

LEGAL COUNSEL

The Diocese of Fort Worth is covered by legal counsel appointed by the bishop. Mr. John W. Crumley, P.C., has been appointed legal counsel for the Diocese of Fort Worth. It is important to remember that Mr. Crumley represents both parishes/schools and Bishop Olson (as the legal corporate sole owner of all diocesan entities). Mr. Crumley will be responsible to, and report to, both the pastor/pastoral administrator/principal and the bishop or their designated delegates.

Legal services will function as follows:

1. Parishes and schools that have legal questions may go directly to Mr. Crumley for advice and service. Mr. Crumley, while corresponding directly with the parish, school or diocesan entity, will send copies of all correspondence to the Finance Office, which is the official depository of legal correspondence for the diocese. When contacted by a parish, school or diocesan entity, Mr. Crumley will inform them of how long it will take to complete the task and describe the time and scope of the work with a preliminary estimate of cost.
2. Contracts for services, material and other relationships in parishes, schools or diocesan entities will be written by the Finance Office. Standard formats of these contract have been approved by Mr. Crumley. Fees will not be charged for these contracts. If a parish goes directly to Mr. Crumley for a contract, a fee will be charged.
3. If a parish or school asks assistance from a diocesan office which results in the need for legal counsel, the parish or school will be notified before legal counsel is contacted. Any correspondence between legal counsel and the diocese will be copied to the parish, school or diocesan entity, who will be responsible for the charge.

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