

[Law Firm Name]
[Street Address]
[City, State, Zip Code]
[Phone Number]
[Email Address]

[Date]

[Client Name/Minor's Name]
[Client Address]
[City, State, Zip Code]

RE: Engagement Letter for Legal Representation - Petition for Emancipation

Dear [Client Name],

This letter confirms that [Law Firm Name] (the "Firm") has been retained to represent you, [Client Name], in your legal proceedings to seek a decree of emancipation from your parents or legal guardians.

1. Scope of Representation

The Firm will provide the following services:

- Reviewing financial and living situation documentation to ensure eligibility.
- Preparing and filing the Petition for Emancipation in the [Name of Court].
- Representation at all scheduled court hearings regarding this matter.
- Communication with parents, guardians, or their legal counsel as necessary.

2. Legal Fees and Costs

- **Hourly Rate:** Work performed will be billed at a rate of \$[Amount] per hour.
- **Retainer:** An initial retainer of \$[Amount] is required before work commences.
- **Costs:** You are responsible for all court filing fees, process server fees, and administrative costs.

3. Responsibilities of the Client

You agree to provide truthful information, timely documentation regarding your income and residency, and to notify the Firm immediately of any changes in your living situation or contact information.

4. Disclaimer of Guarantee

While the Firm will provide diligent representation, we cannot guarantee the outcome of your case. The final decision regarding emancipation rests solely with the court based on your "best interests" and ability to manage your own affairs.

5. Termination of Services

Either party may terminate this agreement at any time upon written notice, subject to ethical obligations and court approval if a hearing is pending.

Please sign and return this letter to signify your agreement to these terms.

Sincerely,

[Attorney Name]

[Law Firm Name]

CLIENT ACCEPTANCE

I, [Client Name], have read and understand the terms of this engagement letter and agree to be bound by its terms.

Signature: _____ Date: _____