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Agreement to Provide Legal

Services for a Municipal Court case on Fixed Fee

This is sample retainer of this office of most of the municipal Court matter that involved with plea bargain (NO TRIAL INVOLVED)

THIS RETAINER AGREEMENT, dated _____

is made **BETWEEN** the Client(s) (indicate Minor or Incompetent's Name separately and identify if such)

_____ whose address and telephone number is

_____ referred to as "You,"

AND

LAW OFFICES FONG JOE HOU, LLC

whose address is 100 Wood Avenue S., Suite 118, Iselin, NJ 08830

referred to as the "Law Firm."

1. Your Case in front of the Municipal Court _____

Complaint filed by _____

Limited Scope of Legal Services. The attorney-client agreement in a criminal case may limit the scope of representation. The Law Firm will protect your legal rights in only negotiating and entering into a guilty plea FOR THE CHARGES AGAINST YOU and do all necessary legal work to properly represent You in ONLY the plea bargain in this matter. The fees quoted does not include the trial work. Once the trial is needed, then the rate for the hourly shall apply.

The Law Firm expects You to cooperate and follow its instructions. We cannot guarantee the outcome of your case. We will advise you of the recommended technical and legal tactical issues as they arise so that you may continue to evaluate whether and how you wish to continue the legal representation. However, lawyers are subject to independent ethical obligations and a lawyer is not obligated to pursue objectives or employ means simply because you may wish that the lawyer do so, especially if the lawyer would be violating another duty by pursuing the requested action.

Just so you know, the information you give to our firm is subject to the attorney-client privilege, However, lawyers are sometimes under an independent ethical duty to reveal privileged information, such as illegal or fraudulent acts committed by clients in the course of the attorney client relationship, the intention of the client to commit a crime or when the lawyer is required to divulge the information by law or court order.

Both you and member of this firm should all expect to be treated with respect and courtesy from each other.

Legal Fees. You will pay the Law Firm a fixed legal fee of \$_____ with \$_____ as retainer. You agreed nevertheless to pay a minimum fees of \$_____. Be advised that a client has the unfettered right to choose or continue to use counsel. An attorney who is discharged before the end of the case may be compensated in *quantum meruit* on hourly basis of the Law Firms' standard rate of \$240.00 per hour FJH, \$195 per hour MAL and \$100.00 per hour staffs.

Signatures. You have read this Agreement. The Law Firm has answered all of your questions and fully explained this Agreement to your complete satisfaction. You have been given a signed copy of the Agreement. **THE LAW FIRM IS AUTHORIZED TO ENTER INTO PLEA AND APPEARANCE FOR YOU.**

Law Firm: **Law Offices Fong Joe Hou, LLC**

Agreed and Accepted

By _____
Client

Attorney