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CHAPTER 7 BANKRUPTCY RETAINER AGREEMENT

The undersigned ("Client") hereby retain(s) the Law Offices of Anthony J. Peraica & Associates, Ltd. ("Attorney") as attorneys for representation in a Chapter 7 bankruptcy under the following terms and conditions. The Law Offices of Anthony J. Peraica & Associates, Ltd. has informed the undersigned of the procedures involved in the matter described below:

1. Attorney fees for the Chapter 7 bankruptcy are \$ _____. This amount does not include court filing fees, or costs for credit counseling or financial management classes. This fee includes all work in the representation in my Chapter 7, but does not include missed 341 meetings, amendments to schedules, motions to dismiss filed by the U.S. Trustee, or any other evidentiary hearings, contested matters or adversary proceedings. It is clearly understood by the undersigned that, should additional work be necessary, requested and/or performed other than that set forth herein, or usually or customarily required for such matters, additional fees or costs may be billed to the Client(s).
2. Payments above are for General Advance Retainer and are deposited into the firm's operating account. Client(s) will be billed for work on an hourly basis. Attorney will charge at the rate of \$375.00 per hour for Anthony J. Peraica and \$250.00 per hour for all other associate attorneys for all work, including depositions, court time and non-court time. To save Client(s) money, Attorney employs paralegals and secretaries to provide basic legal services. Client agrees to pay paralegal services at the rate of \$110.00 per hour, and secretarial services at the rate of \$60.00 per hour. Client(s) further agree(s) to pay an additional fee of \$250.00 for each Reaffirmation Agreement accepted by the debtor and entered in the bankruptcy proceeding, if a hearing is required. Any continued hearing will result in a \$250.00 fee to be paid prior to the continued date.
3. If Client(s) has secured debts that he/she/they wish to retain (mortgages, financed vehicles or other financed property), Client(s) may be required to sign a Reaffirmation Agreement with the creditor in order to keep the property. Client(s) must remain current on his/her/their payments.
4. Client(s) has/have been advised that upon execution of this retainer agreement, client(s) should cease from using or obtaining any credit or credit cards.
5. Client(s) understand(s) that he/she/they will be billed for all amounts due for fees and costs advanced on his/her/their file. These amounts are **due in full at the time of execution of the documents**. Balances not paid by the tenth (10th) business day after the date(s) on invoices/bills may be subject to an interest at the rate of 1.5% per month.
6. Client(s) understand(s) that if he/she/they fail(s) to take his/her/their financial management class after filing but before discharge, his/her/their case may be closed without discharge, and he/she/they will be required to pay fees and costs to have the case reopened.
7. Any balance owed by Client(s) for Attorney's fees and costs will be paid before the proceedings are concluded. Attorney cannot guarantee results and cannot predict a maximum charge. The final bill will be based solely on the time spent and the costs advanced.

8. The Law Offices of Anthony J. Peraica & Associates, Ltd. has no obligation to perform any services other than specifically stated above and Client(s) agree(s) to prepay all costs, including but not limited to those listed above.

9. Client(s) acknowledge(s) that no guarantees or promises have been made and the Law Offices of Anthony J. Peraica & Associates, Ltd.'s sole obligation is to provide the aforementioned legal services in a professional and efficient manner. Down payments/initial retainers are absolutely not refundable.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

CLIENT(S)

ANTHONY J. PERAICA & ASSOCIATES, LTD.

ADDRESS: _____

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