

REPRESENTATION AGREEMENT

1. Tyler Hickle agrees to represent CLIENT in litigation and negotiation of CLIENT'S claims against _____ (the "DEBT COLLECTOR") and appropriate parties under the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act ("FDCPA") and/or the Texas Debt Collection Act ("TDCA").

ATTORNEY'S FEES DEPENDENT UPON CLIENT'S RECOVERY

2. Both the federal and Texas debt collection laws are "fee shifting", meaning that a consumer who wins is entitled to attorney fees, expenses, and costs. The LAWYER will seek the client's fees, expenses, and costs from the DEBT COLLECTOR.

3. The LAWYER expects the DEBT COLLECTOR to pay fees and costs at the prevailing hourly rate (which is now at or above \$300 per hour), either by way of court award or settlement.

4. There is no charge directly to the CLIENT but because of the risk involved in this type of case, CLIENT agrees that LAWYER may take attorney's fees and expenses **first** out of any money received from any defendant, either by court award or settlement.

EXAMPLE 1:

CLIENT agrees to settle her case for \$5000. LAWYER has \$3500 in attorney fees and \$500 in expenses. CLIENT would receive \$1000 from this settlement. $(\$5000 - (\$3500 + \$500)) = \1000 .

EXAMPLE 2:

CLIENT agrees to settle her case for \$2500. LAWYER has \$3500 in attorney fees and \$500 in expenses. CLIENT would receive \$0 from this settlement. $(\$2500 - (\$3500 + \$500)) = -\1500 . CLIENT would not owe LAWYER any money but CLIENT would receive no money from this settlement.

CLIENT COOPERATION

5. CLIENT agrees to cooperate and assist LAWYER in connection with the investigation and prosecution of CLIENT'S claims. This may include appearing for a settlement conference, a deposition, or in rare cases, a trial.

6. CLIENT will tell LAWYER before filing bankruptcy (which may result in transfer of CLIENT's claims to a trustee).

CLIENT APPROVAL OF SETTLEMENT

7. No settlement or compromise shall be made of CLIENT's claims without CLIENT's approval.

8. CLIENT understands that the maximum statutory damages LAWYER can obtain for the CLIENT under the FDCPA is \$1000. Statutory damages under TDCA are complicated and LAWYER cannot accurately estimate them at this early stage of the case.

SCOPE OF REPRESENTATION

9. CLIENT understands that this agreement does not cover any state court litigation brought against CLIENT related to the debt or debts at issue. CLIENT will contact LAWYER if client needs help with any other matters related to these debts.

THIS WRITING IS THE TOTAL AGREEMENT

10. This Agreement is the only agreement of the parties regarding the claims of CLIENT referred to above. This Agreement supersedes any earlier understanding or written or oral agreements among the parties respecting this subject matter.

11. This Agreement may be changed only by a written document signed by LAWYER and CLIENT.

ACCEPTED AND AGREED TO:

CLIENT

DATE

Law Office of Tyler Hickle, PLLC

Tyler Hickle