

**LITIGATION RETENTION AGREEMENT  
FOR SPECIAL COUNSEL APPOINTED BY THE  
SOUTH CAROLINA ATTORNEY GENERAL  
AS TO AUTO WIRING HARNESSSES**

This litigation retention agreement (“Agreement”) is by and between 1) South Carolina Attorney General Alan Wilson (“Attorney General”) and 2) Chad McGowan, T. Travis Medlock, and Peter Mougey (“Special Counsel”).

**RECITALS**

WHEREAS, the Attorney General has concluded that it is in the best interest of the State of South Carolina to retain Special Counsel specifically for this litigation matter; and

WHEREAS, the Attorney General hereby engages Special Counsel to provide legal representation including, but not limited to, all preparation for, settlement of and/or actual litigation arising from relating to anticompetitive activities in the market for automobile wiring harnesses; and

WHEREAS, Special Counsel specifically represent that they have the skill, experience, expertise, and competence necessary for the meaningful resolution of this litigation;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration for the mutual promises and covenants set forth herein, and for other valuable consideration, the Attorney General and Special Counsel hereby agree to the following terms and conditions:

**Article I. TERM**

This Agreement, which shall serve as the appointment of the attorneys whose signatures are affixed below as Special Counsel to the Attorney General, commences on the date of the last signatory to this Agreement, and terminates on December 7, 2017, unless this work is concluded earlier or the Attorney General or Special Counsel terminates the appointment earlier pursuant to Article VI of this Agreement. If the work for which this appointment is made is not completed by the date above, then the Attorney General may re-appoint Special Counsel for an additional term or terms to be determined at that time. The Attorney General shall not be liable to compensate Special Counsel for any services rendered after termination of the Agreement.

## Article II. SERVICES

### A. Scope of Appointment

Special Counsel shall provide legal services, advice, and consultation to the Attorney General for this litigation in a manner consistent with accepted standards of practice in the legal profession. In view of the personal nature of the services to be rendered under this appointment, the Attorney General shall be the sole judge of the adequacy of those services. The parties agree:

1. Special Counsel assumes joint responsibility with the Attorney General's Office for the representation of the State in this litigation. However, the Attorney General shall have final authority over all aspects of this litigation. The litigation may be commenced, conducted, settled, approved, and ended only with the express approval and signature of the Attorney General. The Attorney General at his sole discretion shall appoint a designated assistant ("designated assistant") to oversee the litigation, which appointment the Attorney General may modify at will.
2. Special Counsel shall provide legal services to the Attorney General subject to the approval of the Attorney General for the purposes of seeking injunctive relief, monetary relief, and other relief against all entities in this litigation.
3. The Attorney General may provide attorneys and other staff members to assist Special Counsel with this litigation. The identity and responsibilities of such personnel so assigned shall be determined solely by the Attorney General. All pleadings, motions, briefs, formal documents, and agreements must bear the signature of the Attorney General or his designated assistant.
4. Special Counsel shall coordinate the provision of the legal services with the Attorney General or his designated assistant, other personnel of the Attorney General's Office, and such others as the Attorney General may appoint as Special Counsel. All pleadings, motions, briefs, and other material which may be filed with the court shall first be approved by the Attorney General and provided to his office in draft form in a reasonable and timely manner for review. Regular status meetings may be held as requested by the Attorney General.
5. Special Counsel shall communicate with state entities through the Attorney General's Office unless otherwise authorized by the Attorney General.
6. Special Counsel shall provide sufficient resources, including attorney time, to prosecute this litigation in accordance with Rule 407, Rules of Professional Conduct, South Carolina Appellate Court Rules.
7. The scope of Special Counsel's retention under this Agreement shall include appellate proceedings in this litigation.

### **C. Communication**

Special Counsel agrees to consult in advance, by telephone, fax machine, or in writing, with the Attorney General promptly on all matters that may be precedential, controversial, of particular public interest, or otherwise noteworthy or important, and to keep the Attorney General fully informed at all times.

Special Counsel shall give timely written notice to the Attorney General of any and all of the following legal events in this litigation:

1. Pleadings
2. Dispositive motions
3. Hearings
4. Rulings
5. Trials
6. Settlement negotiations
7. Appeals or Notice of Appeals
8. Briefs filed by any party or entity
9. Appellate arguments or decisions
10. Enforcement efforts

Special Counsel agrees to meet with Attorney General's Office personnel when and where requested by the Attorney General in furtherance of this litigation.

### **D. Settlement**

The Attorney General must approve in advance all aspects of this litigation and shall be included in any settlement discussions. Special Counsel agrees that any settlement in this case must receive the Attorney General's express prior approval in writing. Special Counsel shall confer with the Attorney General as early as practicable in any settlement negotiation process.

