

**FEE AGREEMENT**  
**THE LAW OFFICES OF JONATHAN A. VELEY, LLC**  
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The undersigned client ("you") and The Law Offices of Jonathan A. Veley, LLC ("we") agree that we will represent you with regard to the following:

You agree to pay the firm's hourly rates currently in effect for the firm's attorneys and paralegal support, which the firm will bill by the tenth of the hour. Your rates will not be changed by the firm unless you have been given one month's written notice of the proposed change, and your failure to object to these changes will constitute your acquiescence to them. Current rates in effect are as follows:

Jonathan A. Veley. . . . .	\$225.00
Paralegal. . . . .	\$60.00

Services are billed by the tenth of an hour. You also agree to pay or reimburse us for all of our out-of-pocket expenses, including but not limited to filing fees, court costs, subpoena costs, photos, depositions, court reporter costs, reports, and witness statements which we incur in the course of representing you. Invoices which remain unpaid after 30 days shall accrue interest at the rate of 18 percent per annum, or the maximum amount allowable by law, whichever is greater. Payments by credit card are subject to a 3 percent convenience fee.

Clients frequently request an estimate of the amount which will be charged with respect to a matter and the amount of time it will take to accomplish the result. If you have been provided any estimates as to cost or time, that estimate is based on what services we anticipate will be necessary, how other parties, persons or entities will likely react to what we are doing, and upon the facts that we currently understand to be true. Every case is different: the firm cannot promise what other people will do, and your goals and how we can get you there may change depending on facts and circumstances we do not know when this agreement is signed. Therefore, you understand that the time and cost involved in your project may be longer or shorter, higher or lower than any estimate you have been provided.

We acknowledge receipt of your retainer in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_. All retainers will be promptly deposited in the firm's trust account. We will

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use your retainer to pay: (a) for costs and expenses, as they arise, and (b) for services rendered, when we bill them. Any remaining portion of your retainer will be refunded to you when we are finished representing you, after all costs, expenses and attorney fees due to us are paid. If your retainer is exhausted, the firm may require you to deposit an additional amount.

If you are not depositing a retainer with us pursuant to the preceding paragraph, you understand that the firm may require you to deposit one at such time and in such amounts as we require.

If we require you to deposit a retainer or additional retainer and you do not do so, you authorize us to withdraw from representing you.

If we negotiate or are presented with a resolution of this matter which we, in our sole discretion, consider to be a fair and equitable resolution of this matter, you may refuse to accept said resolution; however, if you do so we may at our option withdraw from representing you, and by doing so you agree that you shall remain indebted to us for the amount of the fees, costs and expenses provided for above.

If (1) you ask us to perform services which are or may be outside the scope of the above-referenced matter, or (2) if we perform services or incur expenses which you believe may not be within the scope of this agreement, this agreement shall apply to those services and expenses and you agree to pay us for them. However, either party may request a separate fee agreement with respect to any services or expenses which are or may not be covered by this agreement as a condition to providing or continuing to provide services. Nothing in this agreement obligates us to represent you with respect to any matter not described above.

You acknowledge that we have given you a copy of this contract.

LAW OFFICES OF JONATHAN A. VELEY, LLC

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