



**AGREEMENT FOR**

**LEGAL SERVICES**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, do hereby retain Shahid Law Office, LLC, 89 Broad Street, Charleston, SC, as my attorney to represent me. The purpose of Shahid Law Office, LLC 's representation of me is to resolve my marital or domestic related issues with my estranged spouse by settlement, litigation or otherwise, and to defend all related marital or domestic claims asserted by my estranged spouse in the Family Court of the State of South Carolina.

I understand that this Agreement does not include and require Shahid Law Office, LLC to undertake or defend any appeals or collateral litigation or follow-up services after the initial case is concluded, such as contempt matters, or modification proceedings. Any future matter, as cited above for the need of legal services, must be agreed in writing.

In consideration of the professional services rendered and to be rendered, I agree to pay an initial retainer fee of \$ \_\_\_\_\_, which will be billed against this amount at the rate of \$325.00 per hour for primary attorney time and \$175.00 for associate attorney time and \$75.00 per hour for paralegal, law clerk and legal assistant time, PLUS all costs and expenses. Upon the initial retainer fee is fully expended, I agree that Shahid Law office, LLC may require me to replenish the initial fee with a sum no less than the amount of the initial retainer fee. In the event the above legal matter is not resolved, and the case has been scheduled for trial, I agree that Shahid Law Office, LLC may require me to pay an additional fee of two

times the initial retainer fee. If and when this retainer fee is fully expended, I shall continue to pay for legal services at the rate stated above for all associated costs and expenses.

I understand that all time is billed in minimum of one-tenth of an hour, or a multiple thereof, rounded to the nearest tenth of an hour, and is calculated portal to portal. I understand I will be billed through an invoice and statement of fees, costs and expenses upon the above basis for each calendar month. I agree to pay any outstanding balance to the Shahid Law Office, L.L.C., within thirty (30) days of receipt of said invoice. I also understand that untimely and non-payment of my account within sixty (60) days of receipt of an invoice is a material breach of this agreement and as such will result in the Shahid Law Office, LLC filing a Motion to be Relieved as Counsel in regard to the above mentioned legal matter and/or referring my account to an agency or third party for collection of the unpaid balance.

I understand that I will be billed and shall pay for any expenses incurred on my behalf by the Shahid Law Office, L.L.C., including copying, court reporter charges, costs of depositions, long distance phone calls, travel expenses, costs of any investigations conducted in this matter, fees for filing of Court pleadings, process servers, costs for records, courier services, postage, research, (legal and otherwise) accounting and valuation fees, appraisals, expert fees and costs, and any other expenses related to this matter not specifically listed herein. I understand that these expenses will be added to my bill each month, and that I am responsible for said expenses.

I understand that \$1,500.00 of the initial retainer fee is a non-refundable engagement fee that immediately becomes a fee earned by Shahid Law Office, L.L.C., when paid in consideration of Shahid Law Office LLC, reserving and committing time to be available in

representing me, thereby precluding the acceptance of other clients and other employment and in consideration of being precluded from accepting employment of conflicting interests.

I agree I shall cooperate with the Shahid Law Office, L.L.C., in all aspects of this matter and to keep Shahid Law Office, LLC informed of any changes in my case, or my financial, employment, or other status, including any change of my contact information, such as addresses, telephone numbers, and e-mail addresses, as listed

I agree to the terms as stated above and acknowledge I have received a copy of this Agreement.

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Client

Address:

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Telephone:

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E-mail:

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Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

SHAHID LAW OFFICE, LLC

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By: \_\_\_\_\_

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_