### **E. Appeals**

It is important that the Attorney General receives early notice of any potential appellate litigation in any way affecting the State. Therefore, Special Counsel agrees to give prompt oral and written notice to the Attorney General when receiving: (1) any dispositive decision by any appellate court affecting the litigation in any way; or (2) a Notice of Appeal from a court's decision filed by any party to this litigation.

### **F. Public Records**

Any material, data, files, discs, or documents created, produced, or gathered by Special Counsel, or in Special Counsel's possession in furtherance of this litigation, or which fulfills an obligation of this appointment, shall be considered the exclusive property of the State of South Carolina. Special Counsel agrees to adhere to South Carolina's Freedom of Information Act, South

Carolina Code of Laws §30-4-10 *et. seq.*, and maintain all public records in accordance with State law; provided, however, that Special Counsel shall consult with, and obtain the approval of, the Attorney General before responding to any public records request. Special Counsel agrees to comply with the Attorney General's policy on document retention and to refrain from destroying documents unless otherwise permitted under this policy. Special Counsel agrees to comply with Rule 417 of the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules. Special Counsel agrees to request written confirmation from the Attorney General's Office prior to destroying any documents. This Agreement shall be considered a public document.

**G. Settlement or Judgment Proceeds**

All settlement or judgment proceeds shall be paid by or on behalf of the defendant(s) to the Attorney General's Office, which shall distribute them or have them distributed.

**Article IV. COMPENSATION**

**A. Contingent Status**

This is a contingent fee case. Notwithstanding any other term of this Agreement, Special Counsel shall receive no compensation of any kind for any services rendered unless the State of South Carolina receives a settlement or award in connection with this litigation.

**B. Fee Schedule and Division**

If the State receives a settlement or award in connection with this litigation, the Attorney General's Office and Special Counsel will be compensated from the litigation's gross recovery (any final settlement or judgment received by the State, including any post-judgment interest) for their services as follows:

1. The Attorney General's Office shall be reimbursed for all costs and expenses incurred in the litigation, any appeals, any separate suit against the Attorney General or the State regarding the litigation or this Agreement, and any appeals of such separate suit. Compensation under this Section IV.B.1 shall be deducted from the litigation's gross recovery before any further distribution is made.

2. Special Counsel shall be reimbursed for certain costs and expenses incurred in this litigation, any appeals, any separate suit against the Attorney General or the State regarding the litigation or this Agreement, and any appeals of such separate suit, pursuant to Article V below. Compensation under this Section IV.B.2 shall be deducted from the litigation's gross recovery before any further distribution is made.

3. After any deduction from the gross recovery pursuant to Section IV.B.1 and IV.B.2, if the defendant(s) filed a separate suit against the Attorney General or the State regarding this litigation or this Agreement, Special Counsel shall be compensated for time spent defending against such suit at the following rates: \$190 per hour for attorneys

designation may be changed at any time, and without consent of the other party by giving written notice of the new designated representative, until further notice, such instruments and/or correspondence should be addressed to:

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8. The scope of Special Counsel's retention under this Agreement shall include any litigation initiated by the defendant(s) against the Attorney General of the State relating to this litigation.

**B. Delegation of Work**

Special Counsel may delegate work to other attorneys or paralegals within the firm with which the Special Counsel is affiliated but may not, without express approval of the Attorney General, delegate any work whatsoever to any attorney in any other firm. Special Counsel agrees to accept full responsibility and liability for the work of any delegate.

**C. Employment status**

Special Counsel will render services pursuant to this Agreement as an independent contractor. Neither Special Counsel nor any employee of Special Counsel shall be regarded as employed by, or as an employee of, the Attorney General or the State of South Carolina.

### **Article III. CASE MANAGEMENT**

**A. Status Reports**

The Attorney General may at any time request status reports from Special Counsel regarding any aspect of this litigation. Within twenty days after the request is received, Special Counsel shall submit such status reports to the Attorney General. Failure to timely provide such status reports may result in forfeiture of a portion of Special Counsel's compensation at the sole discretion of the Attorney General.

At a minimum, status reports must include a description of the current status of the litigation, any significant events that have occurred since the previous status report, and a prospective analysis of any significant future events.

