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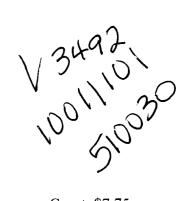
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November 30, 2020

St. Martin Parish Government c/o Mr. Chester Cedars, President P.O. Box 9 St. Martinville, LA 70582

RE: Legal Services

INVOICE FOR LEGAL SERVICES Jan - Nov 2020

2020:

- 01/02 Begin preparation for Court of Appeal argument in Bryan Champagne case; review Champagne Brief and our Brief, and update case research
- 01/03 Continue preparation for the Court of Appeal hearing in the Champagne case; confer with Chester on the structure of our argument
- 01/06 Confer with Chester and finish final preparation for the Court of Appeal argument tomorrow in Champagne case
- 01/07 Go to the Court of Appeal in Lake Charles for the hearing and argument in the Champagne case
- 01/14 Research legal issues which can be expected to come up at today's Council meeting
- 01/15 Meet with Chip Maraist on SMPG issue related to audit and financial statements; contact Dr. Wiltz re: recovery of over payment
- 01/21 Review agenda for today's meeting and do legal research for issues on agenda

- 01/22 Meet with Chester at SMPG to discuss various legal issues currently affecting SMPG, including Chad Broussard canal problem
- 01/23 Research and prepare a first draft of a Petition for Temporary Restraining Order and Injunction against Chad Broussard; send to Chester to review and comment; review TRO rules; begin preparation of a request for issuance of a TRO
- 01/30 Furnish a report to our liability insurance carrier at their request on the status of the Bryan Champagne appeal
 - 01/14 Attend the regular Council meeting
 - 01/21 Attend the regular Council Committee meetings
- 02/04 Research and review issues related to the Flood Plain Ordinance on the agenda for today's Council meeting
- 02/06 Confer with Attorney General's Office on Opinion for Fire District Board membership; review statute and forward information to Chester; confer with Parish President on transferring jointly adjudicated tax properties to the City of St. Martinville
- 02/18 Research on issue of conveyance of jointly owned tax sale property to City of St. Martinville
- 02/19 Confer with Chester on the contracts to allow privatae use the Parish owned community centers
 - 02/04 Attend the regular Council meeting
 - 02/18 Attend the regular Council Committee meetings
- 03/03 Legal research on issues on the agenda for today's Council meeting
- 03/10 Meet with Pres. Cedars and Calder Hebert to discuss creation of a Lake Martin Commission, plus various nuisance litigation issues
- 03/11 Confer with Cole Garrett at LDW&F on various issues related to the creation of a commission with juridiction to control Lake Martin; begin legal research on same issue
- 03/12 Meet with Chester at SMPG to go over drainage servitude issues in the parish; continue the research related to statutory authority for creation of the Lake Martin Commission and related items

- 03/17 Perform legal research on tax sales to adjoining landowners without necessity for legal advertisement, and other issues which may reasonably arise at today's Committee meetings
- 03/18 Confer with Cole Garrett in Wildlife & Fisheries Legal Dept re: creation of a commission for Lake Martin; review Open Meetings Memo from Attorney General and confer with Mr. Cedars; begin drafting the Charter for Lake Martin Commission
- 03/19 Continue legal research and drafting of the proposed Charter for the Lake Martin Commission
- 03/20 Review the Charters for Lake Bruin, Lake St. John and Lake St. Joseph, then continue first draft of the proposed Charter for Lake Martin; confer with Cole Garrett in legal department at Wildlife and Fisheries re: same
- 03/23 Finalize the first draft of the proposed Lake Martin Charter and send to Mr. Cedars to review
- 03/26 Review Federal Coronavirus Relief Bill and notify Chester of lack of any provisions for providing relief to counties
 - 03/03 Attend the regular Council meeting
 - 03/17 Attend the regular Council Committee meetings
- 04/03 Continue research on the Coronavirus Relief to individual states with regard to its impact on parish governments
- 04/07 Review notice of five Judge panel from Third Circuit for Bryan Champagne case and confer with Chester re: same
- 04/13 Confer with Mr. Cedars on various issues related to the use of St. Luke's "refund" in the SMPG General Fund; begin legal research on issues involved therein; contact Laci to get a copy of the 1988 ordinance calling election
- 04/14 Review 4/07 request from Third Circuit for maps of Lake Martin; confer with Chester re: request; confer with Logan; contact Wildlife and Fisheries re: same; research Clerk of Court's records for the Proces Verbal's of the St. Luke's tax elections to determine how the tax was dedicated; review Champagne Third Circuit Brief to determine whether it should be adjusted for the 5 Judge panel review and send recommendations to Chester

