

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
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COUNTY OF ANDERSON)

CIVIL LEGAL RETAINER

I/We, _____ (hereinafter known as the client), the undersigned, does hereby appoint, constitute, and retain **STANDEFFERLAW, LLC, Attorneys at Law**, as my lawful attorneys to prosecute in my name, suit for damages, or adjust any claim for damages against **ALL POSSIBLE DEFENDANTS (TO BE DETERMINED AFTER INVESTIGATION)** or any other party who shall be liable.

The client shall be liable for legal fees only where money is recovered in this case. The client agrees to pay and attorneys will accept for their professional services a percentage of any and all amounts recovered from the party responsible for the injuries and damages sustained by the client. This percentage will be computed as follows:

- _____ if the claim is settled without filing suit;
- _____ if the claim is settled after filing suit or commencement of the action;
- _____ after commencement of a trial not including an appeal of final judgment made.

The expenses of suit, including investigation, trial preparation, exhibits, photographs, filing fees, service of process, service of subpoenas, postage and delivery cost, copying, mileage, lodging, airfare (business class,) mediation fees, medical records cost, deposition cost expert witness fee/expenses, physician reports / evaluations and witness fees shall be charged to the client's share exclusively. I-le further authorize my attorney, to pay out of any proceeds by settlement or verdict any unpaid balances for treatment or services made necessary by the injuries sustained in the above- mentioned incident.

All costs and expenses required in prosecuting the case may be either advanced by Client or by the attorneys. Client may choose either option. If Client elects to advance the money for costs and expenses, Client must pay each cost and expense as it is incurred. If Client elects to have attorneys advance the costs and expenses, the money will be borrowed by attorneys on the Client's behalf. At the conclusion of the case all such monies, both principal and interest, shall be reimbursed by the Client to attorneys.

_____ We elect to advance the money for costs and expenses

_____ We elect to have STANDEFFER LAW, LLC advance the money for costs and expenses.

Client acknowledges and agrees that STANDEFFER LAW, LLC may borrow funds to pay the costs and expenses referred to above, and that in addition to costs and expenses, Client agrees that interest charges and related expenses STANDEFFER LAW, LLC incurs in connection with such borrowings, will also be deducted after calculation and deduction of Attorney's fees.

If I/we discontinue the case, or retain another attorney, then I/we agree to be responsible for all legal costs advanced and incurred by **STANDEFFER LAW, LLC** and agree to pay legal fees incurred on an hourly basis at the rate of Three Hundred Fifty (350.00) Dollars per hour attorney time out of court, Four Hundred Fifty (\$450.00) Dollars per hour for attorney time in court, One Hundred Fifty (\$150.00) Dollars per hour for paralegal time, and Seventy Five (\$75.00) Dollars per hour for legal assistant for time expended on my case. This amount shall be paid directly to **STANDEFFER LAW, LLC** from the amount of any recovery by any attorney or other person in possession of such recovery. We understand and expressly agree that **STANDEFFER LAW, LLC** shall have the right to assert a lien against any settlement verdict, or judgment which may be obtained on our behalf for the payment of expenses and attorney fees as set forth above.

I/We expressly agree that if representation in an appeal asserted by either party is required in this matter, that representation shall be subject to a separate agreement. I/We further agree and understand that STANDEFFER LAW, LLC shall have the discretionary authority to associate another attorney or law firm to assist in the representation of any appeal. We expressly agree that any fee charged by the associated attorney or law firm may be in addition to the attorney fees set forth above.

I/We understand that I will not receive any advances or loans related to this matter and agree not to request the same.

I/We further agree that the above attorneys shall have full discretionary powers regarding settlement or proceeding to trial on the above case.

I/We further agree and understand that any and all other legal matters handled by the above firm which are not directly related to this case will be billed separately at the above fee. I/We understand and agree that in the event that further investigation reveals that there is most likely no liability or that the costs of pursuing the litigation exceed the benefits that may be realized, STANDEFFER LAW, LLC may choose not to pursue the litigation and terminate representation **under this agreement.**

I/We expressly agree that the above attorney may destroy this file after six years from the date this case is concluded by settlement, verdict or appellate decision or from the date the attorneys' representation end, and we will not be able to obtain anything from the file after it has been destroyed. I/We understand that our file will be sent to storage upon closing and that we will be responsible for pre- paying a Seventy-Five Dollar (\$75.00) retrieval fee if this file is retrieved at our request.

Any changes in this agreement must be in writing and signed by all parties. I/We have read this agreement and have agreed to its terms and conditions.

Dated: _____

Client

Client

Witness