**B. Notices and Correspondence**

All notices, demands, requests, consents, approvals, and other instruments required to be given pursuant to the terms of this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been properly given when: (1) hand delivered; (2) sent by U.S. Registered or Certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid; (3) if certified or registered mail is either refused or unclaimed, then by regular U.S. Mail; (4) by overnight delivery service with receipt (Airborne, FedEx, UPS, etc.); (5) by email; or (6) by fax, followed by one of the other methods of delivery described herein. Fax delivery shall be deemed to be on the date of receipt of the fax, and the parties hereto agree that a fax with confirmation shall be adequate proof of receipt of the fax.

Both Special Counsel and the Attorney General may designate a representative to receive such instruments and correspondence as described herein. While both parties recognize this

with 10 or more years of experience, \$130 per hour for attorneys with more than 6 but less than 10 years of experience, \$110 per hour for attorneys with more than 3 but less than 6 years of experience, \$100 per hour for attorneys with less than 3 years of experience, and \$60 per hour for paralegals. Compensation under this Section B.3 shall be deducted from the net recovery that remains after any deduction pursuant to Section IV.B.1 and IV.B.2 and before any further distribution is made.

4. After any deductions from the gross recovery pursuant to Sections IV.B.1, IV.B.2 and IV.B.3, Special Counsel shall receive the following in attorneys' fees:

Amount of the remaining net recovery	Contingent percentage
First \$0 to \$25,000,000.00	21%
\$25,000,000.01 to \$50,000,000.00	18%
\$50,000,000.01 to \$75,000,000.00	15%
\$75,000,000.01 to \$100,000,000.00	13%
\$100,000,000.01 to \$125,000,000.00	11%
\$125,000,000.01 to \$150,000,000.00	9%
\$150,000,000.01 to \$250,000,000.00	4%
Greater than \$250,000,000.00	1%

For the work performed by the Attorney General's Office in the litigation, the Attorney General's Office shall receive in attorneys' fees an amount determined by multiplying one-tenth of the contingent percentages, as described above, and the remaining net recovery after subtracting from the gross recovery any deductions pursuant to Sections IV.B.1, IV.B.2, and IV.B.3 by the same means as are used to determine the attorneys' fees paid to Special Counsel.

5. If the defendant(s) appeal a successful trial court judgment in the litigation, the fee rates specified in Section IV.B.4 for Special Counsel shall be increased by 5% and for the Attorney General's Office by 0.5% for services in the appellate proceedings. The Attorney General may, in his sole discretion, reduce these fee increases if he determines that the effort required to resolve the case on appeal does not justify these fee increases. These fee increases shall apply to the entire net recovery remaining after any deductions from the gross recovery pursuant to Sections IV.B.1, IV.B.2 and IV.B.3, not just the portion of the net recovery attributable to post-judgment interest.

### C. Multiple Defendants

Given that this litigation will include potential proceedings against multiple sets of defendants, each with different factual bases, each corporate family (corporate parent and all subsidiaries) will be treated as a separate case for the purposes of calculating the net proceeds of any judgment or settlement, and therefore any fee.

**D. Early Settlement**

If the defendant(s) agree to a settlement or resolution prior to commencement of the action, shortly thereafter, or upon only initial responses, as determined by the Attorney General in his sole discretion, then Special Counsel's fees shall be one half of that specified in Section B.3 above.

**E. NAMFCU and NAAG Settlements**

It is strictly agreed and understood by Special Counsel that the Attorney General, in his sole discretion, may choose to resolve claims in this litigation through settlements offered in conjunction with a NAMFCU or NAAG multistate settlement. This discretion may be exercised both prior to and during the course of the litigation. If this discretion is exercised, the settlement amount shall not be included in the gross recovery for fee purposes, but may, in the Attorney General's sole discretion, be included in the gross recovery for purposes of reimbursing expenses and costs pursuant to Article V.

**F. Non-monetary Relief**

The above Fee Schedule applies to any settlement or judgment, whether the settlement or judgment is entirely monetary in nature or is combined with non-monetary relief. Should the litigation be resolved by settlement or judgment involving a combination of monetary and non-monetary relief (such as injunctive relief, non-monetary payment, the provision of goods and/or services or any other "in kind" terms, or any combination of those), the Attorney General in his sole discretion shall determine the monetary value to the State and whether any attorneys' fees should be awarded based on the monetary value.

**G. Compensation upon Termination**

In the event this Agreement is terminated by Special Counsel, Special Counsel shall be reimbursed only from the litigation's gross recovery and only for all properly documented expenses and costs, as defined in Article V of this Agreement, rendered prior to termination; there shall be no payment of any attorneys' fees unless the Attorney General agrees in writing to the payment of fees for work performed under such terms and conditions as may be set by him in his sole reasonable discretion. In the event the Attorney General terminates this Agreement without cause, Special Counsel shall be reimbursed only from the litigation's gross recovery for all properly documented expenses and costs, as defined in Article V of this Agreement, rendered prior to termination, and Special Counsel shall be awarded appropriate attorneys' fees on a quantum meruit basis as determined by the Attorney General. If this Agreement is terminated for cause, Special Counsel will not be reimbursed for any expenses and costs or paid any fees or other compensation for any services relating to the litigation.

