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## ENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT

J Haskins Law, PA (“Firm”) and \_\_\_\_\_ (“Client”) enter into the following Engagement Agreement.

### SCOPE OF WORK

The scope of work includes prosecution or defense of [case name], [case number], pending in [\_\_\_]. This lawsuit is referred to as the “Covered Proceeding” throughout the Engagement Agreement.

The Firm is not responsible for providing the following (“Excluded Services”):

- 1) Services relating to post-verdict and post-judgment activities, such as motions for judgment notwithstanding the verdict, motions to reconsider, direct appeals, and petitions for certiorari. Any collateral attack on the decision or lack of action of the trial court is excluded from the scope of services
- 2) Responses to counterclaims and third party claims.
- 3) Service of Subpoenas outside of Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, and North Carolina
- 4) Legal proceedings outside Covered Proceeding, regardless of whether such proceedings are necessary to the prosecution or defense of the Covered Proceeding. For example, if a third party ignores a subpoena, it may be necessary to file a separate petition to compel subpoena responses. This action is not included within the scope of services.
- 5) Collections actions.
- 6) Advice outside of information necessary to the Covered Proceeding, such as tax advice, prebankruptcy planning, and bankruptcy advice.

With respect to client communication, scope of work included in this engagement agreement is limited to a reasonable level of client communication, as set forth in the rules of professional conduct. Further, this engagement agreement reflects anticipated workload based on information known at the time of execution of this engagement agreement. In the unlikely event that further information becomes known prompting substantial additional work, in addition to the fees set forth above, Client may be responsible for fees at a discounted hourly rate of \$125. By way of illustration, if the course of discovery reveals the usefulness of taking the depositions of several additional witnesses, then additional hourly fees may be incurred. Additional hourly fees may also be incurred if discovery becomes an exceptionally contentious process.

### LAWYERS AND OTHERS PROVIDING SERVICES

At the time of execution of this agreement, the primary attorney assigned to your case is \_\_\_\_\_. However, the Firm reserves the right to assign this matter to another attorney associated with the Firm depending on staffing needs, the needs of the case, and other factors. If this case is assigned to a different attorney, a member of the Firm will promptly inform you. Further, the Firm uses legal assistants and/or paralegals to assist in the preparation of certain documents. Such team members may also correspond with you.



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If you reach out to the Firm, a member of the Firm will make every effort to respond to you within two business days. If your communication requires significant analysis, it may take one week to provide a substantive response.

The Firm will provide you with status updates on the case at least on a monthly basis.

### **FEES DUE TO J HASKINS LAW**

J Haskins Law will collect a nonrefundable initial fee of \$6,300 (“Initial Fee”). The Initial Fee is payable immediately and earned upon receipt. If Client requests a refund prior to the commencement of work under this Agreement, Client will be entitled to a full refund.

In addition to the Initial Fee set forth above, Client will pay a monthly nonrefundable fee of \$3,400, with the first monthly fee due 60 days from payment of the Initial fee.

Every monthly fee of \$3,400 covers legal work from the date that payment is due to the same date of the next calendar month. Client may terminate payments only when one of the five following events occur: 1) the court enters an order closing Client’s case, 2) Plaintiff voluntarily dismisses the case in a manner consistent with the Florida Rules of Civil Procedure, 3) Client terminates representation as set forth below, or 4) the court enters an order permitting the withdrawal of the Firm

This Agreement is not effective until Client makes the Initial Fee. J Haskins Law will not commence work until receipt of the first payment.

Client acknowledges that there may be certain months where very little work is done, and other months in which J Haskins Law performs greater volumes of work. Regardless of whether any work is done in a particular month, Client will remain responsible for the full monthly fee.

Payment may be made using Visa, Mastercard, electronic checks, or paper checks. J Haskins Law does not accept American Express.

### **THIRD PARTY EXPENSES INCURRED BY CLIENT**

In addition to the fees due to J Haskins Law set forth above, Client will pay separately for court costs, expert fees, and miscellaneous legal expenses, including court reporter fees, postage, process server fees, and travel expenses (including mileage, hotels, and meals). Client will issue J Haskins Law in the amount of \$800 to cover initial third-party expenses. If Client pays third party expenses by credit card, client will incur the processing fee of 2.9% for Visa and Mastercard.

Client may also become liable for attorney fees incurred by the opposing party.

### **CONTINGENT HOURLY RATE**



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If attorney's fees are awarded against Client, Client is responsible for the fees of opposing counsel.

If Client prevails in the above-referenced action, J. Haskins Law PA may seek to collect hourly fees directly from adverse parties in the amount of \$600 per hour. If J Haskins Law PA collects from adverse party's fees an amount equal or greater than the flat fees earned under the schedule set forth above, J Haskins Law will return fees paid by Client.

### **TERMINATION OF REPRESENTATION**

Client may terminate representation at any time, subject to the obligations of J Haskins Law under the Florida Rules of Professional Conduct and court orders if this matter is in litigation. Unless previously terminated, our representation will terminate upon completion of the legal services described in this agreement subject to the obligations of J Haskins Law under the Florida Rules of Professional Conduct and court orders. Client understands that J Haskins Law has no continuing obligation to represent Client unless Client retains J Haskins Law to provide additional advice or services. If Client terminates representation, Client will cooperate with J Haskins Law in submitting necessary filings to the Court.

If Client either terminates legal services or J Haskins Law withdraw, Client remains responsible for payment of fees earned under this Agreement.

