

Opioid Litigation Survey 2017

Has your county been contacted by any law firm soliciting representation in a lawsuit against opioid manufacturers/distributors/etc.? If so, which firm(s) contacted your county? Has your county agreed to representation or deliberated the issue?

County	Been contacted?	Contacting Firm	County Action
Alachua	Yes	Napoli Shkolnik	Suit filed in circuit court on 1/30/18
Baker	No	N/A	N/A
Bay	Yes	Levin, Papantonio, Bryant & Higby	In progress of filing suit
Bradford	No	N/A	N/A
Broward	Yes	Mike Moore Law Firm; Harrison Rivard Duncan & Buzzet; John Milledge, P.A.; Napoli Shkolnik/Stull, Stull, & Brody; Motley Rice; Ron Book, P.A.; Newsome Melton, P.A.	On 12/12, the BoCC authorized the opioid litigation and directed the County Attorney to rank and short-list up to 4 outside counsel law firm teams for the Board's consideration, which should be in front of the BoCC in January or February
Calhoun	No	N/A	N/A
Charlotte	Yes	Bob Turffs (Sarasota); Farr Law Firm; Napoli Shkolnik; Stull & Brody; Frohlich, Gordon & Beason	Have not discussed the issue in any detail
Clay	Yes	Stull, Stull & Brody; Kanner & Whiteley; Trenam; Bryant & Higby/Levin; Mitchell Ceaser, PA	None
DeSoto	No	N/A	N/A
Escambia	Yes	Levin, Papantonio; Stull, Stull & Brody	BoCC has directed county attorney to do an RFP on the issue and will go out imminently
Flagler	No	N/A	N/A
Franklin	No	N/A	N/A
Hernando	Yes	Lucas/Magazine and Napoli Shkolnik	Commissioners are aware of the solicitations and are considering the idea of representation
Indian River	No	N/A	N/A
Highlands	No action		
Lake	Yes	Stull, Stull & Brody/Napoli Shkolnik	None
Leon	Yes	Napoli Shkolnik	Drafted agenda for BoCC meeting on 2/28 requesting direction on how to proceed - do nothing; RFP or County Attorney selecting firm "team" to file complaint
Levy	Yes	Napoli Shkolnik	N/A
Manatee	Yes	Napoli Shkolnik; Trenam	Deliberating
Miami-Dade	Yes	Several	BoCC voted to accept County Attorney recommendation of hiring Podhurst Team (7 firms: Podhurst; Levin; Baron; Greene; McHugh; Hill; and Powell) and proceeding with MDL litigation
Monroe	Yes	Napoli Shkolnik; Morgan & Morgan	BoCC directed County Attorney to draft an RFP and bring back for approval

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Orange	Yes	Nealon & Associates (Virginia); Stull, Stull & Brody	None
Osceola	Yes	Napoli & Shkolnik and Norman PLLC	Filed suit
Okaloosa	Yes	Stull, Stull & Brody	None
Pasco	Yes	Lucas/Magazine with Greene Ketchum were first to approach. Stull, Stull & Brody & Napoli Shkolnik have requested a meeting; Motley Rice	BoCC voted 1/23/18 to retain Levin, Papantonio, Thomas, Mitchell, Rafferty and Proctor P.A. and move forward with litigation
Palm Beach	Yes	Weiss, Handler & Cornwell; Motley Rice; Levin, Papantonio; Napoli Shkolnik; Gordon & Doner; Critton, Luttier & Coleman; Mike Moore Law Firm; Gilbert, LLP; Labaton Sucharow, LLP; Searcy, Denny, Scarola, Barnhart & Shipley	BoCC will give direction sometime in November.
Pinellas	Yes	Several, most of which are consortiums made up of multiple firms including some out of state and some in state	Current plan is to put out a competitive solicitation for legal services to represent the county on this issue. The solicitation is nearly complete and county anticipates having a contract with outside counsel by the end of the year
Polk	Yes	Napoli & one other group	None
Santa Rosa	No	N/A	N/A
Sarasota	Yes	Stull, Stull & Brody	None
Seminole	Yes	Stull, Stull & Brody; Napoli Shkolnik	Office is still considering
St. Johns	Yes	Napoli Shkolnik	BoCC has given authorization to select counsel and litigate if appropriate
St. Lucie	Yes	Stull, Stull & Brody	None
Suwannee	No	N/A	N/A
Washington	No	N/A	N/A