

Client Retainer

Please Read Carefully - Initial Where Indicated

I. REPRESENTATION AUTHORIZATION

I, _____, hereby authorize _____ to represent me and to do all things necessary or desirable, including initiating litigation, in connection with: _____

II. FEES

I understand:

- I will not be charged attorney's fees for the services provided to me under this agreement, as my attorney is handling this case on a pro bono basis pursuant to Rule 6. 1 of the Nevada Rules of Professional Conduct. _____
- If, because of the nature of the legal matter that is the subject of this agreement, my attorney is able to collect attorney's fees from the adverse party, my attorney is hereby authorized to keep such fees. _____
- The above-described representation is limited to the period during which my income is less than that prescribed by the income/asset guidelines used by Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada. _____
- I am obligated to inform my attorney and Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada of any change in my financial situation. _____

I acknowledge:

- That if, at any time, my assets or income exceed those limits, I will be ineligible for further free representation. _____
- That in such instance, I may choose to continue my representation with my attorney on a fee-for-service basis or will be entitled to a copy of all papers in my file. _____

III. COSTS

I understand:

- There may be filing fees and other costs and I agree to pay all such costs unless they are waived by the court. _____
- Other expenses, such as fees for depositions, expert witnesses, transcripts and consultants may be necessary during the presentation of my case. _____

- That my attorney will consult with me and obtain my approval, or the approval of Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada, before authorizing such expenditures. _____

I agree:

- To be fully responsible for any expense which I approve, unless other specific arrangements are made in writing with my attorney or Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada. _____

IV. CONDUCT OF CASE

I understand:

- That my attorney will consult with me and obtain my approval before taking major steps in handling my case, including filing of any lawsuit. _____
- That it is my responsibility to cooperate fully with my attorney, including disclosing all relevant information and not making any material misrepresentations. _____
- That, if I report anything about my case to any “social media” sites that I may belong to, or send any information about my case through texting, email, etc. (except to my attorney, since that is privileged information), I could not only damage my case, but any “friend” on my site could be forced to become a witness and discuss all conversations they ever had with me about many topics. _____
- That, opposing parties, their attorneys, and representatives routinely monitor social media sites and seek e-mail and text addresses of claimants to obtain information, and can subpoena such information direct from the service providers. _____ *(Please take this warning seriously.)*
- That, if I do not remain in contact with my attorney, my attorney may cease to represent me. _____
- That, if I breach these agreements, my attorney may cease to represent me. _____

I agree:

- To remain in contact with my attorney at all points during my representation and agree to notify my attorney immediately of any change in my current mailing address, phone number, or any change of income. _____
- To not communicate anything about my case to any “social media” sites or send any information about my case through texting, email, etc. except to my attorney. _____

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2016.

Attorney Signature

Client Signature