



Auditor
Charles E. Walder
Chief Fiscal Officer

Return Voucher Form

Date: 09/06/24

To: Elected Official, Department head, or Accounting Staff of **Probate Court**

From: Auditor's Office Fiscal Department

SUBJECT: Batch # 2024-00002221

Schraff Thomas Law, LLC \$1,585.00

<input type="checkbox"/> Dept. Head Signature Missing on Cover	<input type="checkbox"/> Incorrect Vendor Numbers (s)
<input type="checkbox"/> Incorrect Account Number	<input type="checkbox"/> Incorrect/No Encumbrance No.
<input type="checkbox"/> Incorrect Remit Address	<input type="checkbox"/> Incorrect Voucher Amount
<input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Cash Balance Available	<input type="checkbox"/> Incorrect G/L Date
<input type="checkbox"/> Batch not Approved in New World	<input type="checkbox"/> Expense Precede Encumbrance
<input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Balance Available on PO	<input type="checkbox"/> Remit Copy Missing
<input type="checkbox"/> Missing Original Invoice/Supporting Documents	<input type="checkbox"/> Due Date Deadline Missed
<input type="checkbox"/> Missing "OK to Pay" Initials/Signature	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other

Solution: Please be advised that this letter is a formal request pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 319.16(A)(2) for "legible copies of any court-approved invoice, bill, receipt, check, or contract related to the order, redacted as required by law." As that statutory requirement provides, the above-referenced requested evidentiary matter is required along with a "proper court order" in order for the Geauga County Auditor's Office to process the at-issue requested payment out of the Geauga County Treasury. Also, no original signature on the voucher. No invoices provided.

Courthouse Annex, 231 Main Street, Suite 1A, Chardon, OH 44024-1293

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**AUDITORS CERTIFICATION OF FUNDS
O.R.C. 5705.41D**

Geauga County, Chardon, Ohio, January 3, 2024
I HEREBY CERTIFY that the money required to meet the foregoing contract, agreement, or obligation in the sum of

\$45,000.00

has been lawfully approved, authorized or directed for such purpose and is in the Treasury or in the process of collection to the credit of the fund listed next to the item below free from any previous encumbrances

**CHARLES E. WALDER
GEAUGA COUNTY AUDITOR**

by _____ Deputy Auditor
GEAUGA COUNTY FEDERAL I.D. NO. 34-6001208
SALES AND USED TAX EXEMPTION - POLITICAL SUBDIVISION
STATE OF OHIO

FOR AUDITORS USE ONLY	Date _____
Then and Now Certificate _____	
Warrant Received by _____	
Date _____	

SHIP TO:
GEAUGA COUNTY
PROBATE / JUVENILE COURT -JUDGE GREDELL
231 MAIN STREET SUITE 2
CHARDON, OH 44024

WARRANT NO.	VOUCHER DATE	VOUCHER AMOUNT
	9/9/2024	\$ 1,585.00 ✓
P.O. DATE	ADJUSTMENT	ACCOUNT NO.
01/03/2024		
1099 AMT.	dr.	
	cr.	

PURCHASE ORDER NO. 2024-00001415 ✓

GEAUGA CO. BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS: SESSION _____ RESOLUTION _____ JOURNAL _____ PAGE _____ BUDGET APPROVAL - ENCUMB _____ VOUCHER _____
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VENDOR I.D. NO. 9470

PURCHASED FROM:

Schraff Thomas Law, LLC

INVOICE TO:
GEAUGA COUNTY
PROBATE / JUVENILE COURT -JUDGE GREDELL
231 MAIN STREET SUITE 2
CHARDON, OH 44024

Kimberly Owen

DEPARTMENT HEAD SIGNATURE

QUANTITY	UNIT	FUND	DESCRIPTION	UNIT COST	TOTAL COST
1.0000	Each	1001	Contracted Services - Contract Services 1001-008-00-601 - Contract Services 45,000.00 24PG2 & 23PG585	45,000.0000	\$45,000.00
<p>RECEIVED SEP 05 2024 Geauga County Auditor</p>					
TOTAL DUE					\$45,000.00

**Presented by Court as a
courtesy only,
NOT statutorily required**

See State ex rel. Grendell v. Walder,
Slip Opinion No. 2022-Ohio-204

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, FILED
PROBATE DIVISION
GEAUGA COUNTY, OHIO 2024 SEP -4 PM 1:04

IN RE:

PROBATE COURT
EXPENDITURES
SCHRAFF THOMAS LAW LLC

**NOT
FOR
VETTING**

PROBATE-JUVENILE
DIVISION
GEAUGA COUNTY, OHIO
) JUDGE TIMOTHY J. GRENDELL
)
)
) PROPER ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
) 2024-190

