

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

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF BEXAR

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KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENT:

THAT I, \_\_\_\_\_, (Client's name) 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 deposit a retainer of  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ for LEGAL FEES, FILING FEES AND COURT COSTS into  
Attorney's trust account. Attorney will provide legal services at a rate of **\$275.00** per  
hour to be billed in quarter-hour increments. All new files are subject to a \$50.00 file  
start-up fee. Client shall deposit additional funds when requested. Attorney to provide  
itemized statements. At the conclusion of representation all remaining funds will be  
returned to client with a final statement.

\_\_\_\_\_ Fees for mediators, evaluators, appointed representatives, or other such fees are to be  
paid by Client directly to the service provider.

\_\_\_\_\_ Client understands that it is necessary to prepare an Income and Expense sheet and/or  
sworn Inventory for any hearing involving child or spousal support and/or the division of  
property/debts. Client's failure to cooperate and timely provide the necessary information  
and documentation may 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 court hearing where oral testimony will be taken.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Client understands that Attorney does not guarantee a particular result  
or outcome in this case.**

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

1. I understand that my attorney's representation is contingent on my truthful and complete cooperation. If I am untruthful or fail to cooperate attorney may withdraw from my case;
2. I certify that none of the money paid to attorney are the proceeds from unlawful activities; and,
3. **I can fire Attorney at any time and for any reason (or for no reason).**

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

1. Insists upon presenting a claim or defense 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 or pursue a course of conduct that is illegal or that is 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 or otherwise fails to comply with the terms of this contract.**

\_\_\_\_ Client acknowledges that Attorney is not responsible for any actions that have already occurred prior to Attorney's involvement in this case.

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

\_\_\_\_ 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.

\_\_\_\_ **The Bexar County Presiding Court System** - Bexar County uses a Presiding Court system in that 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. The Bexar County Presiding Court system presents a number of challenges and 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**