

# Notice of Client's Right to Arbitration

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Client's Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Client's Address

I have filed a lawsuit against you in the \_\_\_\_\_  
Court

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Case No.

I have filed an arbitration proceeding against you with the \_\_\_\_\_  
Agency

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Case No.

I intend to file a lawsuit or arbitration against you regarding your failure to pay my fees and/or costs for professional service in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ charged to you in the matter of \_\_\_\_\_.

As an alternative to the above, you have the right under Sections 6200-6206 of the California Business and Professions Code to request arbitration of this fee dispute by an independent, impartial arbitrator or panel of arbitrators through a bar association program created solely to resolve fee disputes between lawyers and clients.

You will **LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO ARBITRATION UNDER THIS PROGRAM** if:

- 1. YOU DO NOT FILE A WRITTEN APPLICATION FOR ARBITRATION WITH THE BAR ASSOCIATION WITHIN 30 DAYS FROM RECEIPT OF THIS NOTICE; OR**
- 2. YOU RECEIVE THIS NOTICE AND THEN EITHER (1) ANSWER A COMPLAINT I HAVE FILED IN COURT; OR (2) FILE A RESPONSE TO ANY ARBITRATION PROCEEDING THAT I HAVE INITIATED FOR COLLECTION OF FEES, AND/OR COSTS, WITHOUT FIRST HAVING SERVED AND FILED A REQUEST FOR ARBITRATION UNDER THIS PROGRAM; OR**
- 3. YOU FILE AN ACTION OR PLEADING IN ANY LAWSUIT WHICH SEEKS A COURT DECISION ON THIS DISPUTE OR WHICH SEEKS DAMAGES FOR ANY ALLEGED MALPRACTICE OR PROFESSIONAL MISCONDUCT.**

If I have already filed a lawsuit or arbitration, you may have the lawsuit or arbitration postponed after you have filed an application for arbitration under this program.

You can obtain a form you to request arbitration from the local bar association if they have an approved fee arbitration program. The address is:

**San Gabriel Valley Lawyer Referral Service**

1175 E. Garvey Avenue, Suite 105

Covina, CA 91724-3618

Phone: (626) 966-5530

The State Bar of California will conduct fee arbitration where there is no approved local program or if you believe you cannot receive a fair hearing before the local bar named above. If you need assistance, please contact Mandatory Fee Arbitration, State Bar of California, 190 Howard Street, San Francisco, CA 94105-1639, and (415) 538-2020.

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Date

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Attorney