

July 25, 2001

**AUTHORIZE RETENTION OF THE LAW FIRM  
LANER, MUCHIN, DOMBROW, BECKER, LEVIN & TOMINBERG**

**THE GENERAL COUNSEL REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:**

Retention of the law firm Laner, Muchin, Dombrow, Becker, Levin & Tominberg.

~~RECOMMENDATION: The General Counsel recommends that the Board authorize the retention of the law firm Laner, Muchin, Dombrow, Becker, Levin & Tominberg to provide assistance regarding the Early Retirement Option which is offered from time to time at the Board's discretion. The law firm has expertise in providing assistance to the Board and General Counsel regarding the Early Retirement Option which is offered from time to time at the Board's discretion. The law firm has expertise in providing assistance to the Board and General Counsel regarding the Early Retirement Option which is offered from time to time at the Board's discretion.~~

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