

A MESSAGE FROM THE MANAGING PARTNER – HANK NAUGHTON

Re: PFAS Cost Recovery Project: CONFIDENTIAL ATTORNEY WORK PRODUCT

Hoping you are having a great year so far! I'm attaching some information about my firm's work on PFAS Cost Recovery for water and wastewater utilities that I hope you will find both informative and helpful.

After spending twenty-six years in the Massachusetts House representing northern Worcester County, I am proud to have joined Napoli Shkolnik PLLC (Napoli) as Managing Partner of both the Public Client Practice Group and our PFAS Cost Recovery Program. It's always great to speak to those involved in water operations, as my dad spent 40 years with the Clinton Water Department retiring as a working foreman.

As those of you are likely aware, PFAS is getting continued and deeper scrutiny throughout the country.

OUR EXPERIENCE AND LEADERSHIP

Napoli, with over 30 years of experience, has the capability to successfully advise and represent Your community. Our firm has demonstrated, through national leadership roles in numerous mass tort and class action cases, that we have both the financial resources and the legal, human, intellectual, and technological capital to successfully pursue and obtain substantial results to benefit its clients in this PFAS Cost Recovery Program. Notable examples of this expertise include leadership in the current AFFF litigation (Aqueous Film Forming Foam), as well as in Opioid and other related drug and device cases. Our firm is able and prepared, as necessary, to advance and invest millions of dollars in time and out-of-pocket expenses, with the firm's recovery contingent upon a successful outcome, in the pursuit of the Your community claims in PFAS contamination matters.

OUR TEAM

The legal team Napoli has committed to this litigation is comprised of five partners (including myself), eighteen associates, as well as paralegal and technology support staff. We maintain low rates of turnover, assuring consistency in our work.

Please let me provide you a few specifics about this firm I've been proud to join. Mr. Paul Napoli will be serving as our primary attorney in this litigation and is nationally renowned for his leadership in the area of environmental mass tort, complex liability cases, and representing municipalities, with more than 25 years of experience. Notably, and specifically important in this case, Paul has been appointed Co-Lead Counsel in the *In re: Aqueous Film-Forming Foams (AFFF) Products Liability Multi District Litigation* (MDL) 2873 by Judge Richard M. Gergel, the District Judge in the District of South Carolina overseeing the AFFF MDL. In short, Paul has been



and will be at the table for every significant decision, procedure and activity in this case. This will mean that our ability to represent the interests of Your community will be front and center.

Mr. Napoli and our team of attorneys tackling this litigation have significant experience in environmental litigation, and is organized to address PFOA contamination, environmental hazards, air pollution, pesticides, hazardous waste, oil spills, water contamination disease clusters, fracking and energy exploration and soil contamination.

INDUSTRY RECOGNITION

Napoli attorneys have been recognized by some of the most prestigious publications, including the “Top 100 Trial Lawyers” and “Top 10 Environmental Trial Lawyers” by National Trial Lawyers. We have also been included in the invitation-only Multi-Million Dollar Advocates Forum® for the numerous multi-million-dollar verdicts and settlements we have been able to secure on behalf of our clients.

Fortune Magazine has recognized Napoli as “America’s Premier Lawyers”, our attorneys are regularly named to Super Lawyers® lists across the country, and the firm was selected as one of the “Best Law Firms in New York” in 2021 by *U.S. News & World Report*. In all, our team is not just able to demonstrate consistency and stability in practice, but rather, exceeding this requirement by demonstrating a stellar track record that would be instrumental in representing Towns in this PFAS Cost Recovery Action and progress.

OUR RESULTS

Napoli Shkolnik PLCC has the capacity to successfully represent Your community in this cost recovery litigation. We are able and prepared, as necessary, to advance and invest considerable resources in time and out-of-pocket expenses necessary for proposed representation cost recovery program. In recent years our firm has successfully resolved and self-funded the following mass litigations:

1. \$816.45 million settlement for World Trade Center recovery workers;
2. \$1.2 billion settlement of pharmaceutical litigation;
3. \$52 million settlement of an MTBE environmental litigation;
4. \$28 million supplemental settlement for World Trade Center recovery workers; and
5. \$10 million+ awarded for asbestos victims.

In a sense, your community is ahead of the curve, having taken action to begin planning and remediating the impact of PFAS/PFOA. This forward-looking action by your administration will help to set you up for success.