- 04/15 Additional research on ability to transfer the St. Luke's funds to the General Fund; begin draft of memo to Chester; begin work on revisions to the Bryan Champagne Appeal Brief for the 5 Judge panel
- 04/16 Confer with Chester on St. Luke's issues; continue work on Champagne Brief to the 5 judge panel in the court of appeal
- 04/17 Confer with Cole at Wildlife and Fisheries on the old maps they found of Lake Martin; review maps and confer with Champagne's attorney on asking for extension for extra time for the filing of briefs; review Lake Martin regulations from Wildlife and Fisheries; confer with Chester re: maps and St. Luke's refund issues
- 04/20 Send fax to Third Circuit requesting guidance on submitting the old plats to the 5 Judge panel in the Champagne case, with copy to Logan; send first set of maps to Logan; additional St. Luke's research; continue work on Champagne 5 Judge panel Brief
- 04/21 TC with Renee Simien, Clerk of Third Circuit, re: maps requested by the 5 Judge panel; confer with Wildlife and Fisheries on additional old regulations requested by Clerk; send small maps to Third Circuit; finish first draft of Brief to 5 Judge panel in Champagne
- 04/22 Confer with Debra Marrs at La. Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries about the old maps and regulations requested by the Third Circuit; fax to Third Circuit to update on progress of gathering requested maps
- 04/27 Meet with Chester at SMPG to discuss the C. Hebert/C. Brumfield threat of litigation and alternatives open to SMPG; research possible extortion issue; check with Cole Garret at Wildlife and Fisheries about an appraiser for Lake Martin boat landing; prepare draft of possible referral to the Office of Disciplinary Counsel
- 04/28 Make final changes to the first draft of the Brumfield referral to Office of Disciplinary Counsel; start the first draft of the referral to the District Attorney; confer with Cole at Wildlife and Fisheries re: Lake Martin
- 04/29 Conference call with Wildlife and Fisheries re: Lake Martin landing and related issues; finish first draft of Brumfield referral to District Attorney and send to Chester to review; confer with Chester re: same
- 05/01 Make final changes to Champagne Brief to the 5 Judge panel and file at the Third Circuit Court of Appeal; contact Brumfield about postponed negotiation; confer with Chester re: same

- 05/04 TC with Third Circuit re: Champagne case; prepare Rule 32 Affidavit certification and file at Third Circuit; review "letter Brief" that Logan filed with the Third Circuit re: maps Third Circuit wants to see; contact Chester about the "nuisance" meeting
- 05/05 Send fax to Chester outlining arguments in favor of the Lake Martin servitudes' continuing existence; research legal issues related to items on agenda for today's regular meeting (possible questions re: amendments to the nuisance ordinance); review the plats produced by Wildlife and Fisheries fro Champagne appeal and review them with Chester; advise Logan about the maps; check with Wildlife and Fisheries re: old regulations; prepare affidavit to file plats and file at Third Circuit
- 05/06 Research the existing SMPG Nuisance Ordinance to prepare for the meeting with Chester and Chris Tauzin
- 05/07 Consult with Chester on nuisance issues; go to SMPG to go over 1950's maps of Lake Martin and have conference call with Wildlife and Fisheries re: Lake Martin; meet with Chester and Chris Tauzin re: nuisance issues
- 05/11 Begin going through Clerk of Court mortgage records to get a list of grass liens filed by SMPG since 2010; go to SMPG for second conference call with Wildlife and Fisheries re: Lake Martin
- 05/12 Review letter from attorney for the Babcock's re: Claude Street drainage and flooding, and prepare proposed response; check Assessor's office for information on ownership of the Lake Martin boat ramp
- 05/13 Meet with Senator Mills re: Lake Martin issue; notify Chester and Cole of Cliff Hebert's willingness to meet and discuss the boat ramp; review mortgage records to get list of tax liens from 2010 through 2015
- 05/14 Confer with Wildlife and Fisheries re: Meeting with Lake Martin boat ramp landowners; confer with Chester re: same; research the Clerk of Court's records for the 2016 nuisance liens
- 05/15 Set up meeting with Cliff Hebert re: Lake Martin and notify Wildlife and Fisheries; review the Governor's May 15 Covid Closure Order and send fax to the Governor's Executive Counsel about attending meetings by phone
- 05/18 Review letter from Brumfield and advise Chester, and make changes to the two referral letters; send out the revised letters and attachments
- 05/19 Confer with Chester on amending agenda to brief Council in Executive Session on Brumfield case; TC with Chester re: various issues under Governor's Emergency Declaration

- 05/21 Meet with Chester at SMPG to get multiple research and legal opinion assignments; begin research on legal opinion for authority of Library Board to act as an independent agency; confer with Chester on the issue of health insurance for Council members; confer with Wildlife and Fisheries on Lake Martin meeting
- 05/22 Confer with Wildlife and Fisheries to reschedule meeting with Cliff Hebert; confer with Cliff; prepare Ordinance to provide that Council members get health insurance only if paid by them; continue work on legal research opinion letter on authority of the Parish Library Board; confer with Mr. Hundley on current practice on payment of library revenues and expenses via separate accounts
- 05/26 Finish the first draft of opinion letter on Library Board financial authority and send to Chester for review and comment
- 05/27 Prepare for Lake Martin meeting with Wildlife and Fisheries; review Champagne's new Motion to Dismiss and Briefs in Champagne case and forward to Chester; go to Breaux Bridge for the Lake Martin meeting; revise opinion letter on library authority to address additional issues
- 05/28 Confer with Cole and Duncan at Wildlife and Fisheries on additional Lake Martin issues, including immediate reopening; confer with Sheriff's Office on adding our liens to tax bills; finish work on 2016 liens and start 2018; prepare a report to Chester on the liens still in existence
 - 05/05 Attend the regular Council meeting by video conference
 - 05/19 Attend the regular Council Committee meetings in person
- 06/01 Continue work on Opposition to new Motion to Dismiss filed by Champagne in the Court of Appeal; finish and file at Third Circuit; begin work on Opposition to Champagne's new Exception of No Right of Action
- 06/02 Confer with Office of Disciplinary Counsel on Brumfield case and advise Chester; continue research into title to Lake Martin boat ramp; finish our Opposition to Champagne's Exception and file at Third Circuit Court of Appeal; finish opinion letter on library finances and deliver to Chester
- 06/03 Review proposed amendment to ordinance on Council members medical insurance to be effective next policy year; research Robert's Rules and confer with Dean on questions; confer with Wildlife and Fisheries on agreement for Lake Martin landing; confer with Sheriff re: liens on tax bills
- 06/04 Confer with Cole Garrett at Wildlife and Fisheries on the various Lake Martin boat ramp issues

