

Civil Rights Contingency Fee Representation Engagement Letter

Date: [Insert Date]

Client Name: [Insert Client Name]

Address: [Insert Client Address]

Re: Legal Representation Agreement

Dear [Client Name],

This letter sets forth the terms under which [Law Firm Name] ("Attorney") will represent you regarding your civil rights claims against [Name of Opposing Party/Entity] arising from [Brief Description of Incident].

1. Scope of Representation

Attorney will provide legal services to investigate, negotiate, and, if necessary, litigate your civil rights claims. This agreement does not cover appeals, unrelated legal matters, or criminal defense.

2. Contingency Fee Arrangement

This is a contingency fee agreement. You are not required to pay attorney fees unless we recover money for you. Our fee will be a percentage of the total "gross recovery" (the total amount collected before deducting expenses):

- [Insert Percentage]% if settled prior to filing a lawsuit.
- [Insert Percentage]% if a lawsuit is filed or an arbitration demand is made.
- [Insert Percentage]% if the matter proceeds to trial.

3. Statutory Attorney Fees

In many civil rights cases, the court may order the defendant to pay "statutory attorney fees." If such fees are awarded, Attorney shall receive the greater of: (a) the contingency fee percentage listed above, or (b) the full amount of the court-awarded statutory fees.

4. Costs and Litigation Expenses

Attorney may advance costs (e.g., filing fees, expert witness fees, deposition transcripts). These costs are separate from attorney fees. Upon recovery, these costs will be deducted from your

share of the settlement or judgment. If there is no recovery, you [will / will not] be responsible for reimbursing the Attorney for advanced costs.

5. Client Responsibilities

You agree to cooperate fully, provide all relevant documents, and notify us of any change in contact information. You retain the final authority to accept or reject any settlement offer.

6. Termination of Services

You may terminate this representation at any time. Attorney may withdraw for good cause, subject to court approval if litigation is pending. If the relationship is terminated before recovery, Attorney may be entitled to a lien for the value of work performed.

7. No Guarantee of Outcome

You acknowledge that Attorney has made no guarantees regarding the successful outcome of this matter.

Please sign and return this letter to indicate your acceptance of these terms.

[Attorney Name / Law Firm Representative]

Date:

[Client Name]

Date: