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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Department of Education Legal Representation
Date: Monday, July 28, 2025 9:42:40 AM
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To: Chris Van Denhende
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Date: Monday, July 28, 2025 9:57:17 AM
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Yes, sir, that is just fine. Please call me at your convenience. My work mobile is 405-
, and my personal number is 

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From: [Becky Carson](#)
To: bradley.clark@oag.ok.gov
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Chad Kutmas
Date: Monday, July 28, 2025 11:03:21 PM

Dear Mr. Clark:

I am writing to request a cancellation of the State Board of Education's 20-1 contract with Chad Kutmas. As a member of the board I believe that we no longer have trust in Mr. Kutmas.

He is often uncooperative, belittling, and argumentative with board members. He does not represent the best interest of the board, which is what he is contracted to do.

He has made it apparent in his actions, or lack of , that we as a board are not his priority.

Thank you
Becky Carson
Oklahoma State Board of Education

From: [Ryan Deatherage](#)
To: bradley.clark@oag.ok.gov
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Request for Termination of Contract with Board Counsel
Date: Tuesday, July 29, 2025 12:33:51 PM

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to you in my capacity as a member of the Oklahoma State Board of Education to formally request the termination of the 20i contract with Mr. Chad Kutmus in his role as Board Counsel.

In my opinion, Mr. Kutmus does not adequately represent the interests of the full Board, but rather aligns solely with State Superintendent Walters. As such, I believe it is in the best interest of the Board to reconsider this contractual relationship.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,
Ryan Deatherage
Oklahoma State Board of Education Member

From: [Chris Van Denhende](#)
To: [Bradley Clark](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Oklahoma State Board of Education
Date: Tuesday, July 29, 2025 3:46:32 PM
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[OSBE asks to hold special meeting regarding its duties.pdf](#)

Bradley,

Per our discussion, as a duly appointed and confirmed board member I have found the legal representation provide to the State Board of Education by the firm of Norman Wohlgemuth and specifically Chat J. Kutmas to be unacceptable. Mr. Kutmas appears to believe he is Superintendent Ryan Walters personal board attorney and in that regard is obstructionist in his behavior and legal guidance. I request that you review, remove and or cancel his contract so that the State Board of Education can engage with legal counsel that will provide appropriate guidance in matters of the whole board.

I've attached a copy of correspondence that I have had with Mr. Kutmas for your review. I have also attached a news report whereby Superintendent Walters shares that he believes he has the power to determine whether we have a special meeting. I would appreciate your review of state statute 70-3-102 and provide guidance on how we might be able to 1) call for a special meeting within the guidelines of state statute 2) provide guidance on state statute or other law that might guide how (or who) the agenda can be constructed for the special meeting 3) any restriction on what can be discussed in a special meeting and 4) how to file public notice to ensure we are compliant with the open meeting act.

Thank you for your time and assistance and I look forward to hearing how we can move forward with removal of Mr. Kutmas and conducting a Special Meeting on or about August 15th of this year.

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From: Jacki Phelps
To: Kindanne Jones
Cc: john [REDACTED]
Subject: Legal Services
Date: Tuesday, August 5, 2025 11:04:34 AM

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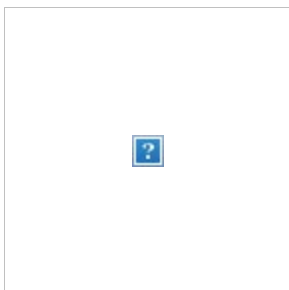
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From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED] Baze
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Legal Services
Date: Wednesday, August 6, 2025 [REDACTED]

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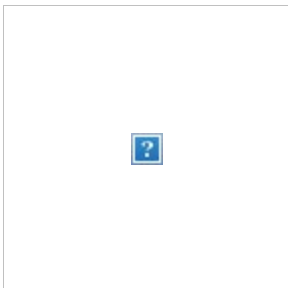
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Hi Kindy!

