

# Hennepin County Bar Association – Volunteer Lawyers Network

## REPRESENTATION AGREEMENT

In this agreement, "I" means the client whose name appears below and "you" means the attorney whose name appears below. Volunteer Lawyer's Network is the referring agency.

Client's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Attorney's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Client's Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Attorney's Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Client's Telephone No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Attorney's Telephone No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Attorney's E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Attorney's I.D. No. \_\_\_\_\_

### AGREEMENT

#### 1. Authorization

I agree that you and any other attorney/s chosen by you or to whom I am referred shall represent me in the following legal matter:

\_\_\_\_\_

I agree that you can get information about me and about my problem from government agencies and health care providers who have confidential information about me. I agree to sign papers telling these people to give you information about me.

#### 2. Agreement

- A. All of the information about my income and my property, which I have given to you, is true. I cannot afford to pay an attorney.
- B. I agree that if you later find out that I had money or property which I could have used to hire an attorney that I did not tell the truth about my income or property, you may stop representing me. I will also be required to pay you the value of the legal services I may have received as a result of not telling the truth.
- C. You will not charge me for legal services provided to me. I agree to pay my attorney for money my attorney pays on my behalf for copying, court fees or other expenses arising from my case.

#### 3. Withdrawal by Attorney

My attorney may stop representing me and Volunteer Lawyer's will not refer me to another attorney if:

- A. I have not told the truth about my income, property, family status or facts of my case;
- B. I fail to tell you about any important changes in my income, property or my address;
- C. I do not cooperate with you in getting evidence or in preparing my case;
- D. You may not continue to represent me under the rules of the Minnesota Supreme Court covering lawyers' ethics; or
- E. Volunteer Lawyers Network cannot find an attorney willing to take my case after you have withdrawn for any reason;
- F. I disobey a court order, which you have advised me to obey;
- G. You conclude there is very little chance that we can win my case and I insist on pursuing my claim against your advice
- H. For other reasons, you cannot represent me. If this happens, VLN or you will tell methose reasons.

I HAVE READ THIS STATEMENT. My attorney has explained this Agreement to me and has answered my questions about it. I AGREE TO THE TERMS OF THIS AGREEMENT. I HAVE RECEIVED A COPY OF THIS AGREEMENT.

I am/am not a U.S. Citizen  
(Please circle one)

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

#### COURT COSTS ESTIMATE

My attorney has advised me that he/she thinks the costs which I may be required to pay in the event a court waiver cannot be obtained are:

\_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

#### **ATTORNEYS:**

Please retain original  
One copy – client  
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