- 06/08 Meet with Chester at SMPG to discuss suit over flooding on the Babcock property in Breaux Bridge, plus Bryan Champagne private firing range
- 06/09 Prepare a draft of a suit against Dr. Wiltz for recovery of the overpayment, and send to him with last warning prior to filing
- 06/10 Confer twice with Mary Lynn Chauffe on the Champagne appeal; confer with Chester on various SMPG issues related to GPS monitoring of employees; review Babcock suit and prepare and Answer and Motion for Summary Judgment; call Parish Engineer to discuss; meeting with Kasey
- 06/11 Confer with Chester on Brumfield; send most recent letter to D.A. and Disciplinary Counsel; confer with Kasey on Babcock suit; meet with Ms. Chauffe
- 06/15 Review and respond to letter from Disciplinary Counsel re: Brumfield; review Babcock information sent by Kasey; confer with Kasey on various Babcock issues
- 06/16 Confer with Kasey on Babcock lawsuit and information needed for affidavit; prepare for Committee meetings today
- 06/17 Confer with Cole Garrett at Wildlife and Fisheries on status of the proposed boat ramp agreement with the landowners; confer with our insurance adjuster on the status of the Champagne case; confer with CPA Chip Maraist and draft and send a litigation report to Chip
- 06/18 Review and respond to Chauffe re: the need to send additional records to the Court of Appeal
- 06/25 Review first draft of proposed Wildlife and Fisheries Lake Martin boat ramp agreement, make changes, and forward to Chester; TC with Chester re: same
- 06/26 Meet with Chester at SMPG to discuss various issues related to nuisance lien enforcement in the parish
- 06/29 Meet with Chester and Calder Hebert at SMPG to discuss nuisance liens to be enforced
- 06/30 Research issue of writ of fi-fa vs. seizure and sale, plus need for a money judgment to enforce our nuisance liens
 - 06/02 Attend the regular Council meeting
 - 06/16 Attend the regular Council Committee meetings

- 07/01 Review letter from Office of Disciplinary Counsel plus 23 page submittal by Brumfield; bring to Chester to review and comment
- 07/02 Confer with Chester on response to Office of Disciplinary Counsel re: Brumfield's response to Office of Disciplinary Counsel; draft letter to Office of Disciplinary Counsel and send to Chester to review; research writ of fi-fa for nuisance liens and our ordinances re: interest; begin work on Eric Barras petition
- 07/03 Continue research and work on suit forms, writs, etc., for nuisance lien enforcement by SMPG
- 07/06 Revise the letter to Office of Disciplinary Counsel per Chester's suggestions and send; continue research and work on the nuisance lien enforcement; meet with Chester to go over various nuisance lien issues
- 07/08 Finish preparing the Jessie Camille lawsuit and send to Chester to review; research title for nuisance liens against Daniel Wiltz, G. Allen Kirtkpatrick, and Eric Barras; report to Chester
- 07/10 Confer with Chester on various issues related to our enforcement of exisiting SMPG nuisance liens
- 07/13 Continue work on the nuisance enforcement list and Clerk of Court research of liens which have been filed
- 07/14 Meet with Chester at SMPG to work on a checklist for future nuisance lien assessment procedure
- 07/16 Research additional nuisance enforcement issues as directed by Chester; report to Chester
- 07/20 Continue work on nuisance lien enforcement suits to be filed by SMPG; confer with Chester on same
- 07/21 Draft Act of Sale of 1019 Flo Street from SMPG to Maurice Barousse and deliver to Chester; begin work on amendment to our Nuisance Lien Ordinance to clarify the issue of interest
- 07/22 Confer with Chris Tauzin on Jessie Lee Camille property and lien; report to Chester; call for Jim Camille; contact Chris; finish the first draft of the amendment to the Nuisance Ordinance to specify interest amount, and send to Chester to review
- 07/23 Confer with Jessie Camille's brother on Catahoula property and report to Chester; confer with Chester on Lake Martin boat landing negotiations; send fax to La. Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries suggesting they file suit to reopen the boat landing; forward Nuisance Ordinance amendments to Chester for review

