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CONTRACT FOR LEGAL REPRESENTATION

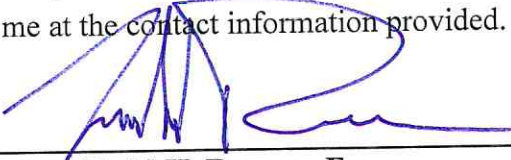
1. This is to confirm that I have been asked to represent **Melvin Kingwood and Family regarding a Quiet title Action/Partition Suit dispute in Halifax County, Virginia**. My representation is limited to these issues and does not include any related legal matters unless agreed upon in advance. Unless you specify otherwise, I will communicate with you via the contact information that you have provided, although I am always available to answer any questions or concerns that you may have.
2. You hereby agree to pay me a retainer fee of **\$2000.00**, which shall be deposited into an escrow account and drawn against for services rendered and costs advanced. My hourly fee is **\$225.00 per hour which reflects a 25% discount for Legal Shield membership** and includes: investigating and interviewing witnesses, negotiations with the opposing party, accumulating and evaluating evidence, drafting and filing of appropriate motions and/or memoranda of law, as well as appearance for any hearings that arise. Additional retainer fees shall be required in my sole discretion and the payment of such additional retainer fees will be a condition of my continued representation of you. If my representation of you in this matter does not deduct the entire initial deposit via the hourly rate, any remaining amount will be promptly returned to you via mail.
3. You also agree to pay the costs of litigation and other expenses such as: filing fees, deposition costs, copying costs, travel expenses, service of process fees, long distance telephone expenses, fax fees, accountant's fees, appraiser's fees, expert witness fees, certified interpreter fees, translating fees, court reporter fees, and legal

publication costs. Costs will be itemized on a bill along with time expenses.

4. By entering into this agreement, you authorize me as your attorney to advance monies for all costs related to the services rendered in your case, and agree to reimburse me for all such advances made upon receipt of the monthly billing. For more extensive costs such as legal publications and court reporter fees, an advance deposit may be required to be paid and I shall attempt to discuss the necessity of such fees and deposits when needed. Costs for filing suit must be paid in advance by Client prior to filing same.
5. Invoices are due upon receipt. **I reserve the right to withdraw from representation or halt further services until payment in full is received on past due invoices.** If a check or credit transaction is denied or returned for any reason, there will be a \$50 fee imposed that will also become due under the same fee schedule. If I have to engage in suit or collections actions to collect any unpaid amounts, you will be responsible for reasonable attorney's fees and costs of collection of the balance due. If for any reason you do not agree with the manner in which this fee is earned by our office, then it will be necessary for you to express said concern in writing to my attention within **10 days** of the date of this agreement. Otherwise, I will consider the above disbursement arrangement as our fee arrangement.
6. There are no guarantees or promises made except the assurance that I will perform my services to the best of my ability. I will keep you apprised of developments and will consult you as necessary. You agree to be cooperative with me and to respond to my communications promptly and provide all information relevant to my representation of you. It is also your responsibility to keep me informed as to your contact information. You understand that my ability to contact you and keep you informed rests almost entirely on you keeping me updated and informed regarding anything that may affect your case or your contact information.

7. If the description above sets forth our agreement as you understand it, please sign and return this document, along with a payment in the amount of **\$2000.00 payable to Hairfield Morton, PLC**, which is the trust account. I will draw money toward my fees as it is earned at the hourly rate and leave any additional amounts in the trust account until earned. Trust account funds are deposited to our Trust Account in accordance with the rules governing lawyers in the Commonwealth of Virginia included IOLTA rules as well as my fiduciary duty to you as a client. If I do not receive the signed copy of this agreement with your check within 14 days, I shall assume that you have obtained other counsel, and shall mark your file as "closed" and do nothing further. We appreciate the opportunity to work with you and I look forward to working with you to the conclusion of this case. If you have questions, or any of the above is not clear, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at the contact information provided.

Attorney: _____



Todd H. Ranson, Esq.

Date: 7/24/2024

READ, APPROVED AND ACCEPTED:

By: _____
CLIENT

DATE