**H. No Other Payment Source**

Special Counsel shall be reimbursed solely from the litigation's recovery. Neither the State of South Carolina nor the Attorney General shall be required under this Agreement, or otherwise, to

compensate or reimburse Special Counsel for their work in this litigation other than as set forth in Articles IV and V herein. Special Counsel shall not be entitled to and shall not accept compensation or reimbursement from any other source.

**I. Inclusion in Final Order**

This distribution and compensation calculation shall be included in a final order in the litigation if practicable.

**Article V. EXPENSES AND COSTS**

**A. Advancement of Expenses and Costs**

Special Counsel shall advance all costs, expenses, and disbursements, including expert witness fees and costs, deposition costs, and costs of document production, other than those costs paid by the Attorney General's Office in its sole discretion. Special Counsel's agreement to advance these litigation expenses and costs, as well as its agreement to defer fees while any and all litigation (including appeals and enforcement actions) is pending has been taken into consideration in establishing the fee schedule above.

**B. Expert Expenses**

Special Counsel shall seek prior approval from the Attorney General for the retention of experts before incurring expenses related to such expert. Provided that the Attorney General has approved the retention of an expert, Special Counsel shall be reimbursed for all reasonable expert expenses. Special Counsel shall be reimbursed solely from the litigation's recovery.

**C. Other Expenses**

Special Counsel shall be reimbursed for other certain reasonable expenses and costs enumerated below. Proper documentation by receipts or otherwise shall be submitted with all invoices and all documentation shall be retained by Special Counsel for at least one full year following the termination of this Agreement. All expenses must be itemized and no reimbursement will be granted for "miscellaneous" listings. The Attorney General may, in his sole discretion, decline to reimburse Special Counsel for any expenses determined by the Attorney General to be unnecessary, unreasonable, improperly documented, or improperly submitted.

1. Overnight lodging shall be reimbursed at actual cost up to a maximum of the rate published by the United States General Services Administration as of the date of the lodging exclusive of taxes and fees. Receipts are required.
2. There is no reimbursement for meals.
3. Automobile travel shall be reimbursed at the rate per mile published by the Internal Revenue Service for business miles driven as of the date of the automobile

travel. Special Counsel must document the date of the travel, the address of the departure location, the address of the arrival location, and the purpose of the travel in order to be eligible for reimbursement. Automobile travel reimbursement must not exceed the commercial coach fare available for the same travel.

4. All other travel or travel-related expenses, including air, train, bus, taxi, shuttle, parking, and baggage fees, will be reimbursed at actual cost. Airfare reimbursements must be for commercial coach fares. Receipts are required.

5. Actual expenses for court fees and both offensive and defensive discovery, including but not limited to filing fees, service of process, motions fees, document productions, transcripts, and witness fees, as well as mailing costs related thereto. Charges for priority or overnight mail services shall be reimbursed only if use of such services is necessary. Should the cost of printing and copying any particular item under this section exceed \$100, such expense shall be reimbursed.

6. If Special Counsel determines that the hiring of an Outside Vendor for any discovery, electronic discovery, or printing related project is reasonably necessary to the litigation, Special Counsel shall assess and select an appropriate Outside Vendor based on objective criteria, including but not limited to expertise, experience, professional certifications, capacity, geographic location, and cost. The Attorney General retains the right to veto the selection of any Outside Vendor, and the Attorney General must give written approval prior to the use of or contracting with any Outside Vendor by Special Counsel.

7. There will be no reimbursement for printing, copying or mailing costs other than under Section C.5, secretarial, paralegal, or other staff costs or overtime, Westlaw, LexisNexis, or other research expenses, or any telephone calls unless prior approval is obtained in writing from the Attorney General.

Should a significant, unusual, and unexpected expense arise that is necessary and germane to the litigation, Special Counsel may request approval from the Attorney General for such expense. The Attorney General shall, in his sole discretion, determine whether Special Counsel shall be reimbursed for such expenses.

For all of the foregoing expenses, Special Counsel shall be reimbursed solely from the litigation's recovery. Special Counsel agrees to submit one original invoice to the Attorney General at the conclusion of the litigation for all expenses and costs under Sections B and C for which reimbursement is sought.

