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Township Council
1 Municipal Plaza
Bloomfield, NJ 07003

Louise M. Palagano
Municipal Clerk

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Meeting: 11/17/25 07:00 PM

2025 RESOLUTION AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

RESOLUTION: APPROVAL OF ERIC M. BERNSTEIN & ASSOCIATES LLC AS QUALIFIED ATTORNEYS, ELIGIBLE FOR SELECTION FOR THE RENDERING OF LABOR ATTORNEY SERVICES TO THE TOWNSHIP OF BLOOMFIELD FOR 2026

WHEREAS, the Township of Bloomfield has an ongoing need to contract with qualified Labor Attorneys in the State of New Jersey for the provision of Legal Services for the Township of Bloomfield; and

WHEREAS, the Township has publicly advertised-via the Request for Qualifications (“RFQ”) process for such Legal Services; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Bloomfield has reviewed the Statements of Qualifications submitted in response to the Township’s RFQ; and

WHEREAS, The Township pursuant to the RFQ, now proposes to qualify Eric M. Bernstein & Associates LLC to be eligible to serve as outside Labor Counsel and eventually enter into professional services contracts with same on a project matter; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Finance shall certify the availability of the funds to pay such contract(s) for outside Labor Counsel when such services are ordered; and

WHEREAS, said Labor Counsel contract may be awarded without public bidding as a professional services in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. on condition that a resolution authorizing such contracts without competitive bidding and the contracts themselves be made available for public inspection.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council, of the Township of Bloomfield, County of Essex, State of New Jersey as follows:

- The Township is hereby authorized, on an needed basis, to enter into professional services contracts with Eric M. Bernstein & Associates LLC for the provision of outside Labor Attorney services during the calendar year 2026.

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Approved as to form and procedure on basis of facts set forth.

Khalifah Shabazz Charles

Director of Law-Township Attorney

I do hereby certify that the funding will be legally appropriated per the above information for the purpose specified in the attached contract. Furthermore, it has been represented to me that the contracts have been processed in accordance with the applicable provisions of New Jersey Local Public Contract Law and the Code of the Township of Bloomfield.

Louis J...

Chief Financial Officer

I hereby certify that the above resolution was duly adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Bloomfield at a meeting of said Township Council held on November 17, 2025.

Louis M. Pellegrino

Municipal Clerk of the Township of Bloomfield

James E. M...ell

Mayor of the Township of Bloomfield

✓ Vote Record – Resolution						
		Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Abstain	Absent	
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	Nicholas Joanow	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Sarah Cruz	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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