

MANDATORY FEE ARBITRATION PROGRAM
of the
BEVERLY HILLS BAR ASSOCIATION

ATTORNEYS REPLY TO CLIENT'S REQUEST FOR ARBITRATION

Pursuant to Business and Professions Code Section 6200(b), if a client requests arbitration of a fee dispute and the attorney refuses to participate in the hearing, such hearing shall nevertheless be held, evidence taken and an award rendered. If you wish to formally agree to arbitration of this matter, please complete this form, mail a copy to the client and return the original to the Beverly Hills Bar Association at 300 So. Beverly Drive, Suite 201, Beverly Hills, CA 90212, within 10 days from the date of service upon you of the Client's Request to Arbitrate a Fee Dispute (Form D), as executed by the client.

Client (Please print or type)

Attorney

Phone # _____

Address and Phone # (If different from those set forth
in client's Form D.)

If the fee dispute is for less than \$10,001, a sole arbitrator will be appointed. If the amount in dispute is \$10,001 or more, a panel of three (3) arbitrators will hear the dispute. However, if both you and the client agree, a sole arbitrator can hear a dispute in excess of \$10,001.

Do you agree to have a sole arbitrator hear the dispute?

_____ Yes _____ No

IF YES, please initial here: _____

Arbitration, according to Article 13 of the Business and Professions Code, entitles either party to a trial *de novo* within 30 days after mailing of the notice of arbitration award. However, if both you and the client agree to make the arbitration "binding", no appeal or further proceedings will be allowed after the arbitration award is made.

Do you agree that the arbitration decision shall be binding?

_____ Yes _____ No

IF YES, please initial here: _____

Attorney's signature

Date