- 07/24 Get SMPG's Camille lien file from Morgan and review; confer with Chester 07/28 Confer with Chester on various legal issues and send him the requested documents 07/07 - Attend the regular Council meeting 07/21 - Attend the regular Council Committee meetings 08/03 Meet with Chester and Cliff Hebert at SMPG to discuss the Lake Martin boat ramp; confer with Dept. Of Wildlife and Fisheries 08/04 Send Cole Garrett the additional information he requested on the Lake Martin boat ramp problem 08/05 Confer with Chester on various nuisance lien enforcement issues; confer with Dean Leblanc on health insurance issue; confer with Chester re: same 08/10 Revise the Jessie Lee Camille suit to sue the unopened successions and confer with Chester re: same 08/12 Supplement the Jessie Lee Camille lien enforcement suit to add the names of the heirs; contact Jim Camille for information on heirs 08/13 Confer with Chester on Jessie Lee Camille lien enforcement suit 08/19 Continue work on the Jessie Lee Camille nuisance collection case 08/20 Review 59 page Third Circuit Opinion in the Bryan Champagne case, and call Chester to discuss 08/21 Prepare for the conference call with Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries re: the Champagne appeal; attend the conference call
- 08/26 Begin legal research and drafting the Application for Writs to the La. Supreme Court in the Champagne case
- 08/28 Research for latest amendments to Supreme Court Rules for Writ Applications
 - 08/04 Attend the regular Council meeting
 - 08/18 Attend the regular Council Committee meetings

- 09/01 Continue research and drafting our Writ Application in the Champagne case; report to our insurance carrier on Champagne
- 09/02 Confer with Chester and make first revisions to the Champagne Writ Application; confer with Wildlife and Fisheries general counsel
- 09/03 Confer with Chester on Champagne Writ Application issues and revisions to our application
- 09/04 Go over Mr. Cedars' suggested changes to the Champagne Writ Application and begin work on his changes
- 09/09 Continue research on the "executive waiving ordinance" issue for the Champagne Writ Application
- 09/10 Research possible "tacit dedication" of the Lake Martin boat ramp; contact Chester re: Writ Application in Champagne case
- 09/11 Finish making final adjustments to the Champagne Writ Application
- 09/14 File Writ Application in the Champagne case with the Louisiana Supreme Court; respond to questions from Mary Lynn
- 09/15 TC with Degravelles at Nature Conservancy re: filing of a Amicus Brief Champagne; conference call with Chester and Cole Garrett re: Lake Martin boat ramp and Champagne Writ Application
- 09/17 Confer with Cole Garrett at Wildlife and Fisheries on the various current issues in the Champagne case
- 09/18 Meet with Chester at SMPG to sign the verification for the Camille suit and discuss Champagne appeal issues; file the Jessie Lee Camille suit; notify Jim Camille
- 09/24 Confer with Chester on possible Tulane Amicus Brief in Champagne case; confer with Bill Goodell on the Amicus Brief; confer with Cole Garrett re: Wildlife and Fisheries Amicus and Lake Martin boat ramp
- 09/25 Conference call with Cole and Duncan re: Lake Martin boat ramp expropriation; report to Chester and Fred
 - 09/08 Attend the regular Council meeting
 - 09/22 Attend the regular Council Committee meetings

- 10/01 Confer with Goodell on Tulane Water Inst. support for the Champagne Writ Application; correspond with Tulane Water Institute on support for our Writ Application; confer with Friends of Lake Martin on support for our Writ Application
- 10/02 Review the Opposition to Writ Application in Champagne case filed by Champagne and forward to Chester for comment
- 10/05 Confer with Bill Goodell and Roche on our Response to Opposition to Writs; discuss with Chester
- 10/06 Draft a Response to the Champagne Opposition to our Writ Application in the Champagne case; send to Chester to review
- 10/07 Review the Response to the Champagne Writ Opposition and send to Chester to review; file at the Supreme Court Clerk's Office
- 10/13 Confer with our liability insurance carrier on the current status of the Champagne case
- 10/20 Confer with William Gravelle at Nature Conservancy re: our Champagne Writ Application; prepare a Resolution of support and send
- 10/21 Confer with Duncan at Wildlife and Fisheries on Champagne Writ Application and also to discuss the Lake Martin boat ramp; report to Chester
- 10/28 Confer with Duncan Kemp at Wildlife and Fisheries; conference call with La. Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries re: Lake Martin boat ramp
- 10/29 Confer with Butch Ridgedell of Pack and Paddle re: detail for affidavits to support the TRO request by the AG's office
 - 10/06 Attend the regular Council meeting
 - 10/20 Attend the regular Council Committee meetings
- 11/02 Confer with Pack & Paddle owner on possible affidavit to support the TRO; conference call with Attorney General's Office re: boat ramp suit
- 11/03 Continue research at the Clerk of Court's on the title to the property where the boat landing is situated
- 11/04 Confer with Clifford Hebert on boat ramp issues; continue research in Clerk of Court Conveyance Records for the boat ramp title; work with Pack & Paddle on their affidavit; confer with Ridgedell on his affidavit

