

Litigation Meeting Agenda



Committee Chair: David Imamura

800 Michaelian Office Bldg.
148 Martine Avenue, 8th Floor
White Plains, NY 10601
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Monday, April 6, 2026

10:00 AM

Committee Room

Joint with B&A

CALL TO ORDER

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Legislator Colin Smith will be participating remotely from 1132 Main Street, Suite 1, Peekskill, NY 10566.

MINUTES APPROVAL

Tuesday, March 10, 2026 at 1:00 p.m.

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

[2026-122](#) ACT - Agreement Amendment to provide legal counsel for the WC Charter Revision Commission

AN ACT authorizing the County of Westchester to amend an agreement, as previously amended and assigned, with the law firm Friedman Kaplan Seiler Adelman & Robbins LLP to provide legal counsel and advice to the Westchester County Charter Revision Commission by increasing the not-to-exceed amount by ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND (\$150,000) DOLLARS.

COMMITTEE REFERRAL: BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND LITIGATION

Guest: Law Dept.: County Attorney John Nonna

II. OTHER BUSINESS

III. RECEIVE & FILE

ADJOURNMENT



Kenneth W. Jenkins
County Executive

Department of Law

John M. Nonna
County Attorney

March 23, 2026

Westchester County Board of Legislators
County of Westchester
800 Michaelian Office Building
148 Martine Avenue
White Plains, New York 10601

Dear Honorable Members of the Board:

Attached for your consideration is an Act, which, if approved by your Honorable Board, would authorize the County of Westchester ("County") to amend an agreement, as previously amended and assigned, ("Agreement") with the law firm Friedman Kaplan Seiler Adelman & Robbins LLP ("Firm") to provide legal counsel and advice ("Services") to the Westchester County Charter Revision Commission ("Commission") by increasing the not-to-exceed amount authorized under the Agreement by \$150,000.00, from an amount not to exceed \$200,000.00 to a new, total amount not to exceed \$350,000.00.

On November 24, 2025, by Act No. 274-2025, your Honorable Board authorized the County to amend the Agreement a second time by, (i) increasing the not-to-exceed amount authorized thereunder by \$100,000.00 to a new, total amount not to exceed \$200,000.00, and (ii) extending the term of the Agreement through December 31, 2026 (the "Second Amendment"). The Second Amendment was subsequently executed.

As a result of unforeseen circumstances and staffing changes within the County, the Firm has been required to provide more counsel and advice to the Commission than was initially anticipated. Accordingly, authority is respectfully requested for the County to amend the Agreement to increase the not-to-exceed amount authorized thereunder by \$150,000.00, bringing the total not-to-exceed amount to \$350,000.00.

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

Based upon the foregoing, your Honorable Board's approval of the attached Act is most respectfully requested.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John M. Nonna". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and "M".

John M. Nonna
County Attorney

JMN/mcz
Attachments

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

SUBJECT: County Charter Revision Amendment NO FISCAL IMPACT PROJECTED

OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT

To Be Completed by Submitting Department and Reviewed by Budget

SECTION A - FUND

GENERAL FUND AIRPORT FUND SPECIAL DISTRICTS FUND

SECTION B - EXPENSES AND REVENUES

Total Current Year Expense NTE \$150,000.00

Total Current Year Revenue \$ -

Source of Funds (check one): Current Appropriations Transfer of Existing Appropriations

Additional Appropriations Other (explain)

Identify Accounts: 101_18_1000_4923

Potential Related Operating Budget Expenses: Annual Amount N/A

Describe: An Act authorizing the County to amend an agreement with the firm of Friedman Kaplan Seiler Adelman & Robbins LLP to provide legal counsel and advice to the Westchester County Charter Revision Commission by increasing the NTE amount by an additional \$150,000.00.

Potential Related Operating Budget Revenues: Annual Amount N/A

Describe: _____

Anticipated Savings to County and/or Impact on Department Operations:

Current Year: N/A

Next Four Years: N/A

Prepared by: Patricia Haggerty

Title: Sr. Budget Analyst

Department: Budget

Date: March 10, 2026

Reviewed By: 
Budget Director

Date: 3/10/26

**HONORABLE BOARD OF LEGISLATORS
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 (“County”) to amend an agreement, as previously amended and assigned, (“Agreement”) with the law firm Friedman Kaplan Seiler Adelman & Robbins LLP (“Firm”) to provide legal counsel and advice (“Services”) to the Westchester County Charter Revision Commission (“Commission”) by increasing the not-to-exceed amount authorized under the Agreement by \$150,000.00, from an amount not to exceed \$200,000.00 to a new, total amount not to exceed \$350,000.00.

Your Committee is advised that on November 24, 2025, by Act No. 274-2025, your Honorable Board authorized the County to amend the Agreement a second time by, (i) increasing the not-to-exceed amount authorized thereunder by \$100,000.00 to a new, total amount not to exceed \$200,000.00, and (ii) extending the term of the Agreement through December 31, 2026 (the “Second Amendment”). The Second Amendment was subsequently executed.

As a result of unforeseen circumstances and staffing changes within the County, the Firm is required to provide more counsel and advice to the Commission than was initially anticipated. Accordingly, authority is respectfully requested for the County to amend the Agreement to increase the not-to-exceed amount authorized thereunder by \$150,000.00, bringing the total not-to-exceed amount to \$350,000.00.

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

The Planning Department has advised that the proposed amendment to the Agreement does 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.

An affirmative vote of a majority of the voting strength of the Board of Legislators is required for approval of the attached Act.

Your Committee recommends approval of the attached Act.

Dated: _____, 2026
White Plains, New York

COMMITTEE ON

c:MCZ 03.23.26

ACT NO. – 2026

AN ACT authorizing the County of Westchester to amend an agreement, as previously amended and assigned, with the law firm Friedman Kaplan Seiler Adelman & Robbins LLP to provide legal counsel and advice to the Westchester County Charter Revision Commission by increasing the not-to-exceed amount by \$150,000.00.

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

Section 1. The County of Westchester (“County”) is hereby authorized to amend an agreement, as previously amended and assigned, (“Agreement”) with the law firm Friedman Kaplan Seiler Adelman & Robbins LLP to provide legal counsel and advice (“Services”) to the Westchester County Charter Revision Commission by increasing the not-to-exceed amount authorized under the Agreement by \$150,000.00, bringing the total not-to-exceed amount to \$350,000.00.

§2. That except as otherwise expressly amended hereby, all other terms and conditions of the Agreement, as previously amended and assigned, shall remain in full force and effect.

§3. This Act shall take effect immediately.