

TEXAS RIOGRANDE LEGAL AID, INC.
Client Agreement

No. CB-18043

Texas RioGrande Legal Aid (TRLA) is a non-profit law firm. Client is the person who seeks legal help and signs this agreement. TRLA and Client agree:

1. TRLA will assist Client only in this matter: **DRAFTING BYLAWS FOR A 501(c)(3)**. TRLA will not represent Client in any other matter unless a new Client Agreement is signed. Other matters include any lawsuit, agency proceeding, appeal, or enforcement of a judgment.
2. Client will never have to pay for TRLA's legal work, but a law may make an Opponent pay for TRLA's work. TRLA will keep all money that an Opponent pays for TRLA's work, whether called attorney fees or sanctions. TRLA will also try to recover all costs and expenses that TRLA pays in advance as it works on Client's matter. Client agrees that TRLA can seek payment for its work and expenses from any Opponent in a settlement agreement or court order.
3. Most cases end with an out-of-court settlement agreement rather than a trial. TRLA and Client will inform each other of all settlement proposals received from any Opponent. Client will not agree to any settlement of Client's matter without first discussing it with TRLA.
4. Client and TRLA know that an Opponent may offer one lump sum of money to settle both Client's claims and TRLA's claims for attorney fees. If this happens, Client and TRLA will try their best to agree on how to fairly divide the lump sum between Client's recovery of damages and TRLA's recovery of attorney fees. TRLA will never keep more than the fair market hourly rate for legal services provided to Client under this Agreement.
5. By signing below, Client agrees that TRLA may settle Client's matter, sign a settlement agreement, and even dismiss a lawsuit only if: (a) Client expressly agrees to the settlement or dismissal; or (b) Client has not left TRLA a good means of contacting Client and TRLA has fairly tried to contact Client but has been unable to do so. TRLA will hold any money collected during Client's absence until Client claims it or until the law requires the money to be turned over to the state as unclaimed property.
6. Client will provide money for costs and expenses, including court fees, witness fees, and deposits needed to protect Client's legal rights, when TRLA asks. If TRLA pays costs for Client, TRLA will be repaid those costs from any money received from an Opponent before Client is paid.
7. If Client loses a lawsuit, a court could order Client to pay an Opponent's costs and attorney fees.
8. Client agrees that TRLA will assign lawyers and other staff to provide legal services to Client in the matter stated above. Client agrees that TRLA may change staff over time and may also assign staff who are not TRLA employees. TRLA agrees that all staff assigned will follow applicable rules of professional conduct and this Agreement.
9. TRLA may stop representing Client if allowed by any applicable rule of professional conduct. Client may fire TRLA at any time for any reason.
10. Client will promptly tell TRLA if any reporter, Opponent, or Opponent's lawyer tries to contact Client. Client will notify TRLA prior to contacting any reporter, Opponent, or Opponent's lawyer.
11. Client will make sure that TRLA always has a good way to contact Client, work to promptly get all documents and information that TRLA requests, and attend all meetings and court proceedings.

AGREED:

D'Ann Johnson
Representative
TEXAS RIOGRANDE LEGAL AID, INC.

Date

Gary D. Brown

FOR STOPGREENHOUSELANDFILL
STOPGREENHOUSELANDFILL
Client

4/10/2018

Date