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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 file one or more DV Lottery applications
2. **Advance Payment Retainer** – As a condition of representation, all Fees must be placed in an advance payment retainer and shall be deemed earned upon receipt. Advance payment retainers allow Attorney to charge a reasonable flat fee to the Client and fixes the maximum Fee.
3. **Entire Agreement** – This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between Attorney and Client and incorporates any prior understanding and agreement.
4. **Modification** – Any modification of this Agreement must be in writing and signed by Attorney and Client.
5. **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.
6. **Choice of Law** – This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Illinois.
7. **Effective Date** – This Agreement shall be effective upon the signature of this document by Attorney and Client and Attorney's receipt of legal fees.
8. **Professional Competence** – Attorney will competently prosecute Client's case. However, Attorney makes no guarantee regarding the outcome of the case.
9. **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.