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David Livingston, County Mayor  
Haywood County, Tennessee  
1 North Washington Avenue  
Brownsville, TN 38012

**Re: Issuance of Not to Exceed \$5,750,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds  
(the "Bonds")**

Dear Mayor Livingston:

The purpose of this engagement letter is to set forth certain matters concerning the services we will perform as bond counsel to Haywood County, Tennessee (the "Issuer"), in connection with the issuance of the above-referenced bonds (the "Bonds"). We understand that the Bonds are being issued for the purpose of providing funds to refinance the following, its General Obligation Bonds, Series 2010 (Federally Taxable Build America Bonds), dated March 18, 2010, maturing June 1, 2022 through June 1, 2030, and to pay costs incident to the issuance and sale of the Bonds. We further understand that the Bonds will be sold at a competitive public sale.

**SCOPE OF ENGAGEMENT**

In this engagement, we expect to perform the following duties:

1. Subject to the completion of proceedings to our satisfaction, render our legal opinion (the Bond Opinion) regarding the validity and binding effect of the Bonds, the source of payment and security for the Bonds, and the excludability of interest on the Bonds from gross income for federal income tax purposes.
2. Prepare and review documents necessary or appropriate for the authorization, issuance and delivery of the Bonds, coordinate the authorization and execution of such documents, and review enabling legislation.
3. Assist the Issuer in seeking from other governmental authorities such approvals, permissions and exemptions as we determine are necessary or appropriate in connection with the authorization, issuance, and delivery of the Bonds, except that we will not be responsible for any required blue-sky filings.
4. Review legal issues relating to the structure of the Bond issues.
5. Prepare election proceedings or pursue validation proceedings, if any.
6. Draft those sections of the official statement disseminated in connection with the sale of the Bonds, describing the Bond Opinion, the terms of and security for the Bonds, and the treatment of the Bonds and interest thereon under state and federal tax law.

7. Assist the Issuer in presenting information to bond rating organizations and providers of credit enhancement relating to legal issues affecting the issuance of the Bonds.

Our Bond Opinion will be addressed to the Issuer and will be delivered by us on the date the Bonds are exchanged for their purchase price (the "Closing").

The Bond Opinion will be based on facts and law existing as of its date. In rendering our Bond Opinion, we will rely upon the certified proceedings and other certifications of public officials and other persons furnished to us without undertaking to verify the same by independent investigation, and we will assume continuing compliance by the Issuer with applicable laws relating to the Bonds. During the course of this engagement, we will rely on you to provide us with complete and timely information on all developments pertaining to any aspect of the Bonds and their security. We understand that you will direct members of your staff and other employees of the Issuer to cooperate with us in this regard.

Our duties in this engagement are limited to those expressly set forth above. Among other things, our duties do not include:

- a. Except as described in paragraph (6) above,
  - 1) Assisting in the preparation or review of an official statement or any other disclosure document with respect to the Bonds, or
  - 2) Performing an independent investigation to determine the accuracy, completeness or sufficiency of any such document, or
  - 3) Rendering advice that the official statement or other disclosure documents
    - a) Do not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or
    - b) Do not omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements contained therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.
- b. Preparing requests for tax rulings from the Internal Revenue Service, or no action letters from the Securities and Exchange Commission.
- c. Preparing blue sky or investment surveys with respect to the Bonds.
- d. Drafting state constitutional or legislative amendments.
- e. Pursuing test cases or other litigation, (such as contested validation proceedings) except as set forth above.
- f. Making an investigation or expressing any view as to the creditworthiness of the Issuer or the Bonds.
- g. Assisting in the preparation of, or opining on, any continuing disclosure undertaking pertaining to the Bonds or any other outstanding debt of the County,

or, providing advice concerning any actions necessary to assure compliance with any continuing disclosure undertaking.

- h. Representing the Issuer in Internal Revenue Service examinations or inquiries, or Securities and Exchange Commission investigations.
- i. After Closing, providing continuing advice to the Issuer or any other party concerning any actions necessary to assure that interest paid on the Bonds will continue to be excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes (e.g., our engagement does not include rebate calculations for the Bonds).
- j. Addressing any other matter not specifically set forth above that is not required to render our Bond Opinion.

