

**AUTHORIZE THE RETENTION OF THE LAW FIRM
SUTHERLAND, ASBILL & BRENNAN, L.L.P.**

THE GENERAL COUNSEL REPORTS THE FOLLOWING:

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DESCRIPTION: The law firm Sutherland, Asbill & Brennan, L.L.P. has been retained to represent a former employee concerning the Congressional E-rate investigation. Authorization is requested for the firm's services in the amount of \$25,000.00. 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 \$25,000.00 to Law Department - Legal and Supportive Services - Professional Services:
Budget Classification Fiscal Year 2005 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