



Auditor
Charles E. Walder
Chief Fiscal Officer

Return Voucher Form

Date: 02/06/25

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

From: Auditor's Office Fiscal Department

SUBJECT: Batch # 2025-00000343

Chagrin Falls Legal LTD \$480.00

<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 voucher or invoice. A 2025 encumbrance was used; however, services are for year 2024.

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

Geauga County, Chardon, Ohio January 3, 2025
I HEREBY CERTIFY that the money required to meet the foregoing contract, agreement, or obligation in the sum of _____ 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 _____
GEAUGA COUNTY FEDERAL ID. NO. 34-6001208
SALES AND USED TAX EXEMPTION - POLITICAL SUBDIVISION
STATE OF OHIO

FOR AUDITORS USE ONLY Date: _____

Warrant Received by: _____

WARRANT NO. _____ VOUCHER DATE 2/3/2025 VOUCHER AMOUNT \$ 480.00 ✓
P.O. DATE 01/03/2025 ADJUSTMENT _____ ACCOUNT NO. _____
1099 AMT. _____ dr _____

PURCHASE ORDER NO. 2025 -0001131 ✓ ✓

GEAUGA CO. BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:
SESSION _____
JOURNAL _____
PAGE _____
BUDGET APPROVAL - ENCUMB _____ VOUCHER _____

VENDOR I.D. 15995

PURCHASED FROM:
Chagrin Falls Legal, LTD

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

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


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 50,000.00 ✓ 21PG389 ✓	50,000.0000	\$50,000.00
TOTAL DUE					\$50,000.00

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
PROBATE DIVISION
GEAUGA COUNTY, OHIO

FILED
IN COMMON PLEAS COURT
2025 FEB -4 PM 4:35

PROBATE-JUVENILE
DIVISION
GEAUGA COUNTY, OHIO

IN RE:

PROBATE COURT
EXPENDITURES
CHAGRIN FALLS LEGAL, LTD

) JUDGE TIMOTHY J. GRENDALL
)
)
) **PROPER ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER**
) **2025-30**

Pursuant to R.C. 319.16(A)(2), this order hereby directs timely payment by the Geauga County Auditor in the amount of \$480.00 (Four Hundred Eighty Dollars and No Cents) from 1001-008-00-601 payable to CHAGRIN FALLS LEGAL, LTD, for attorney fees for 21PG389, 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. GRENDALL, JUDGE

cc 2/4/2025

CC: Fiscal Director

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

FILED
COMMON PLEAS COURT
2025 JAN 15 PM 3:57
PROBATE-JUVENILE
DIVISION
GEAUGA COUNTY, OHIO

Guardianship of _____
Case No. 21PG000389 ✓

APPLICATION FOR PAYMENT OF FEES FROM PUBLIC FUNDS

Chagrin Falls Legal, Ltd. (Zachary J. Fela) _____, 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 \$480.00, for such services rendered during the calendar year stated above.

FILED
COMMON PLEAS COURT
2025 JAN 17 PM 2:55
PROBATE-JUVENILE
DIVISION
GEAUGA COUNTY, OHIO

Signature: _____
Applicant Name: ✓ Zachary J. Fela
Street: ✓ 549 East Washington Street, Suite 100
City, State, Zip: Chagrin Falls, Ohio 44022
Phone: 216-978-5573 Atty. Reg. 0097187

Judgment Entry Magistrate's Order

The application is well taken and it is ORDERED that the Applicant be paid \$480.00 ✓ for the calendar year of 2024.

The application is denied

Date: 1/17/25

Judge / Magistrate

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Timothy J. Grendell
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