- 11/05 Confer with Chester on the Babcock suit plus the boat ramp problem; confer with Mr. Williams on his affidavit; review our Answer in the Babcock case and file at Clerk's Office; confer with insurance company attorney re: Babcock; send title notes to Attorney General's Office
- 11/06 Check with Bond Counsel on scheduling a meeting re: Breaux Bridge Industrial Park; check with the SMPG Public Works Director on the affidavit needed for the MSJ in the Babcock case
- 11/09 Meet with Chester and Kasey about the Babcock lawsuit; add request for sanctions to our motion; prepare affidavit for Kasey to sign in case and send to Kasey and Chester to review
- 11/10 Confer with Office of Disciplinary Counsel re: Brumfield complaint; report to Chester; notarize Ridgedell affidavit and send to Attorney General's Office; revise Babcock affidavit
- 11/12 Review of Petition prepared by the Attorney General and send comments and requests for changes
- 11/16 Confer with Chester on various issues related to Lake Martin; conference call with Attorney General's Office, Wildlife and Fisheries, and Chester re: suit to reopen boat ramp; notarize the Williams affidavit for the Lake Martin case and send to the Attorney General's Office; bring a copy of the Lake Martin Petition and letter to Judge Borne in St. Martinville
- 11/17 Confer with Judge Borne on the Lake Martin TRO; confer with Attorney General's Office on TRO conference with Judge; confer with Chester on the case
- 11/18 Confer with Chester on Lake Martin case; re-send the Babcock affidavit to Kasey and Chester for review
- 11/19 Confer with Chester on possible annexation by Broussard of the Le Triomphe commercial footage on Hwy 90
- 11/20 Review Interrogatories and Requests for Production in the Babcock case; confer with attorney for party requesting annexation of part of St. Martin Parish into Broussard
- 11/23 Confer with Chester on the status of the Lake Martin boat landing; check with the Department Wildlife and Fisheries
 - 11/03 Attend the regular Council meeting
 - 11/17 Attend the regular Council Committee meetings

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September 16, 2020

St. Martin Parish Government c/o Sean Hundley, CFO P.O. Box 9 St. Martinville, LA 70582

Re: St. Martin Parish vs. Bryan Champagne

Dear Sean:

At the Council's direction, I filed an Application for Writs with the Louisiana Supreme Court on Tuesday.

Attached is a bill for the out of pocket expenses I incurred for that filing, including the filing fee at the Supreme Court.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Most sincerely yours,

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RE: Legal Services - Bryan Champagne case

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December 31, 2019

St. Martin Parish Government c/o Mr. Chester Cedars, President P.O. Box 9 St. Martinville, LA 70582

Re: Invoice for Legal Services January through December 2019

Dear Chester:

I am just realizing that I neglected to follow your instructions on billing the Parish monthly for my legal work, so I am attaching my bill for services rendered to the Parish for calendar year 2019. (Parenthetically, I prefer to do it like this, but if you want me to send it monthly, I will try to do a better job on that in 2020.)

As always, if you or any member of the Council has any questions about the attached bill or any of the work that was done, I will be glad to meet with anybody at any time to answer any questions they might have.

It has been a true pleasure to have the opportunity to continue to serve as Parish attorney and to work with you on all of these projects, and I hope that my work has been satisfactory to the point that I am allowed to continue in the future.

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Most sincerely,

Mr. Chester Cedars Page 2 December 31, 2019

ps: Since you are not getting this bill until after the first of the year, and since the check for this won't be written in 2019, please ask the accounting department to not send me a 2019 IRS Form 1099 for that payment, but rather wait until 2020, which would be the correct way to do it anyway.

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St. Martin Parish Government c/o Mr. Chester Cedars, President P.O. Box 9 St. Martinville, LA 70582

RE: Legal Services

INVOICE FOR LEGAL SERVICES 2019

2019:

- 01/03 Review letter from Chester on the Rookery Road/ Lake Martin waterline and confer with Bryan Champagne's attorney on that issue
- 01/04 Confer with the attorney for the Intervenor in the Brian Champagne case about our proposed stipulation of facts for the potential motion for summary judgment
- 01/10 Review the Bryan Champagne Permit file, and check with Heath on the accuracy of the permit address and other fact issues in the case
- 01/11 Confer with Chester on various issues; begin legal research requested by Chester on issue of Parish denial of building permits solely because of non-compliance with private subdivision restrictions
- 01/16 Meet with Chester on creating a parish flood plan ordinance; attend meeting with Chester at SMPG on the St. Martinville northside drainage project; begin work on the flood plain ordinance; confer with School Board lawyer on a tax issue
- 01/25 Continue research and drafting of our proposed Parish flood plain ordinance

- 01/29 Confer with the insurance adjuster for our parish liability insurance on the Bryan Champagne case; continue work on the flood plain ordinance
- 01/30 Continue work on the flood plain ordinance
 - 01/08 attend the regular Council meeting
 - 01/22 attend the regular Council Committee meetings
- 02/13 Meet with the Broussard City attorney on the SMEDA funds division issue, and report to Chester; finish the first draft of our proposed flood plain ordinance, and forward to Chester to review; report to Chester on State Park's request for assistance in cutting the grass in the park
- 02/19 Legal research on various issues related to our existing Parish Water Districts as requested by Mr. Cedars and send my conclusions to Mr. Cedars
- 02/20 Research the additional flood plain ordinance questions as requested by Mr. Cedars and report to him; review new Exceptions filed by Champagne in the Lake Martin case and advise Chester
- 02/21 Meet with Bryan Champagne's attorney to go over witness list for the trial, discovery disputes, and possible fact stipulations; update research and contact Mr. Cedars to discuss possible settlement options in the case
- 02/22 Confer with Calder Hebert re: problem concerning our employee with possible neurological problems; send written recommendation; letter to Mr. Cedars on dog barking as a "nuisance" under our ordinance
 - 02/05 attend the regular Council meeting
 - 02/19 attend the regular Council Committee meetings
- 03/12 Confer with Chester on several issues related to the Bryan Champagne litigation, and continue trial preparation
- 03/14 Meet with Mr. Cedars to discuss several issues in the Bryan Champagne litigation, plus other pending matters; confer with attorney for Intervenors in Champagne case
- 03/18 Confer with attorneys for Bryan Champagne and for the Friends of Lake Martin on various pre-trial issues