I hope you are doing well. I wanted to reach out to see if there is anything else Mr. Cannon needs for your office regarding his representation of the Superintendent pursuant to 74 O.S. § 20i.

It is my understanding that Mr. Cannon has already provided the Superintendent with a contract for these services.

Let me know if there is anything I can do to help!

Jacki

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From: [Kory Kile](#)
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From: [Jacki Phelps](#)
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Subject: Cannon 20i Information
Date: Monday, August 11, 2025 12:28:14 PM
Attachments: [Cannon 20i.pdf](#)

Hi Kindy!

Please find attached the 20i request from OSDE as well as the executed contract between Superintendent Walters and Cannon Law Firm. Please let me know if you need any additional information.

Jacki

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**APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF PROPOSED CONTRACT
FOR EMPLOYMENT OF PRIVATE ATTORNEY(S)
UNDER TITLE 74 O.S. SUPP. 1998, § 20i**

USE THIS FORM WHEN TOTAL COST OF THE TRANSACTION WILL EQUAL OR EXCEED \$20,000.00. ALL SUCH CONTRACTS MUST BE APPROVED BY THE OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL.

Name of Agency or Official: Oklahoma State Department of Education
 Address: 2500 N. Lincoln Blvd. Agency No: 265
 Phone: (405) [REDACTED] Fax No: _____
 Contact Person: Kory L. Kile
 Email Address : kory.kile@sde.ok.gov

REQUIRED INFORMATION (You may attach additional sheets if necessary)

A. Attorney's Name: (Each individual attorney including associates must be indicated; firm names will not suffice)

Name: John P. Cannon
 FEI/SSN: [REDACTED] Bar No [REDACTED]
 Firm: Cannon and Associates
 (If Applicable)
 Address: 401 N. Hudson, Ste. 100
 City: Oklahoma City State: OK Zip: 73102
 Phone: (405) [REDACTED] Fax: N/A
 E-mail Address: john@[REDACTED]

- B. Citation of authority that permits the hiring of private attorney(s) by this agency or official:** Title 70 O.S. §§ 1-105, 3-104, 3-107, 3-107.1
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- C. State the nature and scope of representation (Please describe the case, transaction or matter and attach any pleadings and the proposed contract):**
Pre-charge criminal defense in Oklahoma County covering advising on and recommending strategies to minimize the likelihood of criminal charges being filed, as well as preparing for the possibility of charges.
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- E. State the total anticipated costs of proposed representation (This includes all amounts that you anticipate may be paid in this matter and is not limited to the current fiscal year):** \$100,000
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- ii. Describe method of calculating any other expenses to be reimbursed by the agency under this contract (i.e. photocopies, travel, long distance, etc.):** costs are incurred with hourly rates
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- F. State the date the contract begins and the duration of the case, transaction or matter:** Contract to begin upon approval of the contract by the Attorney General's office. The matter is not expected to exceed six (6) months time.
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- i If the contract is a multi-year contract state whether the contract contains a non-appropriation clause. If the contract does not contain a non-appropriation clause please state the exemption for not including a non-appropriation clause:** N/A
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G. Please identify any previous or related contracts concerning this case, transaction, or matter and the fiscal year in which such contracts were entered: N/A

H. Section 20i of Title 74 requires a determination that the Attorney General is unable to represent the agency or official due to:

1. conflict of interest
2. lack of personnel, or
3. lack of expertise

to provide the specific representation.

Please state the grounds upon which this Application is predicated and provide specific and detailed information, including pleadings or other materials that support approval by this office upon the grounds asserted. This matter is predicated on accusations raised accusing the Superintendent of inappropriate conduct during the State Board of Education meeting on July 24, 2025, and the resulting investigation into potential criminal matters. Agency attorneys are potential witnesses and may be conflicted from representation. Out of an abundance of caution and the interest of public transparency, outside counsel is required.

