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## **MEMORANDUM**

February 6, 2025

**SUBJECT:** Janus Litigation Contract – Amendment No. 1

TO: Representative Sara Hannan Chair Legislative Council Attn: Timothy Clark

FROM: Megan A. Wallace Megn Willan Chief Counsel

On December 14, 2023, Legislative Council approved a contract for legal services, not to exceed \$100,000, to undertake litigation on behalf of the legislature regarding matters described in "a Special Audit of the Department of Law, Spending on Contracts related to *Janus'* dated May 19, 2023."<sup>1</sup> The Council retained Stoel Rives to represent the legislature in this matter.

This matter is nearing the end of litigation in the superior court, as cross motions for summary judgment have been fully briefed by the parties, and oral argument on the cross motions for summary judgment is scheduled for February 13, 2025. Legal services expenses to date total \$83,952.50, and the Council is being asked to approve an additional \$10,000, which we anticipate will be sufficient to cover the cost of completing litigation in this matter absent an appeal to the Alaska Supreme Court.

cc: Jessica Geary, Executive Director

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The special audit was performed by the division of legislative audit, and the report is available at https://legaudit.akleg.gov/audits/special/.