

Professional Engagement Agreement

Consulting Attorney: Angelo Paul Sevarino, JD, MSCC
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Retaining Attorney:

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This Agreement entered into between Consulting Attorney and Retaining Attorney is for the purpose of rendering an independent legal review and/or opinion necessary for the preparation of settlement, civil suit, arbitration/mediation or administrative formal hearing in the above captioned matter. Consulting Attorney will also provide expert testimony in this matter, if requested.

Permission to disclose Consulting Attorney as an expert witness or legal consultant on behalf of the Retaining Attorney and/or the Retaining Attorney's client is not granted until this Professional Engagement Agreement is executed by the Retaining Attorney and returned to Consulting attorney with the initial retainer.

In order to render an opinion or report, Consulting Attorney will require complete access to Retaining Attorney's legal file(s) as the opinion or report will be influenced by the information reviewed. To this extent Retaining Attorney must advise his/her client that Consulting Attorney has been retained, that Consulting Attorney may require access to Retaining Attorney's file(s) which access shall be allowed without violation of any attorney-client privilege and that no direct attorney/client relationship exists or will exist between Consulting Attorney and Retaining Attorney's client. In addition should services by the Consulting Attorney require review of protected medical information Retaining Attorney must advise and obtain the consent of its client for proper disclosure to Consulting Attorney.

Any work product tendered by Consulting Attorney to Retaining Attorney shall be considered the work product of Retaining Attorney prepared in preparation of litigation.

A non-refundable retainer of \$1,500.00 is required to initiate the review of the material forwarded. Fees will be billed at \$395.00 per hour for professional consultations, investigation, travel, report preparation or testimony, either in court, formal administrative hearings, arbitration or mediation session or deposition appearance and testimony. Said billable hourly charges will be deducted first from the retainer and then billed direct to the Retaining Attorney. Travel and lodging expenses incurred by Consulting Attorney beyond a 30 mile radius of Broad Brook, Connecticut shall be the responsibility of the Retaining Attorney.

Deposition and court testimony requires at least one week advance written notice to Consulting Attorney and is subject to a two (2) hour minimum charge. Standby fee is a two (2) hour minimum charge.

The Retaining Attorney agrees to pay all fees for services rendered by Consulting Attorney within thirty (30) days of the billing date regardless of the outcome of any litigation involved or delays in recovery of settlement proceeds, fees or costs incurred by Retaining Attorney. Any invoice unpaid more than thirty (30) days from the billing date shall be subject to interest at the rate of one percent (1.5%) per month or part thereof. Any costs of collection, including legal fees and court costs, will be added to the balance of any outstanding invoices.

All outstanding fees, costs and expenses must be paid in full prior to report issuance or testimony provided by Consulting Attorney.

This Agreement shall be interpreted under the laws of the State of Connecticut and shall be subject at all times to the jurisdiction of the Courts of the State of Connecticut.

Agreed to this day of , 201 .

Angelo Paul Sevarino
Consulting Attorney

Referring Attorney