- 03/19 Review items which require legal research for the Committee meetings tonight; contact the Sheriff's Office for information on the correctness of Bryan Champagne's 911 address at Lake Martin; report to Chester; prepare Affidavit for Sheriff's Office as to the address
- 03/21 Make changes in affidavit for 911 address issue as requested by the Sheriff's office, and send to Stacy to review and sign; begin preparation of our pre-trial brief in the Bryan Champagne case
- 03/22 Update legal research and continue work on our pre-trial brief in the Bryan Champagne case; prepare Motion and Order to sever Champagne's reconventional demand for trial and send motion to Logan to review
- 03/25 Continue work on our pre-trial brief in the Bryan Champagne case; review 10 page Brief filed by the Defendants
- 03/26 Finish legal research, review Zoning Ordinance, and finish first draft of our pre-trial brief in Bryan Champagne case; send to Chester to review and comment; prepare affidavit to attach to Zoning Map to be introduced into evidence at trial
- 03/27 Meet with Chester and Calder to go over Bryan Champagne case; make Chester's suggested changes to our Brief; review proposed stipulations and confer with Logan on changes to the stipulations
- 03/28 Make final adjustments to the Pre-Trial Brief as suggested by Chester, and send Brief to Judge Comeaux
 - 03/19 attend the regular Council Committee meetings
- 04/01 Confer with Logan on joint trial exhibits, and continue preparation for trial; second TC with Logan
- 04/02 Confer with Chester on his testimony in the Champagne trial; continue trial preparation and exhibit preparation; legal research for items on today's meeting agenda
- 04/03 Meet with Champagne's attorney to go over Joint Exhibits and other matters related to the trial
- 04/04 Continue trial preparation for Champagne trial; prepare zoning questions; meet with Logan again to go over exhibits and stipulations; confer with Chester on trial strategy; review Logan's response to our brief; prepare zoning questions for Chester's testimony

- 04/05 Meet with Chester to continue the preparation for his testimony for trial plus discuss Waste Management contract issues; continue preparation for Champagne trial on Monday; final review of all files and pleadings; confer with our liability insurance adjuster
- 04/08 Meet with Chester for final discussion and review of his testimony; go to Court for the Bryan Champagne trial
- 04/09 Continue legal research on the issues related to the current proposed award of the garbage contract
- 04/10 Continue the legal research on the issue of what "negotiations" etc., can take place in addition to the public bidding of our garbage contract; meet with Chester at SMPG to discuss
- 04/11 Review the RFP and related documents for garbage contract and continue legal research on "just cause" for rejection of bids; report to Chester on research results
- 04/15 Meet with Chester on various legal issues; confer with Sellers and Associates on garbage contract response issues; confer with Lisa Nelson re: same; research various legal issues related to responsiveness to garbage contract bids; prepare a first draft of an initial opinion letter and send to Chester to review
- 04/16 Continue and finish the legal research for the garbage contract process, award, etc.; confer with Chester on my final opinion; confer with Council President Nelson
- 04/17 Prepare a Resolution for the rejection by the parish council rejecting all bids on the new garbage contract
- 04/22 Review Judgment in Bryan Champagne case, compute delay for appealing, and advise Chester
- 04/26 Meet with Chester to discuss issue of bamboo as a nuisance; perform legal research on the issue and draft an opinion letter to Chester
 - 04/02 attend the regular Council meeting
 - 04/16 attend the regular Council Committee meetings
- 05/07 Confer with Chester on possible appeal of the Bryan Champagne case; review Guy Cormier's deposition in the Champagne case and send to Chester with comments; update research on "vested rights" cases for the Council meeting

- 05/08 Draft a Motion and Order for Devolutive Appeal in the Bryan Champagne case and file at the Clerk of Court's office
- 05/09 Check out 3 volume Court record for items to designate for Bryan Champagne Appeal and confer with Chester; research items in Charter related to Parish President's authority; research issues related to the Appeal
- 05/10 Continue research and drafting of amendments to fix our Zoning Ordinance; send proposed changes to Chester for his review
- 05/13 Meet with Chester at SMPG to discuss the Champagne Appeal, Zoning Ordinance amendments and other related issues
- 05/15 Make changes to the proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance to include all of Mr. Cedar's suggestions; draft a Designation of Record for the Bryan Champagne Appeal
- 05/20 Review Champagne's Designation of Appeal Record in the Champagne case
- 05/22 Meet with Broussard City attorney to discuss the Broussard/SMEDA joint account; continue work on the Bryan Champagne Appeal
- 05/23 Draft and send a Trial Report to SMPG's liability insurance company in the Bryan Champagne case
- 05/29 Begin review the additional permit cancellation cases for the Bryan Champagne case forwarded by Barry Salinger
- 05/30 Finish review of the additional cases from Sallinger and report to Chester on additional cases
 - 05/07 attend the regular Council meeting
- 06/03 Contact Clerk of Court re: appeal issues; contact Court reporter re: transcript; additional research based on new cases on the "vested interest" issue in Bryan Champagne Appeal
- 06/04 Review parish council regular meeting agenda and conduct legal research on items expected to be discussed
- 06/06 Review letter from Charlar Brew re: termination of two librarians in Cecilia; read the termination letters and respond to Charlar; report on the incident to Chester

