



Auditor
Charles E. Walder
Chief Fiscal Officer

Return Voucher Form

Date: 05/23/2025

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

From: Auditor's Office Fiscal Department

SUBJECT: Batch # 2025-00001219

King & Ivans Law, LLC \$455.00

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

Solution: Please be advised that this letter is a formal request pursuant to the 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. Services began 07/17/2024; however, the encumbrance G/L date is 01/03/2025.

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
	5/26/2025	\$ 455.00 ✓
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 _____

VENDOR I.D. 11547

PURCHASED FROM:

King & Ivans Law, LLC

INVOICE TO:
GEAUGA COUNTY
PROBATE / JUVENILE COURT -JUDGE GRENDELL
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 21PE118 RECEIVED MAY 21 2025 Geauga County Auditor	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
COMMON PLEAS COURT
JUL 21 PM 1:21
PROBATE-JUVENILE
DIVISION
GEAUGA COUNTY, OHIO

IN RE:

PROBATE COURT
EXPENDITURES
KING AND IVANS LAW LLC

) JUDGE TIMOTHY J. GRENDALL
)
)
) **PROPER ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER**
) **2025-94**

Pursuant to R.C. 319.16(A)(2), this order hereby directs timely payment by the Geauga County Auditor in the amount of \$455.00 (Four Hundred Fifty Five Dollars and No Cents) from 1001-008-00-601 payable to KING AND IVANS LAW LLC, for fiduciary/attorney fees for 21PE118, 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: Fiscal Director

EX-11A

FILED
IN COMMON PLEAS COURT

KING AND IVANS LAW, LLC
✓ 137 Main Street, Suite 1
Chardon, Oh 44024

2025 APR -4 AM 9:21

PROBATE-JUVENILE
DIVISION
GEAUGA COUNTY, OHIO

Invoice submitted to:
Estate of

April 2, 2025

In Reference To: Geauga County, Ohio Probate Estate
All Fees Require Prior Court Approval
Bill for Information Purposes Only!

Professional Services

	<u>Hrs/Rate</u>	<u>Amount</u>
7/17/2024 Draft Status Report, review assets, and file, review county record and correspondence sent to former Fiduciary review information on assets	1.00 175.00/hr	175.00
7/18/2024 Draft complete status report, review court docket on foreclosure, and review entries, review county deed/title record, and speak with Clerk of Courts Title Office finish report and prepare exhibits	1.00 175.00/hr	175.00
7/30/2024 Draft email to former attorney to locate her	0.10 175.00/hr	17.50
4/2/2025 Court Appearance via telephone on status of case	0.20 175.00/hr	35.00
Draft Status Report recommending the estate be closed, providing proof of notice to creditor	0.30 175.00/hr	52.50
For professional services rendered	<u>2.60</u>	<u>✓\$455.00</u>

FILED
COMMON PLEAS COURT

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
PROBATE DIVISION
GEAUGA COUNTY, OHIO

2025 MAY 13 PM 12:11 ✓

IN THE MATTER OF:

THE ESTATE OF

: CASE NO. 21 PE 000118 PROBATE-JUVENILE
: / DIVISION
: JUDGE TIMOTHY J. GRENDALL
: GEAUGA COUNTY, OHIO
:
: ORDER
:

This matter came on for consideration this 13th day of may, 2025 on the motion of Richard A. Ivans, Successor Administrator, for approval of the payment of Fiduciary/Attorney Fees from Court/County Funds to **KING & IVANS LAW, LLC** for services rendered in the sum of Four Hundred and Fifty-Five Dollars 00/100 (\$455.00) for professional services provided at his hourly rate of \$175.00.

It is the finding of the Court that the services rendered were fair and reasonable.

IT IS THEREFORE, ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the county/ court shall make payment to **KING & IVANS LAW, LLC** for attorney/fiduciary fees in the sum of Four Hundred and Fifty-Five Dollars 00/100 (\$455.00). ✓



JUDGE TIMOTHY J. GRENDALL

Prepared by: Richard A. Ivans #0093669