Pursuant to R.C. 319.16(A)(2), this order hereby directs timely payment by the Geauga County Auditor in the amount of \$1,585.00 (One Thousand Five Hundred Eighty Five Dollars and No Cents) from 1001-008-00-601 payable to SCHRAFF THOMAS LAW LLC, for guardian fees for 24PG2 and attorney fees for 23PG585, which the Probate Court has determined to be an expenditure for a proper public purpose. **Kindly provide this Court with the original check which it will mail to the vendor.**

Pursuant to R.C. 319.16(D), "if the auditor questions the validity of [this] expenditure... the auditor shall notify the court that presented the documents, shall issue the warrant under protest, and shall notify the auditor of state of the protest."

As an elected official and member of the judicial branch of county government, the Judge of the Geauga County Probate/Juvenile Court is authorized to fix the amount due to court vendors who perform services for the court. Therefore, pursuant to R.C. 307.55(A), this payment is to be processed "Live".

IT IS SO ORDERED.


TIMOTHY J. GRENDELL, JUDGE

CC: Fiscal Director

PROBATE COURT OF GEauga COUNTY, OHIO
JUDGE TIMOTHY J. GRENDALL

FILED
IN COMMON PLEAS COURT

Guardianship of _____

2024 AUG -9 AM 9:08

Case No. 24 PG 000002 ✓

PROBATE-JUVENILE
DIVISION
GEAUGA COUNTY, OHIO

APPLICATION FOR PAYMENT OF FEES FROM PUBLIC FUNDS

John P. Thomas, Schraff Thomas Law, LLC, as: guardian attorney

guardian ad litem other _____

in this matter applies for a court order for payment of fees, for services rendered during the calendar 20 24.

The applicant is seeking a court order for payment of \$ 610, for such services rendered during the calendar year stated above.

Signature: [Signature]
Applicant Name: John P. Thomas, Schraff Thomas Law, LLC
Street: 2802 SOM Center Rd. Suite 200 ✓
City, State, Zip: Willoughby Hills, OH 44094
Phone: (440) 569-1505 Atty. Reg. 0079630

Judgment Entry Magistrate's Order

The application is well taken and it is ORDERED that the Applicant be paid \$ 610.00 for the calendar year of 2024 ✓

The application is denied

FILED
IN COMMON PLEAS COURT

Date: 8/23/24
2024 AUG 26 AM 7:26

PROBATE-JUVENILE
DIVISION
GEAUGA COUNTY, OHIO

[Signature]
Judge / Magistrate
Magistrate Abbey L. King

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF THE DOCUMENT ON FILE IN THIS OFFICE, EXCEPT FOR THE REDACTION OF SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS, IF ANY.
ENTERED 8/23/24 WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL OF SAID COURT THIS 23 DAY OF AUGUST, 2024 Timothy J. Grendell
JUDGE & EX-OFFICIO CLERK
R. [Signature] DEPUTY CLERK

PROBATE COURT OF GEauga COUNTY, OHIO

JUDGE TIMOTHY J. GRENDALL

FILED IN COMMON PLEAS COURT

Guardianship of _____

2024 AUG -9 AM 9:08

Case No. 23 PG 000585 ✓

PROBATE-JUVENILE DIVISION GEAGA COUNTY OHIO

APPLICATION FOR PAYMENT OF FEES FROM PUBLIC FUNDS

John P. Thomas, Schraff Thomas Law, LLC, as: guardian attorney

guardian ad litem other _____

in this matter applies for a court order for payment of fees, for services rendered during the calendar 2024

The applicant is seeking a court order for payment of \$975.00, for such services rendered during the calendar year stated above.

Signature: [Signature]
Applicant Name: John P. Thomas, Schraff Thomas Law, LLC ✓
Street: 2802 SOM Center Rd. Suite 200
City, State, Zip: Willoughby Hills, OH 44094
Phone: (440) 569-1505 Atty. Reg. 0079630

Judgment Entry Magistrate's Order

The application is well taken and it is ORDERED that the Applicant be paid \$ 975.00 for the calendar year of 2024. ✓

The application is denied

Date: 8/16/24

[Signature]
Judge / Magistrate
Magistrate Abbey L. King

PROBATE-JUVENILE DIVISION GEAGA COUNTY, OHIO

2024 AUG 19 PM 4:19

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF THE DOCUMENT FILED IN THIS OFFICE, EXCEPT FOR THE REDACTION OF SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS, IF ANY, ENTERED 8-9-24 WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL OF SAID COURT THIS 30 DAY OF AUGUST, 2024 [Signature] Timothy J. Grendell