AGENCY HEAD OR OFFICIAL



Signature

Ryan Walters, Superintendent of Public Instruction

(Type Name)

08/08/2025

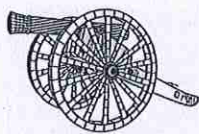
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PLEASE SUBMIT ORIGINAL TO:

Office of Attorney General
 Attn: 20i Coordinator
 313 N. E. 21st Street
 Oklahoma City, OK 73105

If approved, the original will be returned to you with an appropriate approval date stamp.

(REVISED 6/07)



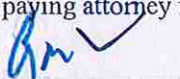
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ATTORNEY ENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT

This Agreement is made this 30th day of July, 2025 between Cannon & Associates Criminal Defense and Family Law, PLLC, an Oklahoma Limited Liability Company, hereinafter "Attorney" and Ryan Walters, hereinafter "Client."

Scope of Representation: Pre-Charge Criminal Defense in Oklahoma County. This retainer covers advising on and recommending strategies to minimize the likelihood of criminal charges being filed, as well as preparing for the possibility of charges. A separate and additional Attorney Engagement Agreement will be necessary, if in the unlikely event criminal charges are filed.

Attorney shall use its discretion in performing services and duties under this Agreement. No staff members of Cannon & Associates or the owner are party to this contract. Client shall be responsible for paying attorney fees, as specified herein.



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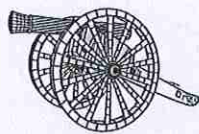
Advanced Payment: You will pay our office a Retainer of at least \$5,000, an advance payment of your fees. The Firm will hold this in our IOLTA Trust Account and bill you against this twice per month. If you have any questions about your bill, please call and schedule a meeting with our Billing Clerk to discuss the issue within seven (7) days of your receipt of said billing statement.

Evergreen Retainer Mode: In our Retainer Model, your retainer operates as an Evergreen Retainer. When your Evergreen Retainer balance falls below the minimum required balance of \$1500, you are required to replenish it to at least \$3000.

We bill twice monthly during the second and fourth week of the month. We allow for a five (5) day grace period to replenish your *Evergreen Retainer* or make your installment payment. You agree after the five (5) day grace period if payment is not made, we will charge any outstanding balance to the credit card on file. You agree to replenish the trust account so that the retainer is maintained until this matter is completed. You agree to maintain a valid credit card on file with the firm. Failure to keep an adequate balance in our trust account is grounds for Attorney's withdrawal from your case. At the conclusion of our representation of this case, and after payment of your final bill, any advance payments that remain in our IOLTA Trust Account will be refunded to you.



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Billing and Rates

Billing is performed as stated above. Fees for Attorney services will depend upon the amount of time spent on your case. Fees for our attorneys are subject to change as deemed appropriate by Cannon & Associates, PLLC. You will be notified of any fee change during the course of your representation. Current hourly rates for our attorneys on our criminal law team are the following:

\$400 an hour for Managing Attorney
 \$350 an hour for Senior Attorney
 \$300 an hour for Associates
 \$190 an hour for any Paralegal and Legal intern
 \$125 an hour for Legal Assistant and Investigator

Examples of work performed by the legal assistant or intern include, but are not limited to witness interviews, telephone and office conferences with client, preparation of exhibits in accordance with the assigned lawyer's instructions, drafts, legal research, preparation of letters or memorandums, or such other purposes directed by the Attorney. Only the attorneys of Cannon & Associates, PLLC, can give you legal advice for this case.