- 06/11 Meet with Chester prior to meeting with Broussard Mayor on the SMEDA account; go with Chester to meeting at City of Broussard
- 06/12 Meet with Chester to discuss various issues involved in the Appeal in the Bryan Champagne case
- 06/14 Get the Champagne Trial Transcript and begin review of the transcript, and take notes of testimony
- 06/17 Continue the review of the Champagne Trial Transcript; confer with Chester on the suggested amendments to the Ordinance
- 06/18 Legal research on issues scheduled to be discussed with Chester before the Council Committee meeting today
- 06/19 Work on Zoning Ordinance issues with Laci; TC with Chester re: same
- 06/25 Confer with Mr. Cedars on Parish President's authority to contract for services and research the relevant legal issues; draft opinion letter to Mr. Cedars on the issue of Parish President's contract authority
- 06/27 Meet with Mr. Cedars to discuss breaches of contract by Waste Management; contact Pelican for additional information; begin preparation of the demand for reduction of the final bill from WM
 - 06/04 attend the regular Council meeting
 - 06/18 attend the regular Council Committee meetings
- 07/03 Continue chasing Matherne at Pelican for the information needed to fight with Waste Management
- 07/10 Confer with Chester on non-response from Pelican; conference call with Parish liability insurance carrier's adjuster and his supervisor on the status of the Champagne case
- 07/15 Review notice from Third Circuit and continue work on our Court of Appeal Brief in Bryan Champagne case; go to St. Martinville to meet with Chester on various pending issues
- 07/16 Research issues expected to come up at the Committee meeting today, especially re:

 Pelican contract; continue work on the Brief in the Champagne Appeal, including legal research

- 07/22 Confer with Mr. Cedars on the SMPG City of Broussard escrow fund; continue work and research on the Bryan Champagne Appeal Brief
- 07/23 Confer with Chester on possible changes to the Brief in the Champagne case; make additions suggested by Chester and continue adding record citations to the record
- 07/24 Make additions to the Champagne Appeal Brief as suggested by Mr. Cedars and send for approval
- 07/29 Continue work on our Appeal Brief in the Champagne case: add all required Record citations to the Brief
 - 07/02 attend the regular Council meeting
 - 07/16 attend the regular Council Committee meetings
- 08/06 Research various issues for the Parish Council meeting today at Mr. Cedars' request
- 08/07 Confer with Mr. Cedars on variance Ordinance issues regarding "go-cart race track" and other issues; meet with Chester in St. Martinville to go over various issues
- 08/08 Confer with Andy Shealy at the District Attorney's office on the Arnaudville hospital lawsuits; review ordinance on "go-kart race track" and do legal research on the issues; confer with attorney who filed the St. Luke's suit; draft opinion to Chester re: go-kart track
- 08/19 Continue review of all of the St. Luke's files from Andy Shealy; confer with Garett Duplechain, attorney for St. Landry Parish, on the status of the litigation; report to Chester on the status of the St. Luke's litigation
- 08/20 Research legal issues expected at today's committee meetings and also related to the St. Luke's issues; continue review of the St. Luke's files
- 08/21 Review the 5 page Motion to Dismiss the Appeal filed by Bryan Champagne, and prepare an Opposition to Motion
- 08/22 Meet with Chester at SMPG to discuss issues related to St. Luke's, Waste Management bill, Breaux Bridge sales tax election, and the Bryan Champagne appeal; finish the Opposition to Champagne's Motion to Dismiss; begin research on the sales tax issue; prepare proposed letter to Waste Management on final bill; respond to our insurance company about the Champagne appeal
- 08/23 Continue research on the possible waiver of sales tax issue vis-a-vis the City of Breaux Bridge

- 08/26 Continue work on the St. Luke's suit and confer with attorney for St. Landry Parish; continue research on the question of the effect of the Breaux Bridge annexation on Parish sales tax; begin drafting "hold harmless" agreement for Farmers-Merchants Bank account turnover
- 08/27 Multiple back and forth with our insurance adjuster over coverage issues in Bryan Champagne case; begin work on our Reply Brief in the Champagne appeal; send an interim report to Chester on my research on the Breaux Bridge sales tax issue
- 08/28 Continue working and research for the Reply Brief in the Champagne appeal; send first draft to Chester to review
- 08/29 TC with Chester re: Breaux Bridge annexation and sales tax issue and Champagne Reply Brief; make final adjustments to the Reply Brief and file at 3rd Circuit Court of Appeal; review Notice from the Court and advise Chester; confer with Farmers-Merchants Bank on release of St. Luke money; prepare a first draft of a hold harmless between St. Landry and SMPG re: the St. Luke money
 - 08/06 attend the regular Council meeting
 - 08/20 attend the regular Council Committee meetings
- 09/03 Research legal issues related to tonight's agenda and other issues recently discussed with Chester
- 09/04 TC with Mr. Cedars re: letter to Waste Management regarding their final bill; revise and fax letter to Waste Management
- 09/05 Meet with Farmers-Merchants Bank officials to sign the hold harmless for the St. Luke's money; get the check and deliver to Chester
- 09/06 Send letter to Garett Duplechain, attorney for St. Landry, re: St. Luke's funds; send copy plus related documents to Chester
- 09/09 Meet with Chester at SMPG to discuss various drainage and parish charter interpretation issues
- 09/10 Research various legal issues related to drainage as requested by Mr. Cedars; begin preparation of opinion letter to Parish President on various drainage issues
- 09/11 Finish opinion letter on re-appointment of department heads every four years and send to Parish President for review

