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## ATTORNEY-CLIENT AGREEMENT

This Attorney-Client Agreement ("Agreement") is entered into by and between \_\_\_\_\_ ("Client") and The Messersmith Law Firm, P.C. ("Attorney"), for representation as pertaining to:

1. **Scope of Representation** – Client retains Attorney to apply for deferred action and an application for work authorization based on the DREAM program.
2. **Legal Fees** – Client agrees to pay Attorney as follows:
  - a. Eight Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$850) if Client is not in removal proceedings and has not received a notice to appear for removal proceedings upon execution of this Agreement; OR
  - b. Two Thousand One Hundred Dollars (\$2,100) if Client is in removal proceedings or has received a notice to appear for removal proceedings upon execution of this Agreement.
3. **Advance Payment Retainer** – As a condition of representation, all Legal Fees must be placed in an advance payment retainer. Legal Fees shall be deemed earned upon execution of this Agreement. Advance payment retainers allow Attorney to charge a reasonable flat fee to the Client and fixes the maximum Legal Fee as described in Section 2.
4. **Acceptance of Partial Payment** – Attorney agrees to perform all of the services described in Section 1 for the compensation described in Section 2. Attorney's acceptance of any partial payment not fully satisfying such compensation shall in no way constitute a waiver and satisfaction of monies due Attorney.
5. **Entire Agreement** – This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between Attorney and Client and incorporates any prior understanding and agreement.
6. **Modification** – Any modification of this Agreement must be in writing and signed by Attorney and Client.
7. **Withdrawal** – Attorney may withdraw from representation with Client's consent or upon failure of Client to pay legal fees, expenses or because of any fact or circumstance which renders continuing representation unlawful, unethical, or otherwise impossible. All attorney fees are nonrefundable.

8. **Choice of Law** – This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Illinois.
9. **Effective Date** – This Agreement shall be effective upon the signature of this document by Attorney and Client and Attorney’s receipt of Legal Fees as described in Section 2.
10. **Professional Competence** – Attorney will competently prosecute Client’s case. However, Attorney makes no guarantee regarding the outcome of the case.
11. **Duty to Inform** – Client has an ongoing obligation to inform Attorney of all facts, changed or ongoing, which have an impact on Client’s case.
12. **Filing Fees** – Client agrees to pay all government and third party fees as they become due, including but not limited to
  - a. All application fees.
13. **Payment** – We accept all major credit/debit cards as well as payment by check or by wire transfer. If you choose to pay by credit card, please enter your credit card information below. Client authorizes Attorney to charge Client’s credit card for all legal, mailing and translation fees incurred under this Agreement. Client agrees to abide by the terms of the credit cardholder agreement.

- 1) **Card Number** \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) **Name (Last, First)** \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) **Address 1** \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) **Address 2** \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) **3 digit CVV Code** \_\_\_\_\_
- 6) **Expiration Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**SIGNED** on this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 201\_\_.

Client Signature:

Attorney Signature:

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