

**Town of Wascott
Douglas County, Wisconsin**

**Resolution 2009-14
Appointment of Town Attorney**

WHEREAS, § 60.37 (2), Wis. Stats., provides that the town board may designate, retain or employ one or more attorneys on a temporary or continuing basis to counsel the town on legal matters or represent the town in legal proceedings; and

WHEREAS, legal services available from the Wisconsin Towns Association (WTA) are limited to answering general questions pertaining to municipal law which are of general interest to towns and which can be answered by reference to statutes and court opinions, but the WTA does not directly represent any town; and

WHEREAS, the town board desires to appoint a town attorney to represent and provide legal advice to the town board on specific legal matters now pending before the town board and such other legal issues which may arise in the future.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the town board hereby retains the law firm of Wild, Riley, Prenn & Ricci SC to serve as town attorney for the Town of Wascott, and said firm shall provide legal advice on behalf of the town board, but shall not represent individual interests; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the town chairperson is authorized to prepare a contract for legal services with Wild, Riley, Prenn & Ricci SC, subject to final approval by the town board; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the town chairperson shall direct all matters to be referred to the town attorney for legal advice or representation in legal proceedings, and oral or written advice received from the town attorney shall be presented to the town board for its consideration.

Adopted this 4th day of August, 2009.

Janice Newsome, Town Chairperson

Bob Beglinger, Town Supervisor

Doug Bush, Town Supervisor

Attest: _____
Jeannette Atkinson, Town Clerk

Vote required: Majority vote.

Fiscal Note: Legal fees are included in the 2009 adopted budget category for #51000-General Government, which was amended on May 5, 2009 per resolution 2009-03, and increased by \$40,000. Upon adoption of this resolution, sufficient funds are included in the amended 2009 budget.