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**BOARD OF REGENTS POLICY**

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**Delegation of Authority**

**ATTORNEYS AND RELATED SERVICES**

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**Subd. 1. Delegation of Authority.** The Board of Regents (Board) of the University of Minnesota (University) delegates to the president and to the general counsel authority to hire attorneys from outside the Office of the General Counsel (OGC) and to enter into related contracts for services in any legal matter involving the University.

**Subd. 2. Hiring Factors.** The following factors shall be considered in the decision to hire outside attorneys and to contract for related services:

- (a) the existence of insurance coverage for the legal matter;
- (b) special expertise or experience in the subject area;
- (c) actual or perceived conflict of interest;
- (d) the need for additional resources beyond those available in the OGC to handle a particular matter because of its scope or time demands;
- (e) special need for independent counsel or a second opinion; and
- (f) the need for legal services outside the State of Minnesota.

**Subd. 3. Exemption from Competitive Bidding.** When the University retains outside attorneys it may do so without competitive bidding.

**Subd. 4. Report.** The general counsel shall report annually to the Board on the activities of the OGC. The Board's Litigation Review Committee may require from the OGC additional reports regarding legal matters.