

## **6Hx19-1.09    LEGAL COUNSEL**

The purpose of this Board Rule is to establish Board policy relating to the retention of outside legal counsel.

The District Board of Trustees (DBoT) may retain legal counsel on a contract basis at a fee to be established by the DBoT in accordance with guidelines issued by the Attorney General of the State of Florida for the purpose of providing necessary legal services to the DBoT and/or to the College. If the College has a general counsel on staff, any legal counsel retained by the DBoT shall coordinate all activities with the College's general counsel, who shall serve as the liaison between legal counsel and the DBoT. If the College does not have a general counsel on staff, the DBoT's legal counsel shall coordinate activities with the President. In the event the College has a general counsel that has a conflict of interest which would prevent representation of the DBoT, then the legal counsel retained under this Board Rule shall report directly to the President. In the event of a conflict of interest for the President, then the counsel shall report directly to the Chair of the DBoT or other administrator designated by the Chair.

Any representation by counsel in accordance with this Rule shall be based upon a written contract between the DBoT and the legal counsel.

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Legal Authority:

General Authority:      Florida Statutes: 1001.63; 1001.64; 1001.65

Other References:      Florida Administrative Code: 6A-14.0734(2)(f)

Law Implemented:      Florida Statutes: 1001.63; 1001.64(1)(2)(4); 1001.65(1)(24)