

2021 RES-089

AUTHORIZING CONTRACT WITH BRIAN HOLMGREN FOR ASSISTANCE IN PROSECUTION OF CHILD ABUSE CASES - DANE COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY OFFICE

The Dane County District Attorney Office is in need of assistance from Brian Holmgren with respect to the prosecution of child abuse cases.

Brian Holmgren is an attorney licensed to practice law in the State of Tennessee who is eligible for admission pro hac vice in Wisconsin cases. Mr. Holmgren is an internationally-known expert in the prosecution of child abuse cases and in particular cases involving abusive head trauma. He has previously assisted the Dane County District Attorney's Office in several significant child abuse cases as a consultant and a special prosecutor. Mr. Holmgren has accessed a nationwide network of contacts to obtain research materials, court filings, and other information relevant to the prosecution of these cases which has resulted in successful outcomes. Mr. Holmgren may attend and assist with significant pre-trial hearings. If the cases proceed to jury trial, Mr. Holmgren will attend trial and assist the Dane County District Attorney's Office in the presentation of evidence.

The Wisconsin Department of Justice is currently not able to provide this assistance to the Dane County District Attorney's Office and the prosecutor qualified to handle these cases was recently hired for a position in that agency which will not allow him to continue his work on these cases for this office or other District Attorney's Offices in Wisconsin. Mr. Holmgren will also assist in training members of this office to handle these cases so that this office can replace its lost capability and eventually be self-sufficient in these cases. The Personnel and Finance Committee has already approved a waiver of bid requirements for the contract.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the County Board approves the contract with Brian Holmgren in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Executive and the County Clerk be authorized and directed to sign the Contract, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Dane County District Attorney be directed to ensure complete performance of the contract.