### **WITHDRAWAL**

J Haskins Law may withdraw from representation for failure of Client to cooperate, failure to pay within 30 days of payment due date, dishonesty, or irreconcilable differences. If J Haskins Law withdraws, J Haskins Law will give Client reasonable notice to secure other counsel, and Client agrees to execute any documents necessary to complete the withdrawal.

### **ATTORNEY'S OBLIGATIONS**

Attorney Jesse Haskins owes a duty of loyalty to Client. Attorney Jesse Haskins also owes a duty of candor and other ethical obligations to the Court. As a result, Client may not instruct Attorney Jesse Haskins to engage in any conduct that would be inconsistent with his professional responsibilities. Client may not, for example, instruct J Haskins Law to present Client's case in a dishonest manner, or engage in tactics that may appear calculated to harass, punish opposing parties, or cause unnecessary delay.

### **CLIENT'S RESPONSIBILITIES**

J Haskins Law cannot effectively represent you without your cooperation and assistance. You agree to cooperate fully with us and to provide promptly all information known or available to you that is relevant to representation. Your obligations include timely providing requested information and documents, assisting in discovery, disclosure and trial preparation, cooperating in scheduling and related matters, responding timely to telephone calls and correspondence, and informing J Haskins Law of changes to your contact information.

### **USE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE**



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Our firm leverages advanced artificial intelligence (AI) technology to enhance our legal services while maintaining our commitment to quality and confidentiality. We want to be transparent about how we use this technology to benefit you.

#### How We Use AI to Serve You Better

Think of AI as a sophisticated digital assistant that helps us work more efficiently on your behalf. Just as we might use legal research databases to find relevant cases, we use AI to help us draft documents and analyze legal information more quickly. This allows us to focus more time on the strategic and nuanced aspects of your case while keeping costs reasonable.

For example, when preparing court documents or client communications, we may use AI to:

- Create initial drafts based on established legal frameworks
- Identify potential legal issues that require attention
- Organize complex information in a clear, structured way
- Generate explanations of legal concepts in plain language

In fact, this explanation itself was generated using AI technology and reviewed by our legal team, providing a practical example of how we utilize AI to create clear, effective client communications.

#### Quality Control and Professional Oversight

While AI helps us work more efficiently, every AI-generated document goes through rigorous human review. Our attorneys personally review, edit, and refine all AI-assisted work to ensure it meets our high professional standards and precisely addresses your specific situation. We treat AI as a tool to enhance our services, not replace professional judgment.

#### Confidentiality and Security

We utilize various technological tools in our practice, including but not limited to Claude, MyCase, and LexisNexis, which may incorporate generative artificial intelligence technology. We have carefully reviewed the privacy policies of these vendors to ensure they maintain appropriate confidentiality standards for legal practice. Your confidential information remains protected, just as it would with any other legal tool we use.

#### Cost Benefits

By strategically using AI, we can often complete routine legal tasks more quickly while maintaining high quality. This efficiency typically translates to lower costs for you, as we can spend less time on initial drafts and more time on the sophisticated legal analysis and strategy that directly benefit your case.

#### Our Commitment

We believe in combining the best of traditional legal practice with innovative tools that can benefit our clients. Our use of AI is always in service of providing you with more effective, efficient, and affordable legal representation while maintaining the highest standards of professional service and confidentiality.



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Your questions about our use of AI are always welcome. We're happy to discuss how this technology helps us serve you better while maintaining the personal attention and professional judgment you expect from your legal counsel.

### **VIRTUAL SERVICES**

Consultations with J Haskins law will be conducted telephonically or by video teleconference. Phone calls and videoconference calls may be recorded to supplement or replace the note taking needs of J Haskins Law, and to ensure quality client service. Client consents to the recording of video teleconferences and phone calls. If Client requests an office visit or in person court appearance, an additional charge will be assessed.

Client agrees that J Haskins Law may represent Client in all hearings and trials telephonically, unless the Court orders otherwise. Client may not object to J Haskins Law requesting to appear telephonically on behalf of Client.

J Haskins Law maintains a paperless office. This means that Client should transmit documents either electronically or send copies of documents. At the conclusion of representation, J Haskins Law will destroy documents, rather than return them. Accordingly, Client should not send original documents to J Haskins Law.

### **SETTLEMENT**

J Haskins Law will not enter into a settlement without your consent.

### **NO GUARANTEE OF OUTCOME**

Client understands and agrees that litigation is uncertain. J Haskins Law makes no promises or guarantees about case outcomes.

### **CLIENT DISPUTES AND ARBITRATION**

From time to time, J Haskins Law may at its sole discretion reduce the amount of legal fees that it is entitled to. However, if Client disputes the fee amount in any forum including but not limited to chargebacks, alternative dispute resolution, or a judicial forum, such voluntary reduction of fees may be rescinded. Further, Client agrees to arbitration of any fee disputes with the Florida Bar fee arbitration program. Client waives the right to resolve any fee dispute by a judge or jury.



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**Notice: This agreement contains provisions requiring arbitration of fee disputes. Before you sign this agreement, you should consider consulting with another attorney about the advisability of making an agreement with mandatory arbitration requirements. Arbitration proceedings are ways to resolve disputes without use of the court system. By entering into agreements that require arbitration as the way to resolve fee disputes, you give up (waive) your right to go to court to resolve those disputes by judge or jury. These are important rights that should not be give up without careful consideration.**