

NOTICE OF CLIENT'S RIGHT TO ARBITRATION

Client's name Date Received

(For Client's Use)

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 services in the amount of \$ _____ charged you in the matter of _____.
Describe case

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 to request arbitration from the local bar association if they have an approved fee arbitration program. The address of the arbitration program is:

BEVERLY HILLS BAR ASSOCIATION
300 S. BEVERLY DRIVE #201
BEVERLY HILLS, CA 90212
(310) 553-4022

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, 100 Van Ness Avenue, 28th Floor, San Francisco, CA 94102-5238, (415) 241-2020.

Date

Attorney