- 09/16 Meet with Chester Cedars at SMPG to discuss the legality of the parish establishing drainage on private land
- 09/17 Legal research on issues scheduled to be discussed at today's committee meetings; legal research on possible digging of a drainage ditch on private land and prepare draft on legal opinion; send to Chester to review
- 09/24 Meet with Chester at SMPG to go over issues related to the parish's 1st Tax District and adjudicated tax properties
- 09/25 Go to Sheriff's Office to meet with tax sale personnel about adjudicated properties; report to Chester and Calder; check with Sheriff on Willie Guidry property
- 09/26 Confer with Assessor's Office on Willie Guidry property and report to Calder
- 09/27 Confer with City of St. Martinville on sale of jointly owned property and report to Chester and Calder
- 09/30 Confer with Mr. Cedars on sale of Willie Guidry adjudicated property by the city of St. Martinville
 - 09/03 attend the regular Council meeting
 - 09/17 attend the regular Council Committee meetings
- 10/01 Review agenda for today's meeting and research legal issues that may come up at today's Council meeting
- 10/11 Meet with Chester to go over file and issues related to the petition to improve Gloria Kern Drive near Breaux Bridge; begin review of RS 33:3681 et seq. to compile list of required steps
- 10/14 Finish review of R.S. 33:3681 et seq., and continue preparation of list of suggested procedures for Mr. Cedars; begin review of St. Martin Parish Assessor's records; begin preparation of list of lots and owners and frontage
- 10/15 Continue work on the various issues related to the Gloria Kern Drive petition for improvement; legal research on issues which may arise at today's committee meetings
- 10/16 Continue work and road frontage calculations on the Gloria Kern Drive project; interim report to Chester

- 10/17 Go to Clerk's Office to review and copy all plats for Gloria Kern Drive project, and continue work on the project
- 10/21 Continue work on the Gloria Kern Drive project; review Clerk of Court and Assessor's records
- 10/22 Meet with Chester at SMPG to go over Gloria Kern project issues and related matters
- 10/23 Go to meet with Lee Durio to discuss the problems with the Gloria Kern Drive project; report to Chester
- 10/24 Review and respond to Chester re: Gloria Kern Road issues; confer with Lee Durio re: extra signatures; report to our insurance company on the Bryan Champagne Appeal
- 10/25 Work on a request for an opinion from the Attorney General on dual office holding and related legal research; send first draft to Chester to review
 - 10/01 attend the regular Council meeting
 - 10/15 attend the regular Council Committee meetings
- 11/01 Revise the Fire District Board Attorney General Opinion proposed request per Mr. Cedars' directions and send to Attorney General
- 11/05 Legal research on issues expected to come before the Council at today's regular meeting; meet with Mr. Cedars prior to the meeting to discuss various issues
- 11/06 Begin legal research on authority of the Parish to reimburse private parties for private flood control efforts in lower St. Martin Parish
- 11/07 Research legality of golf carts on public roads and send opinion letter to Chester; research legality of reimbursement to private landowners for flood control expenses; send demand letter to Gary Knott to remove fence in SMPG right of way on Toice Guidry Road
- 11/11 Finish drafting letters to Chester re: reimbursement to private property owners for flood control efforts and golf carts on Parish roads; letter to Travis Knott to fix damage he did to roads
- 11/19 Research legal issues expected to arise at today's committee meetings; confer with Chester on tax sale property issues
- 11/25 Review additional signatures for the Gloria Kern Road project and confer with Mr. Cedars on next step

- 11/05 attend the regular Council meeting
- 11/19 attend the regular Council Committee meetings
- 12/03 Research various legal issues related to agenda items for today's regular Council meeting
- 12/05 Finish compiling the additional information requested by the Attorney General's Office for the dual office holding opinion, and forward to Attorney General
- 12/09 Meet with Chester to discuss Knott, Toice Guidry Road, Herman Dupuis Road and Gloria Kern Road; confer with Durio on Gloria Kern; review Gary Knott file and report to Chester; draft and serve second letter to Travis Knott
- 12/11 Begin preparation of Petition for Injunction against Gary Knott to remove the fence on SMPG right of way, plus Requests for Admission and Order scheduling hearing on Preliminary Injunction with related legal research
- 12/13 Confer with Chester on timing of the filing of the Toice Guidry Road/Gary Knott injunction suit
 - 12/03 attend the regular Council meeting
 - 12/17 attend the regular Council Committee meetings

Legal services fee 169.75 Hrs x \$200 = \$33,95022 regular Council meetings and Committee meetings x \$250 = \$5,550

Postage to file Champagne Appeal Brief with 3rd Circuit - \$7.85 Postage to file Champagne Reply Brief with 3rd Circuit - \$5.19 Copies of Judgments of Dismissal in the St. Luke's lawsuits - \$9.00 Certified Mail to Gary Knott - \$6.80

TOTAL DUE \$39,528.84