

ATTORNEY PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT

I, \_\_\_\_\_, ("Client" hereafter), hereby employ and retain the Law Firm of MICHAEL T. WEBSTER, P.A., ("Law Firm" hereafter) to perform professional services in regards to the following matter:

- (a). Dissolution of Marriage and related issues.
- (b). Paternity and related issues.
- (c). Support modification/enforcement.
- (d). Other \_\_\_\_\_.

I understand that I will be billed for said services and associated costs based upon the following schedule:

A.	Attorney's Fees Michael T. Webster	\$360 / hour
B.	Litigation Support/Accountant	\$115 / hour
C.	Legal Assistants' Fees Computer time, document preparation, and scheduling	\$ 60 / hour

I hereby acknowledge that I am paying a retainer in the amount stated below which retainer is non-refundable and deemed to be fully-earned when paid. Under no circumstances will any portion of this retainer be refunded for any reason.

- (a). \$5,000 minimum retainer for contested cases not involving custody.
- (b). \$7,000 minium retainer for contested custody cases.
- (c). \$3,000 for uncontested cases.
- (d). \$ \_\_\_\_\_ other.

Note: Retainer may vary depending upon complexity of case as determined during initial consultation.

\$1,000.00 of that retainer is an **engagement fee** which will be charged on the first billing cycle. [Only applicable if box is checked.]

I agree to pay all fees and costs as they are incurred on a monthly basis.

I hereby consent to the withdrawal of Michael T. Webster as my attorney should I fail to pay attorney's fees and court costs as such are billed within 30 days of receipt of a statement for services and upon entry of any Final Order in the subject matter of this engagement.

I hereby agree to promptly pay reasonable additional advance fees requested by the Law Firm in anticipation of upcoming litigation expenses. **If this matter is not settled and a contested final hearing is scheduled, I will deposit with the Law Firm an additional retainer of no less than \$5000 45 days in advance of trial date.**

I agree to promptly pay all bills when rendered and further agree to pay interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum (compounded monthly) on all amounts not paid within fifteen (15) days of the date of the statement.

I agree to pay all reasonable costs, including attorney's fees and court costs, associated with the collection of my bill.

I hereby grant unto Michael T. Webster, P.A., a charging lien on any real or personal property in which I own an interest, now or in the future, as security for payments of the fees incurred pursuant to this contract. Such lien may be filed and recorded in the Public Records of any county in which said property may be located without further notice or court order.

I fully understand that I am solely and directly responsible for paying all charges as listed above. If, however, any of said attorney's fees and costs are actually recovered from any adverse party, I understand that I will be given a credit for said amounts recovered.

The obligation of MICHAEL T. WEBSTER, P.A., under this contract shall be deemed to be fully performed upon entry of a **Final Judgment**. This contract does not include any services for appellate work, post Final Judgment enforcement or modification work, or other unrelated matters (such as preparation of Wills or Powers of Attorney). Fees for such services shall be the subject of further contracts or agreements of the parties.

The attorney/client relationship ends when the "Final Order" in this matter is entered. At such time the court file shall reflect that the undersigned is no longer the "attorney of record" for the client.

DATED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

I have read and understand this entire contract.

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CLIENT

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Michael T. Webster