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**Initial Bankruptcy Consultation Agreement  
And  
Acknowledgment of Receipt of Disclosures and Instructions**

This Initial Bankruptcy Consultation Agreement is entered into the date and year indicated below, by and between

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(hereinafter referred to as “Client(s)” whether one or more) and Douglas E. Larson, Esq. And the law firm of Griff, Larson, Laiche & Brennan (hereinafter referred to as the “Attorney”).

**RECITALS**

**Initial Consultation:**

Client(s) met with Attorney today, for the first time, to review Client(s) financial situation and the alternatives available to Client(s). Client(s) acknowledge that this is the first date upon which the Attorney has first offered to provide any bankruptcy assistance or bankruptcy services to Client(s). Client(s) have requested in this consultation to obtain information and general advice from the Attorney on obtaining relief from debts, including relief from debts by filing either a Chapter 7, Chapter 11, or Chapter 13 bankruptcy under the United States Bankruptcy Code. Attorney has explained to Client(s) that a significant amount of documentation and information is required to be produced by Client(s) before Attorney can accurately and specifically advise Client(s) of their legal options. Client(s) have been advised that 11 U.S.C. § 528(a) requires us to sign a written contract for bankruptcy assistance services (as defined in section 101(4)(A)) within five (5) business days of our first consultation.

**Written Notices, Disclosures, Instructions and Information:**

Client(s) acknowledge receiving certain written Notices, Disclosures, Instructions and Information in this Initial Consultation, including, but not limited to:

1. The written Notice required by 11 U.S.C. § 342(b)(1).
2. The written Notice required by 11 U.S.C. § 527(a)
3. The written Notice required by 11 U.S.C. § 527(b).

4. A Document Production Checklist (and Agreement.)
5. Bankruptcy Procedure Sheet.
6. A Bankruptcy Questionnaire.
7. An advisement regarding the Budget and Credit Counseling Agencies and Certificate required by 11 U.S.C. § 109(h)(1).

**Consultation Advice and Services:**

Client(s) acknowledge that Attorney has rendered general and specific advice and services in this consultation, including, but not limited to:

1. Advised the Client(s) as the **documentation and information necessary** to analyze the Client(s) financial circumstances.
2. Advised the Client(s) of the Client(s) general **bankruptcy options and non-bankruptcy options**, based upon the limited information provided by Client(s) in the Initial Consultation.
3. Advised the Client(s) of the specific documentation and information necessary to conduct Pre-Bankruptcy Analysis Meeting (including as set forth in the **Document Production Checklist (and Agreement)** given to the Client(s) in the Initial Consultation.
4. Advised the Client(s) in general and brief regarding the **different Chapters of Bankruptcy** that are available, including Chapter 7, 11, and 13 (including as set forth in the Clerk's Notice required by 11 U.S.C. §342(b)(1) given to the Client(s) in the Initial Consultation.
5. Advised the Client(s) in general and in brief regarding the **Fraud, Concealment and Examination** potential of all information and documentation provided to Attorney before filing and filed in any bankruptcy case (including as set forth in the Clerk's Notice required by 11 U.S.C. §342(b)(2)(A) & (B) given to Client(s) in the Initial Consultation.
6. Advised the Client(s) in general and in brief regarding the **Purposes and Benefits** of bankruptcy and bankruptcy assistance (including as set forth in the written Notice required by 11 U.S.C. § 527(a)(1)).
7. Advised the Client(s) in general and in brief regarding the **Full Disclosure and Accuracy** requirements of filing bankruptcy (including as set forth in the written Notice required by 11 U.S.C. § 527(a)(2) given to Client(s) in the Initial Consultation.
8. Advised the Client(s) in general and in brief regarding the **Important Information About Bankruptcy Assistance Services** (including as set forth in the written Notice required by 11 U.S.C. §527(b)) given to Client(s) in the Initial Consultation.

