



DOMESTIC RELATIONS FEE AGREEMENT

I (name of Client here) (hereinafter referred to as “the Client”), hereby agrees to retain The Divorce and Family Law Offices of Szostkiewicz & Thorn, 1341 Main Street, Third Floor, Springfield, Massachusetts (hereinafter referred to as “the Attorneys”) in connection with the following legal matter(s):

(Insert Matters Here)

The Attorneys shall receive **THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$ ,000.00)** as a **non-refundable retainer** upon the execution of this Agreement as full payment for all legal services provided in connection with the above referenced matter. The Attorneys agrees to provide legal services in connection with the above referenced domestic matter and to keep the client fully informed of all significant developments. The Attorneys’ regularly hourly billing rate is \$275.00 per hour. In the event of a fee dispute the client’s file will be audited and all work done on Client’s behalf will be billed at \$275.00 per hour and there will be an automatic deduction of \$500.00 from the retainer to cover all phone calls between Client and Attorneys (as the Attorneys do not keep track of these phone calls).

Legal services include, but are not limited to, court appearances (including wait time and travel time to and from court), telephone conferences, telephone calls to and from the Client, office conferences, legal research, depositions, review of file materials and documents sent or received, drafting of pleadings, correspondence and memoranda, and preparation for trial, hearing and conferences.

The Attorneys and Client state that no results have been guaranteed by the Attorneys to the Client and that this Agreement is not based upon any such promises or anticipated results.

The Client agrees to pay for costs incurred and out of pocket disbursements made by the Attorneys, including, but not limited to, filing fees, witness fees, travel, sheriff’s and constable’s fees, expenses of depositions, investigative expenses, expert witness fees and other incidental expenses. The Attorneys agrees to obtain the Client’s approval before incurring any single cost or disbursement in excess of \$150.00 and incurring costs in excess of \$300.00.

The Attorneys discloses to the Client that he is not insured under a commercial professional liability insurance policy, but rather that he or she is self insured.

THE CLIENT UNDERSTANDS AND ACKNOWLEDGES THAT NO LEGAL REPRESENTATION, APPEARANCE, OR PREPERATION WILL BEGIN IN THIS MATTER UNTIL PAYMENT ON THIS ACCOUNT AS SET FORTH IN THE SECOND PARAGRAPH HEREIN IS PAID IN FULL.

We, the Client and Attorney, have read the above Fee Agreement on this     day of                     , 20     and understand its terms, and both have signed it as our free act and deed.

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 Client’s Name Here

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 Attorney for Szostkiewicz & Thorn