#### **ATTORNEY-CLIENT RELATIONSHIP**

Upon execution of this engagement letter, the Issuer will be our client and an attorney-client relationship will exist between us. We assume that all other parties will retain such counsel as they deem necessary and appropriate to represent their interests in this transaction. We further assume that all other parties understand that in this transaction we represent only the Issuer, we are not counsel to any other party, and we are not acting as an intermediary among the parties. Our services as bond counsel are limited to those contracted for in this letter; the Issuer's execution of this engagement letter will constitute an acknowledgment of those limitations. Our representation of the Issuer will not affect, however, our responsibility to render an objective Bond Opinion. Please note that, in our representation of the Issuer, we will not act as a "municipal advisor", as such term is defined in the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

Our representation of the Issuer and the attorney-client relationship created by this engagement letter will be concluded upon issuance of the Bonds. Nevertheless, subsequent to Closing, we will mail the appropriate Internal Revenue Service Forms 8038-G, and prepare and distribute to the participants in the transaction a transcript of the proceedings pertaining to the Bonds.

As you are aware, our firm represents many political subdivisions, companies and individuals. It is possible that during the time that we are representing the Issuer, one or more of our present or future clients will have transactions with the Issuer. It is also possible that we may be asked to represent, in an unrelated matter, one or more of the entities involved in the issuance of the Bonds. We do not believe such representation, if it occurs, will adversely affect our ability to represent you as provided in this letter, either because such matters will be sufficiently different from the issuance of the Bonds as to make such representations not adverse to our representation of you, or because the potential for such adversity is remote or minor and outweighed by the consideration that it is unlikely that advice given to the other client will be relevant to any aspect of the issuance of the Bonds. We are currently representing Mallinckrodt PLC and Mallinckrodt LLC (collectively, "Mallinckrodt") in unrelated litigation matters that are adverse to the County. Execution of this letter will signify the Issuer's consent to our representation of Mallinckrodt and others consistent with the circumstances described in this paragraph.

#### **FEES**

Based upon: (i) our current understanding of the terms, structure, size and schedule of the financing represented by the Bonds in an aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$5,750,000; (ii) the duties we

will undertake pursuant to this engagement letter; (iii) the time we anticipate devoting to the financings; and (iv) the responsibilities we will assume in connection therewith, our fee is estimated to be \$12,500. The fees quoted above include all out-of-pocket expenses advanced for your benefit, such as travel costs, photocopying, deliveries, long distance telephone charges, telecopier charges, filing fees, computer-assisted research and other expenses.

If, for any reason, the financing represented by the Bonds as described in the paragraph above is completed without the delivery of our Bond Opinion as bond counsel or our services are otherwise terminated, we will expect to be compensated at our normal rates for the time actually spent on your behalf plus client charges as described above unless we have failed to meet our responsibilities under this engagement, but in no event will the amount we are paid exceed \$12,500.

#### **RECORDS**

At your request, papers and property furnished by you will be returned promptly upon receipt of payment for outstanding fees and client charges. All goods, documents, records, and other work product and property produced during the performance of this Contract are deemed to be Issuer's property. Our own files, including lawyer work product, pertaining to the transaction will be retained by us for a period of three (3) years and be subject to inspection by Issuer upon reasonable notice.

#### **OTHER MATTERS**

We have not retained any persons to solicit or secure this engagement from the Issuer upon an agreement or understanding for a contingent commission, percentage, or brokerage fee. We have not offered any employee of the Issuer a gratuity or an offer of employment in connection with this engagement and no employee has requested or agreed to accept a gratuity or offer of employment in connection with this engagement.

Any modification or amendment to this Engagement Letter must be in writing, executed by us and contain the signatures of the Issuer. The validity, construction and effect of this Engagement Letter and any and all extensions and/or modifications thereof shall be governed by the laws of the State of Tennessee. Any action between the parties arising from this Engagement Letter shall be maintained in the state or federal courts of Knox County, Tennessee to the extent permitted by applicable law.

**CONCLUSION**

If the foregoing terms are acceptable to you, please so indicate by returning the enclosed copy of this engagement letter dated and signed by an authorized officer, retaining the original for your files. We look forward to working with you.

**HAYWOOD COUNTY, TENNESSEE**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
David Livingston, County Mayor

**BASS, BERRY & SIMS PLC:**

By:  \_\_\_\_\_  
G. Mark Mamantov, Member