

**COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN  
ST. CHARLES PARISH AND JOEL CHAISSON, II AS  
DISTRICT ATTORNEY IN AND FOR THE TWENTY-NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

**THIS AGREEMENT** is entered into by and between

**ST. CHARLES PARISH**, a political subdivision of the State of Louisiana, represented herein by Larry Cochran, its Parish President, duly authorized by Ordinance 16-2-5, hereinafter sometimes referred to as "Parish"; and

**JOEL CHAISSON, II**, the duly elected and serving District Attorney of the 29<sup>th</sup> Judicial District, hereinafter sometimes referred to as the "District Attorney";

who hereby agree as follows:

**WHEREAS, Article VII, Section 14(C) of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974** provides in part that, "For a public purpose, the state and its political subdivisions or political corporations may engage in cooperative endeavors with each other, with the United States or its agencies, or with any public or private association, corporation, or individual"; and

**WHEREAS**, the District Attorney, prior to the creation of the St. Charles Parish Legal Department, provided legal services to the Parish, its departments, boards and commissions; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to St. Charles Parish Ordinance No. 84-11-4 adopted on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1984, the St. Charles Parish Legal Department was created, which said Ordinance provided for, among other things, the creation of a Department of Legal Services, the duties of which are (1) to represent the Parish President and the Council in all matters which legal services are requested; (2) to advise the Parish President and the Council in all legal matters where opinions are required; (3) to prosecute or defend any and all suits or actions in which the Parish President or Council may be parties; and (4) to perform other such duties as may be directed by the Parish President, with the District Attorney relieves of said duties unless and until otherwise requested by the Council or President; and

**WHEREAS**, the St. Charles Parish President has appointed, and the St. Charles Parish Council, has confirmed, Robert L. Raymond as Director of Legal Services; and

**WHEREAS**, the confirmed Director is and has been as Assistant District Attorney covered under its professional liability, health insurance and other insurance benefits programs and policies, and it is the desire of St. Charles Parish to allow him to continue to be covered by said programs and policies; and

**WHEREAS**, the St. Charles Parish President, the St. Charles Parish Council and the District Attorney of the 29<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court desire that Robert L. Raymond, Director of Legal Services, remain employed as an Assistant District Attorney and that he be assigned to St. Charles Parish as its Director of Legal Services to provide general legal representation including (1) representing the Parish President and the Council in certain matters in which legal services are requested; (2) advising the Parish President and the Council in certain legal matters where opinions are required; (3) prosecuting or defending actions in which the Parish President or Council may be parties; and (4) performing other such duties as may be directed by the Parish President;

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS AGREED**

That Robert L. Raymond, Assistant District Attorney, will be and is hereby assigned to St. Charles Parish as its Director of Legal Services, and that he is to provide general legal representation for St. Charles Parish including (1) representing the Parish President and the Council in certain matters in which legal services are requested; (2) advising the Parish President and the Council in certain legal matters where opinions are required; (3) prosecuting or

defending actions in which the Parish President or Council may be parties; and (4) performing other such duties as may be directed by the Parish President;

Further, that he will remain covered under the District Attorney's professional liability, health insurance and other insurance benefits programs and policies;

Further, that all payroll expenses including health insurances, retirement costs, deferred compensation costs, etc. associated with the employment of Robert L. Raymond be paid by St. Charles Parish to the District Attorney's Office as they are incurred;

Further, that all other non-payroll related expenses for the Department of Legal Services be paid directly by St. Charles Parish as they are incurred.

**IN WITNES WHEREOF**, the parties hereto have executed this Cooperative Endeavor Agreement as of the dates shown below.

**ST. CHARLES PARISH**

BY:   
LARRY COCHRAN  
PARISH PRESIDENT

DATE: 2/2/14

**JOEL CHAISSON, II  
DISTRICT ATTORNEY,  
29<sup>TH</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

BY:   
JOEL CHAISSON, II  
DISTRICT ATTORNEY

DATE: 2/11/16