

CONTRACT FOR LEGAL SERVICES

I, _____, hereby retain and employ Ackerman Law Office, as my attorney to represent me in my claim for damages against _____ or any others who may be liable on account of my _____ on or about the _____ day of _____, 20_____.

I agree to pay said attorney's fees as follows:

_____ One-third by trial of whatever may be recovered from said claim whether by suit, settlement, or in any other manner;

_____ One-half of whatever may be recovered from said claim if a second trial or an appeal to the Appellate or Supreme Court becomes necessary.

I agree that associate counsel may be employed at the discretion and expense of my attorneys, and that any attorney so employed may be designated to appear on my behalf or undertake my representation in this matter.

INVESTIGATION

Attorney will investigate the client's(s') claim, and if after doing so, client's(s') claim does not appear to attorney to have both economic and legal merit, then both attorney and client will have the right to unilaterally cancel this agreement. Upon cancellation, client (s) will pay attorney for all unpaid disbursements.

NON-PAYMENT OF DISBURSEMENTS Non-payment of disbursements when due will be a basis for attorney's withdrawal from representation of clients. My attorney has the right to make payment of disbursements due on demand.

I further agree that in addition to the above attorney's fees, all court costs, subpoena costs, photos, depositions, court reporter costs, reports, witness statement, and all other out-of-pocket expenses directly incurred in investigating or litigating this claim shall be paid by the undersigned, and that said expenses and attorneys's fees may be deducted from the proceeds of any recovery.

I have received a copy of this contract for legal services including the Statute on the next page.

_____ Date Client

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The above employment is hereby accepted on the terms stated, and if on a percentage contingent fee basis, we agree to make no charge for services unless recovery is had in this matter. In addition, we agree to make no settlement without the consent of the claimant.

ACKERMAN LAW OFFICE

_____ Date BY: _____

Copy of contract given to client X

CHAPTER 71
ILLINOIS REVISED STATUTES
SECTION 1

Sec. 1. Any person who makes an agreement with any other person to represent him in his claim for settlement of a personal injury claim within 5 days after the occurrence which gave rise to the claim may, within a 10 day period after the occurrence elect to avoid the agreement by notifying the other person in writing of the election by registered or certified mail, return receipt request.

The person undertaking the representation of the injured party by such an agreement must, at the time of the agreement, furnish the party with whom the agreement is made a copy of the agreement and the address to which the notice may be sent and a copy of this Act, and obtain written acknowledgment of receipt of such from the party represented. If he fails to do so, the 10 day period provided for in this Act does not commence to run until the agreement, address and a copy of this Act are furnished.

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