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Additional Fees: A one-time Technology and Administrative Fee of \$250.00 will be charged for initial setup, software subscriptions, hardware, support, training, and other technology-related expenses. In matters handled on a flat fee basis, this fee is included in the retainer and not charged separately. If the Client terminates the Firm's representation before the matter is complete, this fee shall be deemed earned upon receipt, regardless of the stage of representation. All balances past due by more than 30 days will incur a \$25.00 late fee. The Firm's failure to charge a late fee at any time does not constitute a waiver, and the Firm reserves the right to apply such fees retroactively to any past-due balance. If it becomes necessary for the Firm to take action to collect outstanding fees, the Client will be responsible for all associated costs. Additionally, if any scheduled or manual payment fails, the Client will have two (2) business days to bring the account current before a late fee is applied. Returned checks will result in a fee equal to the applicable late payment fee plus any charges incurred by the Firm due to the returned item.

Third-Party Financing: If the Client elects to use third-party financing—such as through Sunbit or a similar provider—a 5% retailer fee will be charged to reimburse the Firm for costs incurred in providing this financing option. This fee is not included in the amount financed but will be billed separately to the Client during their first billing cycle following financing approval. The Client agrees to pay this fee in full and acknowledges that it is separate from any fees, interest, or terms imposed by the financing provider.

Credit Card Surcharge Fees: The Firm applies a credit card surcharge of up to 3% on all payments made by credit card. This surcharge applies only to credit card transactions. There are no additional fees for payments made by debit card, ACH transfer, check, or cash. We understand that convenience matters and are committed to offering a variety of payment options so that Clients can choose the method that works best for them.

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All clients take notice that at the end of your case, you will have (30) thirty days to retrieve any original and/or personal paperwork from your file. Any request for same must be made in writing within (30) thirty days from the finalization of your case. Otherwise, said paperwork will be digitally stored for (5) years for your convenience.

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IT IS EXPRESSLY UNDERSTOOD AND AGREED by the parties that this written agreement is the entire agreement of the parties and that no other oral representations have been made. This contract may only be modified in writing, signed by all parties. Further, it is understood that pursuant to the Oklahoma Rules for Professional conduct, Attorney will only release funds and accept instructions from the named Client herein. As such, if any other party is paying any or all of the above stated retainer, they understand that they are giving up any interest in said funds and should Attorneys services be terminated, said funds will only be returned to Client named, unless otherwise instructed by such named client in writing.

If Applicable:

ODE/Jack Phelps
3rd Party Payor

IT IS FURTHER UNDERSTOOD AND AGREED that Attorney reserves the right of withdrawal on the following including but not limited to: non-payment, Client's failure to communicate with attorney, failure to abide by attorney's instructions, and/or continuation of illegal conduct, unnecessary emotional outburst, threats, attempting or permitting case and strategy interference by Client or a third-party. Attorney also may withdraw under Title 5 of the Oklahoma Statutes. If Attorney is to withdraw, for any reason, prior to the completion of this Contract, a withdrawal flat fee of \$500.00 will be charged (or withdraw from the Client's Trust Account) for the expense of seeking the required withdrawal Order with the Court, if a court action is pending. Further, Client understands that if Client breaches this contract and Attorney files a civil lawsuit in order to collect monies owed to Attorney, said Client will be responsible for Attorneys costs and fees in said lawsuit. Client agrees that notice or service may be made upon Client at the address on file and Client will inform Attorney of any change in this address.



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HENCE, by applying the signatures below, Attorney and Client have read and understand this agreement, agreeing to its terms.

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Client

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Cc: Jacki Phelps
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To: [Bradley Clark](#)
Subject: Meeting?
Date: Wednesday, August 13, 2025 11:08:59 AM

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From: Bradley Clark
To: Jacki Phelps
Subject: RE: Meeting?
Date: Wednesday, August 13, 2025 11:38:56 AM
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Yes of course! See you then.

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From: [Jacki Phelps](#)
To: [Kindanne Jones](#)
Cc: [Bradley Clark](#)
Subject: 20i application (Cannon)
Date: Thursday, August 14, 2025 12:51:24 PM

Hi Kindy!

After some consideration, I believe it is in the best interest to withdraw the application I previously submitted on behalf of John Cannon at this time.

Please let me know if there is anything else you need me to do!

Thank you as always for your help,

Jacki

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