

BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE
RESOLUTION #26-06

Appoint Borough Attorney –
Trenk, Isabel, Siddiqi & Shahdanian PC

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council has resolved to award a professional services contract for the position of Borough Attorney through a non-competitive process pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5; and

WHEREAS, the Borough's Chief Financial Officer has determined and certified in writing that the anticipated payments under said contract for 2025 may not exceed \$70,000; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5) authorizes the execution of such a professional services contract without competitive bidding; and

WHEREAS, John L. Shahdanian, Esq. of Trenk, Isabel, Siddiqi & Shahdanian PC has submitted a proposed contract and has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that he and his law firm have not made any contributions to any political or candidate committee in the Borough of River Edge in the previous one year that would render him ineligible to be awarded this contract, and that the proposed contract prohibits him and his law firm from making any such reportable contributions through the term of the contract; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available and said certification is attached to the original of this resolution.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of River Edge, that the appointment of John L. Shahdanian, Esq. of Trenk, Isabel, Siddiqi & Shahdanian PC to serve as Borough Attorney is hereby confirmed, and the Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized to sign the proposed contract submitted by the Borough Attorney; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Business Entity Disclosure and the Determination of Value be placed on file with this Resolution; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that in accordance with NJSA 40A:11-5 (1)(a)(i) the Borough Clerk shall publish a notice of award of this professional services contract stating the nature, duration, service and amount of the contract, and that the resolution and contract are on file and available for public inspection in the Office of the Borough Clerk in the Record.

January 6, 2026

	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Montisano-Koen						
Kinsella						
Malellari						
Glass						
Dhariwal						
Feffer						
Mayor Papaleo						

I hereby certify that this resolution, consisting of 2 page(s), was adopted at a meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of River Edge, held on this 6th day of January, 2026.

Anne Dodd, Borough Clerk