



**Resolution**  
**Board of Supervisors**  
**County of Columbia**  
**New York**

RESOLUTION NO. 338 -2012

DATE: October 10, 2012

BY SUPERVISOR \_\_\_\_\_  
HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE  
CHAIRWOMAN: ELIZABETH YOUNG

**AUTHORIZATION FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY TO ENTER INTO A RETAINER  
AGREEMENT FOR LEGAL SERVICES TO RECOVER MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT  
OR REPAYMENT OR CREDITS FROM CERTAIN NYS AGENCIES**

UPON, recommendation of the Human Services Committee at a meeting held on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of September 2012, of the Budget & Salary Review Committee at a meeting held on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of September 2012 and the Finance Committee at a meeting held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of October 2012;

WHEREAS, the State of New York has not met its statutory obligation for Medicaid reimbursement to Columbia County known as “overburden”, which required the State to be completely responsible for health care bills or to otherwise reduce the County’s cost in meeting its obligation and to provide for the indigent; and

WHEREAS, the State has attempted to avoid and evade payment of such reimbursement or repayment obligations for several years, in bad faith, through non-cooperation and/or claim denial; and

WHEREAS, the County of Columbia is desirous of attempting to recoup said reimbursement moneys owed to the County by engaging the services of the law firms (Law Offices of Nancy Rose Stormer, P.C. and Whiteman, Osterman & Hanna, LLP);

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, that the County of Columbia is hereby authorized to engage the law firms for the purposes stated above; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to execute the attached Lawyers’ Retainer Agreement; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Department of Social Services, the Columbia County Attorney and the Columbia County Treasurer.

Approved:

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County Attorney

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