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MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 11, 2024

TO: Satpal Sidhu
Whatcom County Executive

Whatcom County Council Members

FROM: Julie Wiles
Office Administrator, Public Defender's Office

RE: 3rd Amendment to: RALJ Appeal Contract #202306007

▪ **Background and Purpose**

The RALJ appeals are cases where clients who have been convicted in District Court on misdemeanor charges request to appeal the District Court decision up to the Superior Court level. We currently have 10 cases already being handled by Stephen Jackson Law, PLLC, but we propose to add two more cases this month and we project 7 more appeals will be filed by the end of 2024 for a possible total of 19 cases.

▪ **Funding Amount and Source**

We propose to continue to pay \$2,000.00 per case for each appeal. The funding source for this 2nd amended contract comes from the professional services account in our department's cost center 2650.

I have enclosed 2 originals for contract #202306007-3 for review and signature by the Whatcom County Executive after County Council approval.