



**Auditor**  
**Charles E. Walder**  
*Chief Fiscal Officer*

**Return Voucher Form**

Date: **02/28/2025**

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

From: Auditor's Office Fiscal Department

**SUBJECT: Batch # 2025-0000503**

**Chagrin Falls Legal, Ltd \$1,048.00**

<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. Encumbrance date is 01/03/2025; however, service dates are listed as 2024.

**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, 2025  
I HEREBY CERTIFY that the money required to meet the foregoing contract, agreement, or obligation in the sum of \$50,000.00 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 GRENDELL  
231 MAIN STREET SUITE 2  
CHARDON, OH 44024

WARRANT NO.	VOUCHER DATE	VOUCHER AMOUNT
	3/4/2025	\$ 1,048.00 ✓
P.O. DATE	ADJUSTMENT	ACCOUNT NO.
01/03/2025	dr	
1099 AMT.	cr	

PURCHASE ORDER NO. 2025 -0001131 ✓

GEAUGA CO. BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS: SESSION _____ RESOLUTION _____ JOURNAL _____ PAGE _____ BUDGET APPROVAL - ENCUMB _____ VOUCHER _____
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VENDOR I.D. 15995

**PURCHASED FROM:**

Chagrin Falls Legal, Ltd

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

*Kristen [Signature]*  
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  11PG453 & 21PG329	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

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COMMON PLEAS COURT

2025 FEB 27 AM 11:21

PROBATE-JUVENILE  
DIVISION  
GEAUGA COUNTY, OHIO

IN RE:

PROBATE COURT  
EXPENDITURES  
CHAGRIN FALLS LEGAL, LTD

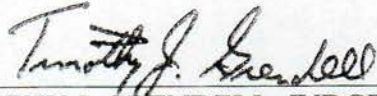
) JUDGE TIMOTHY J. GRENDALL  
)  
)  
) PROPER ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER  
) 2025-47

Pursuant to R.C. 319.16(A)(2), this order hereby directs timely payment by the Geauga County Auditor in the amount of \$1,048.00 (One Thousand Forty Eight Dollars and No Cents) from 1001-008-00-601 payable to CHAGRIN FALLS LEGAL, LTD, for guardianship fees for 11PG453 & 21PG329, 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 2/27/2025*

CC: Fiscal Director



PROBATE COURT OF GEAUGA COUNTY, OHIO FILED  
JUDGE TIMOTHY J. GRENDELL IN COMMON PLEAS COURT

2025 JAN 15 PM 3: 58

Guardianship of \_\_\_\_\_

Case No. 21PG000329 ✓

PROBATE-JUVENILE  
DIVISION  
GEAUGA COUNTY, OHIO

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 \$ 551.00 <sup>551.00 net ✓</sup> 543.00, for such services rendered during the calendar year stated above.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Zachary J. Fela

549 East Washington Street, Suite 100

Chagrin Falls, Ohio 44022

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 \$ 551<sup>00</sup> for the calendar year of 2024

The application is denied

Date: 2/18/25

Judge / Magistrate

Magistrate Abbey L. King

PROBATE CLERK  
FILED  
IN COMMON PLEAS COURT  
2025 FEB 19 AM 8:01  
PROBATE-JUVENILE  
DIVISION  
GEAUGA COUNTY, OHIO  
CORRECT COPY OF THE DOCUMENT OF  
THIS CASE IS TO BE FILED FOR THE REDUCTION  
OF THE COURT'S NUMBER, IF ANY.  
FEBRUARY 16 2025 WITNESS MY HAND  
AND SEAL OF OFFICE THIS 18 DAY OF  
FEBRUARY 2025 Timothy J. Grendell  
PROBATE CLERK