

**AUTHORIZE CONTINUED RETENTION OF THE LAW FIRM  
HOGAN & HARTSON, L.L.P.**

**THE GENERAL COUNSEL REPORTS THE FOLLOWING:**

Continued retention of the law firm Hogan & Hartson.

**DESCRIPTION:** The law firm Hogan & Hartson continues to assist the General Counsel in desegregation consent decree matters. The firm's principal, Maree Speed, is actively engaged in assisting the Board in developing the

Board's response to the Court's suggestion that dissolution of the Consent Decree may be appropriate. Additional authorization is requested for the firm's services in the amount of \$200,000. As invoices are received, they will be reviewed by the General Counsel and, if satisfactory, processed for payment.

**LSC REVIEW:** LSC approval is not applicable to this report.

**AFFIRMATIVE ACTION STATUS:** None.

**FINANCIAL:** Charge \$200,000.00 to Law Department - Legal and Supportive Services - Professional Services:  
Budget Classification Fiscal Year 2004 ..... 0014-210-000-1011-5410

**GENERAL CONDITIONS:**

Inspector General - Each party to the agreement shall acknowledge that, in accordance with 105 ILCS 5/34-13.1, the Inspector General of the Chicago Board of Education has the authority to conduct certain investigations and that the Inspector General shall have access to all information and personnel necessary to conduct those investigations.

Conflicts - The agreement shall not be legally binding on the Board if entered into in violation of the provisions of 105 ILCS 5/34-21.3 which restricts the employment of, or the letting of contracts to, former Board Members during the one year period following expiration or other termination of their terms of office.