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Assessor's Parcel Number: N/A

Date: JULY 19, 2005

**Recording Requested By:**

✓ Name: COUNTY MANAGER'S OFFICE

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Real Property Transfer Tax: \$ N/A

CONTRACT #2005.152

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**CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES  
OF  
INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR**

NO. 2005.152

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A CONTRACT BETWEEN DOUGLAS COUNTY

BARBARA REED  
CLERK

AND

ROWE & HALES L.L.P.  
P.O. Box 2080, MINDEN, NV 89423

FOR

LEGAL SERVICES FOR PUBLIC GUARDIAN  
JULY 1, 2005 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2006

WHEREAS, Douglas County, a political subdivision of the State of Nevada, from time to time requires the services of independent contractors; and

WHEREAS, it is deemed that the services of Contractor herein specified are both necessary and desirable and in the best interests of Douglas County; and

WHEREAS, Contractor represents that he is duly qualified, equipped, staffed, ready, willing and able to perform and render the services hereinafter described;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the agreements herein made, the parties mutually agree as follows:

**1. EFFECTIVE DATE OF CONTRACT.** July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006

**2. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR STATUS AND PROVISION OF WORKERS COMPENSATION COVERAGE.** The parties agree that Contractor shall have the status of and shall perform all work under this contract as an independent contractor. The parties also agree that this contract, by explicit agreement of the parties, incorporates and applies the provisions of Nev.Rev.Stat. § 284.173, as necessarily adapted, to the parties, including that Contractor is not a County employee and that there shall be no:

- (1) Withholding of income taxes by the County;
- (2) Industrial insurance coverage provided by the County;
- (3) Participation in group insurance plans which may be available to employees of the County;
- (4) Participation or contributions by either the independent contractor or the County to the public employees retirement system;
- (5) Accumulation of vacation leave or sick leave provided by the County;
- (6) Unemployment compensation coverage provided by the County if the requirements of NRS 612.085 for independent contractors are met.



**3. INDUSTRIAL INSURANCE.** Contractor further agrees, as a precondition to the performance of any work under this contract and as a precondition to any obligation of the County to make any payment under this contract, to provide the County with a work certificate and/or a certificate issued by a qualified insurer in accordance with Nev.Rev.Stat. § 616B.627. Contractor also agrees, prior to commencing any work under the contract, to complete and to provide the following written request to the insurer:

Rowe & Hales LLP has entered into a contract with Douglas County to perform work from July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006 and requests that the insurer provide to Douglas County 1) a certificate of coverage issued pursuant to Nev. Rev. Stat. § 616.280 and 2) notice of any lapse in coverage or nonpayment of coverage that the contractor is required to maintain. The certificate and notice should be mailed to:

Douglas County Manager  
Post Office Box 218  
Minden, Nevada 89423

Contractor agrees to maintain required workers compensation coverage throughout the entire term of the contract. If Contractor does not maintain coverage throughout the entire term of the contract, Contractor agrees that County may, at any time the coverage is not maintained by Contractor, immediately order the Contractor to stop work, suspend the contract or terminate the contract. For each six-month period this contract is in effect, Contractor agrees, prior to the expiration of the six-month period, to provide another written request to the insurer for the provision of a certificate and notice of lapse in or nonpayment of coverage. If Contractor does not make the request or does not provide the certificate before the expiration of the six-month period, Contractor agrees that County may order the Contractor to immediately stop work and may immediately suspend or terminate the contract.

**4. WORK TO BE PERFORMED.** The parties agree that the services to be performed are as follows:

Represent the Public Guardian in all matters relating to the provision of legal services and legal support required by the Guardian in the performance of her duties in acting as guardian of indigent wards and the administrator of indigent estates.

**5. PAYMENT FOR SERVICES.** Contractor agrees to perform the work set forth in paragraph (4) at a cost not to exceed \$10,000. The County shall make equal payments each month during the contract period.