**AGREEMENT**

**[CHECK WHICH OPTION BOX APPLIES]**

**OPTION 1: NO FURTHER CONSULTATION OR LEGAL SERVICES**

Client(s) have elected **not** to proceed further, have **not** requested any additional legal services and at this time **decline** to enter into any further specific agreements, including further 11 U.S.C. §528(a) contract. Client(s) acknowledge receipt of the above-listed written documents in the consultation. Client(s) acknowledge that by declining to enter into a further 11 U.S.C. §528(a) contract, that Client(s) have no rights and Attorney has no responsibilities to Client(s) arising out of 11 U.S.C. §§ 526, 527, and 528. Client(s) acknowledge that to the extent that may responsibilities, if any, have arisen out of this Initial Consultation, that Attorney has discharged said responsibilities by providing Client(s) with the above-listed written documents and general and brief advice provided in the Initial Consultation. Client(s) agree(s) to pay for this Initial Consultation as follows: \$150 FOR INITIAL CONSULTATION.

ANY POTENTIAL ATTORNEY/CLIENT RELATIONSHIP IS HEREBY TERMINATED.  
ANY POTENTIAL CLIENT REPRESENTATION IS HEREBY CONCLUDED. ATTORNEY HAS NO FURTHER RESPONSIBILITIES TOWARD CLIENT(S).

**CLIENT(S) INITIALS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**OPTION 2: PROCEED TO PRE-BANKRUPTCY ANALYSIS MEETING**

Client(s) have stated a desire for further bankruptcy assistance. Client(s) desire to proceed further including toward a potential bankruptcy filing or non-bankruptcy representation and legal services. Client(s) agree to fully and completely provide all of the documentation and information set forth in the **Document Production Checklist (and Agreement)** applicable to Client(s) circumstances **and** a fully completed **Bankruptcy Questionnaire** at a scheduled Pre-Bankruptcy Analysis Meeting. Client(s) agree that Attorney is **NOT** REQUIRED TO FILE ANY BANKRUPTCY PETITION UNTIL SUCH TIME AS CLIENT(S) HAVE BEEN PRODUCED **ALL** OF THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS THAT ARE APPLICABLE TO CLIENT(S)' CASE, notwithstanding the fact that Client(s) may have emergency circumstances, including but not limited to a pending garnishment, home foreclosure, repossession, eviction, IRS levy, etc. **and** given Attorney sufficient time to analyze the documents and information in order to prepare a bankruptcy, if applicable.

This agreement is for purposes of the Pre-Bankruptcy Analysis Meeting only and shall constitute the Parties' 11 U.S.C. §528(a) contract. If at the end of the Pre-Bankruptcy Analysis Meeting and the Parties agree that the Attorney is to provide any additional services short of being retained to file a bankruptcy, the Parties shall attach an addendum to this contract setting forth the additional services that the Attorney is to provide to the Client(s); the obligations of the Client; and the Attorney's fees for such services. If the Client(s) retain(s) the Attorney to file a bankruptcy, the Parties shall execute a separate 11 U.S.C. §528(a) contract setting forth the fees and other terms of such representation. At this time, Attorney **estimates** the flat fee for filing bankruptcy to be \$\_\_\_\_\_. This is a good faith **estimate** only, based upon limited information available at this time.

Upon obtaining all of the documentation and information set forth in the **Document Production**

**Checklist (and Agreement)** applicable to Client(s) circumstances **and** a fully completed **Bankruptcy Questionnaire**, Attorney agrees to further analyze Client(s) bankruptcy and non-bankruptcy options and provide additional information and advice to Client(s).

Client(s) agree(s) to pay an additional \$300 when he/she returns the documents produced set forth in the **Document Production Checklist (and Agreement)** applicable to Client(s) circumstances **and** a fully completed **Bankruptcy Questionnaire** for time anticipated to be spent in the Pre-Bankruptcy Analysis of Client's case as part of a fixed fee for filing a specific bankruptcy case under either Chapter 7, 11, or 13. At that time the Parties shall execute a separate 11 U.S.C. § 528(a) contract setting forth the fees and other terms of such representation.

Client(s) agree to execute an authorization permitting Attorney to obtain tax returns, tax transcripts, credit reports, asset searches, and liability searches regarding Client(s). Attorney is not required to obtain these documents and primary responsibility rests with Client(s) to obtain and produce these documents.

**CLIENT(S) INITIALS:** \_\_\_\_\_

Griff, Larson, Laiche & Brennan

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

By: Douglas E. Larson

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Client

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Client

Client(s) by the signing of this document acknowledge receiving a fully executed copy of this document and the other documents and written notices described herein.

**Douglas E. Larson, Esq. and the law firm of Douglas E. Larson, PC are a federally designated debt relief agency pursuant to Title 11 of the U.S. Code, to help people file bankruptcy.**

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