



# Lake Havasu City

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## Legislation Text

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### COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and Council

**FROM:** Mitch Kalauli, City Magistrate

**SUBJECT:**

Approve Professional Services Agreement with Whitney & Whitney PLLC for Public Defender Services  
(Mitchell Kalauli)

**FUNDING SOURCE:**

General Fund

**PURPOSE:**

Approve agreement to provide legal representation for indigent defendants and Veteran's Treatment Court participants for up to five (5) years commencing September 16, 2018.

**BACKGROUND:**

The City entered into a Professional Services Contract for public defender legal services with Whitney & Whitney effective July 1, 2017 (Contract). The Contract was for a one-year term with a termination date of June 30, 2018. The Contract payment was not to exceed \$170,000. At the city council meeting on August 14, 2018, Whitney & Whitney agreed to the extension of the Contract to September 15, 2018.

Although these services are considered a specialized service under the Exception Section of the Procurement Code (§ 3.10.010.5.A.3) and do not require a competitive solicitation, staff solicited Letters of Interest. The City received six responses to the Letter of Interest and selected Whitney & Whitney as the preferred firm.

**COMMUNITY IMPACT:**

Providing quality legal services to indigent defendants and Veteran's Treatment Court participants improves the lives of those who qualify for those services.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Funds in the amount of \$200,000 are available in the General Fund Municipal Court budget for Fiscal Year 2018-19.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Professional Services Agreement

**SUGGESTED MOTION:**

I move to approve the Professional Services Agreement with Whitney & Whitney PLLC for Public Defender Services and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement on behalf of the City.