**6. TERMINATION OF CONTRACT.** Either party may revoke this contract without cause, provided that a revocation shall not be effective until 30 days after the party has served written notice upon the other party.

**7. CONSTRUCTION OF CONTRACT.** This contract shall be construed and interpreted according to the laws of the State of Nevada.



**8. COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAWS.** Contractor shall fully and completely comply with all applicable local state and federal laws, regulations, orders, or requirements of any sort in carrying out the obligations of this contract, including, but not limited to, all federal, state, and local accounting procedures and requirements and all immigration and naturalization laws.

**9. ASSIGNMENT.** Contractor shall neither assign, transfer nor delegate any rights, obligations or duties under this contract without the prior written consent of the County.

**10. COUNTY INSPECTION.** The books, records, documents and accounting procedures and practices of Contractor related to this contract shall be subject to inspection, examination and audit by the County, including, but not limited to, the contracting agency, the County Manager, the District Attorney, and, if applicable, the Comptroller General of the United States, or any authorized representative of those entities.

**11. DISPOSITION OF CONTRACT MATERIALS.** Any books, reports, studies, photographs, negatives or other documents, data, drawings or other materials supplied to Contractor in the performance of its obligations under this contract shall be the exclusive property of the County and all such materials shall be remitted and delivered, at Contractor's expense, by Contractor to the County upon completion, termination or cancellation of this contract. Alternatively, if the County provides its written approval to Contractor, any books, reports, studies, photographs, negatives or other documents, data, drawings or other materials prepared by or supplied to Contractor in the performance of its obligations under this contract must be retained by Contractor for a minimum of six years after final payment is made and all other pending matters are closed. If at any time during the retention period, the County, in writing, requests any or all of the materials, then Contractor shall promptly remit and deliver the materials, at Contractor's expense, to the County. Contractor shall not use, willingly allow, or cause to have such materials used for any purpose other than the performance of Contractor's obligations under this contract without the prior written consent of the County.

**12. PUBLIC RECORDS LAW.** Contractor expressly agrees that all documents ever submitted, filed, or deposited with the County by Contractor (including those remitted to the County by Contractor pursuant to ¶ 15), unless designated as confidential by a specific statute of the State of Nevada, shall be treated as public records pursuant to NRS ch. 239 and shall be available for inspection and copying by any person, as defined in NRS § 0.039, or any governmental entity. Contractor expressly and indefinitely waives all of its rights to bring, including but not limited to, by way of complaint, interpleaded, intervention, or any third party practice, any claims, demands, suits, actions, judgments, or executions, for damages or any other relief, in any administrative or judicial forum, against the County or any of its officers or employees, in either their official or individual capacity, for violations of or infringement of the copyright laws of the United States or of any other nation.

**13. INDEMNIFICATION.** Contractor agrees to indemnify and save and hold the County, its agents and employees harmless from any and all claims, causes of action or liability arising from the performance of this contract by Contractor or Contractor's agents or employees.



**14. MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT.** This contract constitutes the entire contract between the parties and may only be modified by a written amendment signed by the parties and approved by the Board of County Commissioners.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this contract to be signed and intend to be legally bound thereby.

Michael Smiley Rowe 7/18/05  
Independent Contractor (date)  
Michael Smiley Rowe, ESQ  
Rowe & Hales, LLP

Kelly D. Kite 7/16/05  
Douglas County (date)  
Kelly D. Kite, Chairman  
Board of County Commissioners

Attest

Barbara Reed  
Clerk *of: Lopez, Clerk to Board*

Approved as to Form

Robert J. Morris  
Deputy District Attorney

**SEAL**

**CERTIFIED COPY**

The document to which this certificate is attached is a full, true and correct copy of the original on file and on record in my office.

DATE: July 19 2005  
B. Reed Clerk of the 9th Judicial District Court  
of the State of Nevada, in and for the County of Douglas.  
By [Signature] Deputy



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