

SAMPLE AGREEMENT FOR LEGAL REPRESENTATION

My full name is: _____ . I retain XXXXX. [hereinafter XXXXX] to represent me under the terms specified in this Agreement for Legal Representation.

SCOPE AND NATURE OF REPRESENTATION

I understand that XXXXX will assist me **only with the following matters that have been checked:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Asylum, Withholding, and/or CAT | <input type="checkbox"/> T Visa |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Special Immigrant Juvenile Status | <input type="checkbox"/> VAWA |
| <input type="checkbox"/> LPR Cancellation of Removal | <input type="checkbox"/> Master calendar hearings (immigration) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Non-LPR Cancellation of Removal | <input type="checkbox"/> Bond hearing before Immigration Judge |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adjustment of Status | <input type="checkbox"/> Merits hearing before Immigration Judge |
| <input type="checkbox"/> U Visa | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

XXXXX will not represent me in any other matters, including any appellate matter related to my case, unless XXXXX and I sign another written agreement.

MY RESPONSIBILITIES:

By signing this agreement below, I agree to:

- Cooperate with my XXXXX attorney and always tell the truth.
- Tell XXXXX of any change in my address or telephone number.
- Tell XXXXX if I no longer want XXXXX to be my attorney. I understand that I can fire XXXXX at any time and for any reason.

I understand that XXXXX may stop helping me with my case for reasons including, but not limited to:

- If I do not cooperate with my attorney.
- If I am not honest with my attorney.
- If I miss more than 2 appointments with my attorney without calling 24 hours in advance to cancel.

COSTS AND FEES:

XXXXX has agreed to represent me with the following agreement regarding payment for legal service:

- I agree to pay XXXXX a fee of \$ _____ and have signed a separate fee agreement detailing the terms of payment.
- XXXXX has agreed to represent me *pro bono* and I understand that I will not be charged any fees for the legal services provided in my case.
- XXXXX has agreed to seek funding for my case from the Mexican Consulate and I have signed a separate agreement detailing this funding arrangement.
- My case is being funded by a third party. I understand that I will not be responsible for paying for my representation, and that the third party who is arranging the payment will not be able to interfere with the decisions made by my attorney and I.

XXXXX'S RESPONSIBILITIES:

I understand that XXXXX, as my attorney, will:

- Try its best to win my case. I understand that XXXXX **cannot guarantee** that I will win my case.
- Tell me about important developments in my case. XXXXX will not make any significant decisions about my case without my permission.
- Assign one attorney to my case. If that attorney is not available or is unable to continue with my case, another XXXXX attorney or XXXXX-supervised volunteer attorney will be assigned to my case.
- Keep a copy of my file for 7 years. XXXXX will give me one copy of my file if I ask for it.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

I UNDERSTAND THAT XXXXX CANNOT GUARANTEE THAT I WILL WIN MY CASE.

I UNDERSTAND THAT IF I AM NOT HONEST WITH MY XXXXX ATTORNEY OR DO NOT REVEAL ALL OF MY CRIMINAL ARRESTS, DETENTIONS, AND CONVICTIONS, THAT THIS IS GROUNDS FOR XXXXX TO WITHDRAW AS MY ATTORNEY AND/OR MAY REQUIRE ME TO PAY ADDITIONAL FEES FOR THEIR SERVICES. XXXXX ATTORNEYS ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CONSEQUENCES THAT ARISE IF I FAIL TO INFORM THEM OF ALL OF MY CRIMINAL BACKGROUND.

I UNDERSTAND AND FREELY ACCEPT THE RISK THAT IF I AM NOT ALREADY IN REMOVAL PROCEEDINGS, THAT I MIGHT BE PLACED IN REMOVAL PROCEEDINGS IF AN APPLICATION THAT IS FILED ON MY BEHALF IS DENIED. IF I AM PLACED IN REMOVAL PROCEEDINGS BECAUSE AN APPLICATION FILED ON MY BEHALF IS DENIED, I UNDERSTAND THAT XXXXX WILL NOT REPRESENT ME IN COURT UNLESS XXXXX AND I SIGN A NEW RETAINER AGREEMENT AT THAT TIME.

BY SIGNING THIS AGREEMENT, I INDICATE MY UNDERSTANDING AND AGREEMENT WITH ITS ENTIRE CONTENTS.

Signature of Client

Date

Signature of XXXXX Attorney

Date

Name of XXXXX Attorney