## **Article VI. TERMINATION**

### **A. Termination by the Parties**

The Attorney General reserves the right to terminate this Agreement at any time, in his sole discretion, and without cause or duty of explanation. Special Counsel may terminate its duties and obligations under the Appointment and this Agreement upon thirty (30) days written notice to the Attorney General. Termination on the part of the Special Counsel shall not be effective if the Attorney General finds in his sole discretion that such termination prejudices or has a material adverse effect on the State of South Carolina. Upon termination, all material, data, files, discs, or documents created, produced, or gathered by Special Counsel, or in Special Counsel's possession in furtherance of this litigation, or which fulfills an obligation of this appointment shall be immediately delivered to the Attorney General as directed by him, and without encumbrance or lien or any cost or charge to the Attorney General.

## **Article VII. OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

### **A. Media Statements**

The parties agree that neither Special Counsel nor any partner, associate, employee, or any other person assisting with the legal work contemplated by this Agreement shall speak to any representative of a television station, radio station, newspaper, magazine, or any other media outlet concerning the work outlined or contemplated by this Agreement without first obtaining approval of the Attorney General. This Agreement specifically prohibits Special Counsel from speaking on behalf of the Attorney General or the State of South Carolina to any representative of the news media.

### **B. Jurisdiction and Choice of Law**

This Agreement shall be administered in the State of South Carolina and shall be interpreted under the laws of the State of South Carolina. Special Counsel consents to complete jurisdiction in the appropriate courts of the State of South Carolina. This Agreement and any claims arising in any way out of it shall be governed by the laws of the State of South Carolina. Any litigation arising out of or relating in any way to this Agreement or the performance thereunder shall be brought in state courts of appropriate jurisdiction in the State of South Carolina, and Special Counsel hereby irrevocably consents to such exclusive jurisdiction.

### **C. Code of Professional Responsibility**

If, during the appointment as Special Counsel, a complaint is filed against Special Counsel or Special Counsel's firm, alleging a violation of Rule 407, Rules of Professional Conduct, South Carolina Appellate Court Rules, or the applicable rules governing the state bar in which Special Counsel has been admitted, or the Code of Professional Responsibility, Special Counsel shall give prompt written notice of such complaint to the Attorney General. The Attorney General retains the right, in his sole discretion, to immediately terminate this Agreement if he deems the

complaint to adversely affect in any way Special Counsel's ability to perform their duties required herein, or to adversely affect this litigation, the Attorney General, or the State of South Carolina.

**D. Insurance**

Special Counsel agrees to carry adequate professional liability insurance and to provide proof of same to the Attorney General promptly upon request.

**E. Conflict of Interest**

Special Counsel represents that neither they nor their firms have any conflict of interest with the State of South Carolina, its agencies, or subdivisions at this time. Special Counsel agrees that if a conflict of interest, potential or otherwise, arises, as defined by Rule 407, Rules of Professional Conduct, South Carolina Appellate Court Rules, during the term of this litigation, then Special Counsel will give timely written notice to the Attorney General. Special Counsel must request and obtain a written authorization from the Attorney General prior to undertaking any representation against or adverse to the State of South Carolina, its offices, boards, departments, or institutions during the term of this appointment.

**F. Equal Opportunity**

Special Counsel hereby represents that neither they nor their law firms discriminate on the basis of race, religion, color, sex, age, national origin, or disability against any person in the employment of personnel in their offices.

**G. Right to Contact**

To clarify, nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to prohibit defendant(s) from discussing this case with the Attorney General without the presence of Special Counsel if the Attorney General agrees to such discussion.

**H. Entire Agreement/Integration**

This Agreement constitutes the entire understanding of the parties. Both parties agree that there is no other understanding or agreement other than the terms expressly stated herein.

**I. Severability of Terms and Conditions**

If any provision of this Agreement shall be held invalid, illegal, or unenforceable in any respect, said provision shall be severed. The validity, legality, and enforceability of all other provisions of this Agreement shall not in any way be affected or impaired unless such severance would cause this Agreement to fail of its essential purpose.

**J. Amendment or Modification**

No amendment or modification of this Agreement shall be effective against either party unless such amendment or modification is set forth in writing and signed by both parties.

**K. Headings**

The headings herein are for reference and convenience only. They are not intended and shall not be construed to be a substantive part of this Agreement or in any other way to affect the validity, construction, interpretation, or effect of any of the provisions of this Agreement.

**L. Counterparts**

This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which shall be an original and all of which constitute one and the same instrument.

**Attorney General of South Carolina**

Alan Wilson  
Alan Wilson

Date: 3/22/13

**Special Counsel**

Chad A. McGowan  
Chad A. McGowan, Esq.

Date: 3-18-13

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