OUR RESOURCES

Our firm has the significant resources required to handle the voluminous motion practice and discovery demands which will be required in this lawsuit. We are committed and prepared to fund this complex and expansive litigation leveraging our significant experience in litigating mass tort and class action matters which normally require the receipt, organization, and analysis of millions of documents. I ask that you take a moment to consider our success in the past as evidence of our ability to produce an outstanding result for Your community in this case.

I want to again thank you for taking the time to consider Napoli's proposal to represent Your community in this litigation. If I may make one final point, let it be this. If Your community chooses to retain this firm, you will have counsel who is available and accessible, both in person and virtually, always. Additionally, I feel my long experience in the Legislature and State and Federal government will allow me to stay attuned and continue to advise Your community in this quickly changing regulatory environment.

Additionally, Napoli maintains a full-time lobbying component in Washington, DC. We are tracking developments in the infrastructure legislation and other water and related legislation coming out of the House and Senate. Our goal is to keep our clients aware of other funding opportunities in addition to our cost recovery program. We truly feel ours is a full-service law firm.

Please feel free to call me at (978) 852-3643 with any questions and I truly hope we can speak again soon.

All the best,

Hank Naughton

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Partner

REFERENCES

The below client list is included as documentation of the vast experience Napoli has in representing governmental entities and water and wastewater utilities. In the AFFF MDL, Napoli currently represents over one hundred counties, cities, private and public water district providers, other governmental entities and is Counsel to the National Rural Water Association, and organization with over 31,000 members.

A list of some of these entities with references is below:

Nassau County	Jared A. Kasschau, Esq.	Nassau County Attorney	(516) 571-3056	One West Street Mineola, NY 11501
Hicksville Water District	Nicholas Brigandi	Chairman of the Board	(516) 931-01844	4 Dean Street Hicksville, NY 11801
Town of Southampton	Jay Schneiderman	Supervisor	(631) 287-5740	116 Hampton Road Southampton, NY 11968
City of Dayton	John C. Musto	Chief Trial Counsel, Department of Law, Civil Division	(937) 333-4116	101 West 3 rd Street Dayton, OH 45401
City of Tucson	Mike Rankin		(520) 791-4221 mike.rankin@tucsonaz.gov	255 W Alameda Street Tucson, AZ 85701
Town of Marana	Frank Cassidy	City Attorney Town of Marana Legal Department	fcassidv@maranaaz.gov	11555 W Civic Center Dr Bldg A3 Marana, Arizona, 85653- 7006
Hampton Bays Water District	James Burke	Town Hall	(631) 287-3065 jburke@southamptontownny.gov	116 Hampton Road, Southampton, NY 11968
Southside Water Works and Sewer Board	Brandon Sewell	Maintenance Superintendent	(256) 442-8707	3001 AL-77 Southside, AL 35907
Weirton Water Board	Butch Mastrantoni		(304) 797-8591	200 Municipal Plaza Weirton, WV 26062

Other Environmental Clients past and present relevant to this project include the following:

Albertson Water District	Bethpage Water District	City of Glen Cove Water District Freon Contamination of Supply Wells (2010-2015)	Greenlawn Water District VOC contamination for supply wells (Present)	Manhasset-Lakeville Water District
Aqua NY of Sea Cliff	Carle Place Water District	Garden City Park Water District	Hampton Bays Water District	Oyster Bay Water District
Town of Huntington/Dix Hills Water District VOC contamination for supply wells (Present)	Town of Southampton	Village of Garden City	Village of Mineola	Tampa Bay Water District (Florida)
Pascoag Utility District (Rhode Island)	National Rural Water Association Sam Wade, CEO Emeritus	Hicksville Water District 1,4- Dioxane Contamination of Supply Well #4 VOC Contamination of Supply Well #5 (2013-2014) Perchloroethylene (PERC) Contamination of Supply Well 11-1 (2009- 2012)	Alligator Water and Sewer District (South Carolina) DBCP and EDB pesticide contamination of supply wells (2012-2015)	Methyl Tertiary Butyl Ether (MTBE) Contamination Clients (2001-2014)
Manhasset-Lakeville Water District	Plainview Water District	South Huntington Water District	Tampa Bay Water District (Florida)	City of Crystal River (Florida)
Oyster Bay Water District	South Farmingdale Water District	Town of East Hampton	Homosassa Water District (Florida)	Village of Westbury
Town of Riverhead Water District	Village of Hempstead	Village of West Hempstead Water District		