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CONTRACT FOR LEGAL SERVICES

THIS CONTRACT made and entered into this _____ day of _____, 20____ by and between _____ whose address is _____ hereinafter referred to as "CLIENT" and _____ hereinafter referred to as "ATTORNEY":

WITNESSETH:

CLIENT, _____, retains the undersigned ATTORNEY to represent (him/her) in regard to _____ in _____ County, Florida, and CLIENT does hereby give to said ATTORNEY the exclusive right to take all legal steps to represent the CLIENT's interests.

IN CONSIDERATION of the services rendered and to be rendered by said ATTORNEY, CLIENT hereby agrees to remit on or before _____, the sum of \$ _____, as a retainer and a nonrefundable minimum fee. Upon the happening of the following event(s), an additional nonrefundable retainer in the amount of \$ _____ shall be required:

In the event ATTORNEY time devoted to this matter reaches _____ hours, then, in that event, an additional retainer in the amount of \$ _____, shall be required upon _____ days written notice. Credit shall be given against all retainer(s) at the ATTORNEY hourly rate of \$ _____ per hour for out of court time, and \$ _____ for in court time, which will be billed on a monthly basis.

CLIENT agrees to pay the necessary expenses and disbursements separately as these expenses and disbursements are incurred by ATTORNEY. The expenses and disbursements may include, but shall not be limited to, fees for private investigators, expert witnesses, court reporter transcripts, travel expenses for ATTORNEY and investigators, and any and all other expenses ATTORNEY considers reasonably necessary for the proper defense in this action.

In conjunction thereto, CLIENT hereby agrees to remit as a COST DEPOSIT the sum of \$ _____ on or before _____. CLIENT agrees to promptly remit any additional Cost Deposits ATTORNEY deems reasonably necessary upon receipt of a written request for said sums. Any unused portion of the Cost Deposit shall be returned to CLIENT.

CLIENT acknowledges that the basis of computing ATTORNEY'S compensation has been fully explained to _____ and that ATTORNEY'S compensation is based upon, among other factors, the time and labor involved, novelty or difficulty of questions presented, the results obtained, time limitations imposed by this representation, the reputation, experience and ability of ATTORNEY in performing this type of service.

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CLIENT acknowledges that ATTORNEY has made no promises to CLIENT as to the outcome of the case except that ATTORNEY has promised to render his/her best professional skill.

IT IS FURTHER understood that the fee agreed upon herein does NOT include services for an appeal or retrial if such should become necessary. In the event an appeal or retrial is filed, a new and separate agreement will be entered into.

PAYMENT OF THE RETAINER AND ORIGINAL COST DEPOSIT AND CLIENT'S SIGNATURE HEREON SHALL CONSTITUTE ATTORNEY'S AUTHORITY TO PROCEED WITH THIS REPRESENTATION.

CLIENT hereby acknowledges that _____ has had all of the terms of this agreement explained to _____ and _____ fully understands all of the provisions herein.

CLIENT

CLIENT

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED BY:
