

Understanding Your Legal Counsel

Questions

Does your district have a contract with a day-to-day legal consultant? If Yes, get a copy of this contract.

Does your district approve a list of legal advisors?

Does your district list your county prosecutor as a legal advisor? If yes, do you ever use them?

What to look for in a contract with legal advisors.

Working With Your District Legal Counsel

- A. See sample contract- attached
- B. Who can contact them from your district.

Best practices with your legal counsel. See full instructions on “School Board Attorney Resource”

- A. Interview – as a new school board member you should have a meeting with your legal counsel to create a report.
- B. See Interview questions
- C. Share your question and counsels answer with the rest of your board in an FYI.

Homework – find out how much you have paid in legal services to each of the listed legal consultants each year for the last three years.

Find out who is your legal insurance company? Get a copy of that contract. You need to find out what you are covered for and what you are not covered for.

Find and keep the contact information for:

- State Secretary of State for complaints or questions on –
- State Attorney General for questions or complaints on –
- State Board of Education for questions or complaints on –
- State Department of Education for questions or complaints on-