

(As of February 20, 2001)

Section 5-204. Special Deputies and Counsel --

1. Special deputies may be appointed by the corporation counsel, with the approval of the city council. Such appointments shall be based on a contract specifying the compensation, if any, to be paid a special deputy. The compensation shall be based on the prevailing rate for the specified services to be rendered.

2. No special counsel shall be retained to represent the city or any officer or executive agency, except as otherwise provided in this charter.

3. Where the corporation counsel has been disqualified, special counsel may be retained by any officer or employee in matters relating to the official powers and duties of such officer or employee. The mayor or any councilmember may also retain special counsel in impeachment proceedings. The council shall appropriate the necessary funds to pay reasonable fees for such legal services.

4. Except in circumstances where the corporation counsel has been disqualified, any special deputy or counsel appointed under this section shall be a subordinate of the corporation counsel. (*Reso. 78-237 and 83-357; 1992 General Election Charter Amendment Question No. 22*)