

**LAW OFFICE OF MARK C. THOMPSON**  
**LEGAL SERVICES CONTRACT**

**THE STATE OF TEXAS                    §                    KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENT:**  
**COUNTY OF BEXAR                    §**

THAT I, \_\_\_\_\_, (Client) employ  
**MARK C. THOMPSON** (Attorney) as my attorney to represent me in the following matter(s) and  
only the following matter(s) \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ Client and Attorney agree that Client will pay a retainer of **\$1,500.00** for  
LEGAL FEES and FILING FEES, of which **\$500.00** is non refundable. Attorney will  
provide legal services at a rate of **\$275.00** per hour to be billed in quarter-hour  
increments and will provide itemized statements. Client will deposit additional funds  
as requested by attorney. At the conclusion of representation all remaining funds will  
be returned with a final statement.

\_\_\_\_\_ Client will pay 3<sup>rd</sup> party fees (mediators, appointed representatives, etc.) directly to  
the service provider.

\_\_\_\_\_ Income & Expense sheet is required for all hearings involving support. A Sworn  
Inventory is required for any hearing involving the division of property. Client's failure to  
cooperate and timely provide the necessary information will likely negatively impact the  
case.

\_\_\_\_\_ Client will make a deposit of at least \$1,000.00 at least seven (7) days prior to any  
mediation or Temporary Orders or final hearing.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Client understands that Attorney cannot guarantee a particular result.**

\_\_\_\_\_ **As a Client:**

1. I understand that my attorney's representation depends on my truthful and total cooperation.
2. Money paid to attorney is from lawful activity; and,
3. **I can fire Attorney at any time and for any reason whatsoever.**
4. Attorney is not responsible for anything that occurred prior to his involvement in this case.

\_\_\_\_\_ Attorney may withdraw from his employment at any time, and he shall be  
entitled to all earned compensation up to the date of withdrawal. Attorney will  
withdraw if Client:

1. Insists upon presenting a claim that is not warranted under existing law and cannot be supported in good faith argument of an extension, modification, or reversal of existing law;
2. Insists that Attorney engage in conduct that is illegal or prohibited under the disciplinary rules, or that is contrary to Attorney's judgment

3. Otherwise renders it unreasonably difficult for Attorney to carry out his employment, on this case or other cases.
4. **Fails to deposit additional funds as requested by Attorney.**

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**CLIENT UNDERSTANDS THAT ATTORNEY IS NOT A TAX ATTORNEY,  
A CPA OR A FINANCIAL ADVISOR.**

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The State Bar of Texas investigates and prosecutes professional misconduct by Texas attorneys. Although not every complaint against or dispute with a lawyer involves professional misconduct, the Office of the General Counsel of the State Bar of Texas will provide you with information about how to file a complaint. For more information, please call 1-800-932-1900.

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**The Bexar County Presiding Court System** - Bexar County uses a Presiding Court system. All cases are first called in a central courtroom and then assigned to another judge for hearing. The judge will be unknown until we are assigned. We cannot "Judge shop". Judges are human. They get sick, have bad days and take vacations and the number of judges can at times be limited. The number of cases and unavailability of judges can result in several hours of waiting and/or being forced to reset to another day. If we are to have multiple hearings we will likely appear before several judges. Attorney is bound by the Bexar County Local Rules.

The following special conditions apply and shall supercede any contrary provision above: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**EXECUTED ON** \_\_\_\_\_.

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**MARK C. THOMPSON**

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**Client**