



## Recommendation for Action

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**File #:** 20-3347, **Agenda Item #:** 14.

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**Posting Language**

Approve negotiation and execution of an amendment to the legal services agreement with Kaplan Kirsch & Rockwell LLP for legal services related to the Rent-A-Car Bankruptcy Matters in the amount of \$75,000, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$125,000.

**Lead Department**

Law.

**Fiscal Note:**

Funding in the amount of \$75,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Aviation Department's Operating Budget.

**For More Information:**

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**Additional Backup Information:**

Kaplan Kirsch & Rockwell LLP (KKR) is the largest dedicated airport law practice firm in the country with experience at more than 100 airports nationwide. Austin-Bergstrom International Airport (AUS) faces unique challenges as it deals with the fallout caused by COVID-19. On May 22, 2020, the Hertz Group filed for bankruptcy protection. Approximately one week later, Advantage/EZ Rent-A-Car Company filed for bankruptcy protection. The Law Department engaged KKR earlier this year to represent AUS in these bankruptcy proceedings. KKR represents several airports in these bankruptcy proceedings. A benefit of KKR's representation is that AUS saves legal fees by sharing some costs with other represented airports. This amendment will allow KKR to continue to represent AUS, which will allow AUS the opportunity to increase its recovery of what is owed by these rental car companies and allow KKR to be involved in any restructuring of their contracts with AUS.

**Strategic Outcome(s):**

Government that Works for All.