



**TO:** Matthew L. Blomstedt, Ph.D.  
Commissioner of Education

**FROM:** MARGARET WORTH

**SUBJECT:** Contract(s) with Morris & Titus Law Firm, PC, LLO

**Proposed Board Action:**

Grant the Commissioner the authority to contract with Morris & Titus Law Firm, PC, LLO

**Background Information:**

Mr. Jim Titus' current contract will end June 30, 2104. With the renewal of this contract, Mr. Titus can be assigned new cases that may be filed in FY 2014-2015 in areas other than special education. Payment under this contract is based upon cases filed and assigned, the actual payment may be less than the maximum amount.

Mr. Bill Morris' current contract will end June 30, 2014. With the renewal of this contract, Mr. Morris can conduct administrative hearings for the Department which are required by state and federal laws and regulations in the area of Special Education. NDE maintains two SPED hearing officials. Payment under this contract is based upon cases actually filed and assigned, the actual payment may be less than the maximum amount.

**Estimated Cost:**

\$40,000.00 maximum

**Supporting Documentation Included:**

**For Additional Information on this item:**

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