In Proceedings Before the
Legal Fee Arbitration Board
of the
Massachusetts Bar Association

JOINT PETITION FOR ARBITRATION OF A FEE DISPUTE
(Attorney vs. Attorney)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Petitioner</th>
<th>Petitioner's lawyer, if represented</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Name</td>
<td>Name</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Address</td>
<td>Address</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Telephone #</td>
<td>Telephone #</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fax #</td>
<td>Fax #</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Respondent</th>
<th>Respondent's lawyer, if represented</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Name</td>
<td>Name</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Address</td>
<td>Address</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Telephone #</td>
<td>Telephone #</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fax #</td>
<td>Fax #</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

The Petitioner and the Respondent represented ___________________________ in the
____________________________ matter and request arbitration of the fee
dispute set forth in this petition.

Was either attorney referred by the MBA Lawyer Referral Service?  Yes  No
If yes, when? ____________________________
**General Information**

1. The Petitioner and the Respondent must each enclose a check in the amount of $250 ($125 if an MBA member) for the filing fee. The check should be payable to the Massachusetts Bar Association. **The filing fee is nonrefundable.**

2. If either party seeks a waiver of the filing fee, a written request must be submitted with this petition and should state a reason, such as economic hardship, for the request. Waivers are only granted for substantiated economic hardship.

3. The parties must observe Rule III.E of the Rules of the MBA’s Legal Fee Arbitration Board, which were provided, with respect to the submission of any additional documents including any written fee agreements, invoices, time sheets, memoranda and other work product.

4. Before filing this petition, the Petitioner and the Respondent should make every effort to discuss the nature of this fee dispute and attempt in good faith to resolve the dispute.

5. The parties will be notified of the date and time of the arbitration hearing by telephone or mail.

6. Each party has the right to be represented, at his or her own expense, by an attorney at each stage of the arbitration proceedings.

**Agreement**

1. The parties agree to be legally bound by the Award of Arbitrators and the Rules of the Massachusetts Bar Association’s Legal Fee Arbitration Board and acknowledge that this agreement constitutes a valid and enforceable contract to arbitrate this dispute. A court of competent jurisdiction has the power to enter a judgment on the Award resulting from the arbitration.

2. The parties affirm that no court has come to a final decision on this matter and that this matter is not pending before an administrative agency, including the Board of Bar Overseers, or if pending, it has been stayed.
Facts Concerning the Dispute - Petitioner

1. The total amount of the legal fees arising from this matter was $_______.
   $______ has been paid by ______________________ to _______________________.
   Petitioner has received $______ and the Respondent has received $______.

2. Was there a fee agreement with the client and / or the opposing party concerning the fee?  
   Yes  No  
   Please attach a copy of any written agreement. If oral, please summarize.

3. Was there a fee agreement with the other attorney and / or the opposing party concerning 
   the fee?  Yes  No  
   Please attach a copy of any written agreement. If oral, please summarize.

4. Do you have records of your time spent on the underlying matter?  Yes  No  
   If yes, attach copies.

5. Was there a lien filed?  Yes  No

6. Briefly describe the matter (e.g., personal injury, criminal, domestic, contract, tort, tax) for 
   which legal services were sought and your role therein (e.g., successor counsel, co-counsel, 
   etc.)

7. Briefly describe the services you agreed to perform, what you actually did and any 
   instructions from the client relating thereto, including the status of the matter when the 
   dispute arose, and what you did up to that point. Be prepared to produce pleadings, 
   investigative reports, correspondence, memoranda, research and draft documents prior to 
   the hearing in support of this petition. (Please attach additional sheets, if necessary.)

8. Describe the nature of this fee dispute, including the amount that is in dispute and state 
   your position with regard thereto, including the value you provided and associated with 
   the underlying claim. (Please attach additional sheets, if necessary.)

9. Please state the amount in dispute $______ and how much of the disputed fee is fairly due to 
   the Petitioner $______ and to the Respondent $______ and the basis for your position.

_________________________  _____________________________
Date  Signature of Petitioner
Facts Concerning the Dispute - Respondent

1. The total amount of the legal fees arising from this matter was $______.

   $______ has been paid by ________________________ to ________________________.

   Petitioner has received $______ and the Respondent has received $______.

2. Was there a fee agreement with the client and / or the opposing party concerning the fee?
   
   Yes  No

   Please attach a copy of any written agreement. If oral, please summarize.

3. Was there a fee agreement with the other attorney and / or the opposing party concerning the fee?  
   Yes  No

   Please attach a copy of any written agreement. If oral, please summarize.

4. Do you have records of your time spent on the underlying matter?  Yes  No

   If yes, attach copies.

5. Was there a lien filed?  Yes  No

6. Briefly describe the matter (e.g., personal injury, criminal, domestic, contract, tort, tax) for which legal services were sought and your role therein (e.g., successor counsel, co-counsel, etc.)

7. Briefly describe the services you agreed to perform, what you actually did and any instructions from the client relating thereto, including the status of the matter when the dispute arose, and what you did up to that point. Be prepared to produce pleadings, investigative reports, correspondence, memoranda, research and draft documents prior to the hearing in support of this petition. (Please attach additional sheets, if necessary.)

8. Describe the nature of this fee dispute, including the amount that is in dispute and state your position with regard thereto, including the value you provided and associated with the underlying claim. (Please attach additional sheets, if necessary.)

9. Please state the amount in dispute $____ and how much of the disputed fee is fairly due to the Petitioner $______ and to the Respondent $______ and the basis for your position.

____________________________  _____________________________
Date                          Signature of Respondent
Filing Fee  PLEASE DO NOT SEND CASH

Enclosed is my non-refundable filing fee.
___Check  ___Money Order

Charge my ___ Mastercard ___ VISA ___ AmEx

Account #

Exp. Date                     Date

Send Payment and Agreement to:
Massachusetts Bar Association

Massachusetts Bar Association / FAB
20 West St., Boston, MA 02111

Signature