The Wicks Group, PLLC To Exercise The County's First Option To Renew Each Agreement For One Year

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Attached for your consideration is an Act, which, if adopted by your Honorable Board, would authorize the County of Westchester (the "County") to amend agreements (individually, an "Agreement", or collectively, the "Agreements") with the law firms Kaplan Kirsch, LLP ("Kaplan Kirsch") and The Wicks Group, PLLC ("Wicks") (collectively, the "Firms") in order for the County to exercise the first (1<sup>st</sup>) of its five (5) one (1) year renewal options under each Agreement for the provision of "Of Counsel" legal services to the County Attorney, as needed, concerning various matters affecting the Westchester County Airport (the "Services"), for the periods from August 1, 2026 through July 31, 2027 (the "First Option Term").

On July 21, 2025, by Act No. 2025-153, your Honorable Board authorized the County to enter into the Agreements to provide the Services, for the periods from August 1, 2025 through July 31, 2026, payable at various hourly rates, not to exceed \$200,000.00 in the aggregate, with the County reserving the option to renew each Agreement for up to five (5) additional one (1) year periods. The Agreements were subsequently executed. To date, the County has expended \$50,575.00 under the Kaplan Kirsch Agreement and \$0.00 under the Wicks Agreement, for a combined total of \$50,575.00.

Authority is now respectfully requested for the County to amend the Agreements to exercise the first (1<sup>st</sup>) of its five (5) one (1) year renewal options under each Agreement for the provision of the Services, for the periods from August 1, 2026 through July 31, 2027. In consideration for the Services to be rendered during each First Option Term, the Firms will be paid pursuant to each Agreement's approved hourly rates for the Services; provided, that the maximum amounts payable by the County to the Firms during each First Option Term will not exceed \$200,000.00 in the aggregate.

Except as specifically amended hereby, all other terms and conditions of the Agreements will remain in full force and effect.

Accordingly, your Honorable Board's approval of the annexed proposed Act is most respectfully requested.

JMN/mcz  
Attachments



**HONORABLE BOARD OF LEGISLATORS  
THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER**

Your Committee is in receipt of a proposed Act transmitted by the County Attorney, which, if adopted, would authorize the County of Westchester (the “County”) to amend agreements (individually, an “Agreement”, or collectively, the “Agreements”) with the law firms Kaplan Kirsch, LLP (“Kaplan Kirsch”) and The Wicks Group, PLLC (“Wicks”) (collectively, the “Firms”) in order for the County to exercise the first (1<sup>st</sup>) of its five (5) one (1) year renewal options under each Agreement for the provision of “Of Counsel” legal services to the County Attorney, as needed, concerning various matters affecting the Westchester County Airport (the “Services”), for the periods from August 1, 2026 through July 31, 2027 (the “First Option Term”).

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The Department of Planning has advised your Committee that based on its review, the proposed amendments do not meet the definition of an “action” under New York State Environmental Quality Review Act and its implementing regulations 6 NYCRR Part 617. Please refer to the memorandum from the Department of Planning dated January 9, 2026, which is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Legislators.

Please note that an affirmative vote of a majority of the members of your Honorable Board is required in order to approve the attached Act. Accordingly, your Honorable Board’s favorable action on the annexed proposed Act is most respectfully requested.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_, 2026  
White Plains, New York

**COMMITTEE ON**

ACT NO. 2026 - \_\_\_\_

**AN ACT** authorizing the County of Westchester to amend agreements with the law firms Kaplan Kirsch, LLP and The Wicks Group, PLLC in order for the County to exercise the first (1<sup>st</sup>) of its five (5) one (1) year renewal options under each Agreement for the provision of “Of Counsel” legal services to the County Attorney, as needed, concerning various matters affecting the Westchester County Airport, for the periods from August 1, 2026 through July 31, 2027, payable at approved hourly rates, not to exceed \$200,000.00 in the aggregate.

**BE IT ENACTED**, by the County Board of the County of Westchester, as follows:

**Section 1.** The County of Westchester (the “County”) is hereby authorized to amend agreements (individually, an “Agreement”) with the law firms Kaplan Kirsch, LLP and The Wicks Group, PLLC (collectively, the “Firms”) in order for the County to exercise the first (1<sup>st</sup>) of its five (5) one (1) year renewal options under each Agreement for the provision of “Of Counsel” legal services to the County Attorney, as needed, concerning various matters affecting the Westchester County Airport (the “Services”), for the periods from August 1, 2026 through July 31, 2027 (the “First Option Term”).

§ 2. In consideration for the Services to be rendered during each First Option Term, the Firms shall be paid pursuant to each Agreement’s approved hourly rates for the Services; provided, that the maximum amounts payable by the County to the Firms during each First Option Term shall not exceed \$200,000.00 in the aggregate.

§ 3. All other terms and conditions of the Agreements shall remain in full force and effect.

§ 4. The County Attorney, or his duly authorized designee, is hereby authorized and empowered to execute and deliver all instruments and to take any and all actions necessary or appropriate to effectuate the purposes hereof.

§ 5. This Act shall take effect immediately.