

ATTORNEY-CLIENT AGREEMENT

This ATTORNEY-CLIENT ("Agreement") is entered into by and between _____
(Client) and STILIANOPOULOS LAW PA (Hereinafter known as "Attorney").

1. **SCOPE AND DUTIES:** Client retains Attorney to provide legal services in connection with _____

_____.
2. **LEGAL FEES:** Client agrees to pay for legal services as follows: Upon execution of the Agreement, Client must pay \$_____ to Attorney as **attorney's fees**. If any payments are being made via credit or debit cards, Client agrees to pay an additional 3.0% for any domestic credit/debit card transactions or an additional 4.5% for any international credit/debit card transactions. **Any legal fees are paid as a retainer and are earned upon receipt.**
3. **CLIENT COSTS:** Client agrees to pay \$_____ towards the costs of mailing any documentation to USCIS. This will not cover all costs or expenses that Attorney may incur in this representation, unless such fees are waived by Attorney. Such additional costs or expenses **may consist of but are not limited to** long distance or collect phone calls, overnight mail or mailing costs in excess of the above listed amount, photocopies, out of town travel and lodging, translations, support services, facsimile correspondence; and any court and filing fees.
4. **PRIOR AGREEMENTS:** This Agreement incorporates all prior agreements and understandings between Client and Attorney.
5. **ATTORNEY AND CLIENT RESPONSIBILITIES:**
 - a) Attorney is a member of the Florida Bar and agrees to use due diligence in furthering Client's and/or Beneficiary's best interests under the laws. However, **Attorney makes no guarantee of the outcome of the case.** Client agrees that the fees charged are related to the time, effort, and skill that Attorney will apply to the above described matters and does not depend upon achieving a particular result.
 - b) Client acknowledges that there are circumstances over which Attorney has no control and which may affect the case. This includes (but is not limited to) changes in the law and personnel, changes in policies, world events, backlogs, etc. In such a situation, Client acknowledges that any delay or losses of a potential benefit for reasons stated in this subsection are not due to any fault of Attorney.

c) Client also understands that Attorney will undertake representation in accordance with the information provided by Client and will not be liable for any misrepresentations made by client. Client is also responsible for providing Attorney with court documents; tax returns; identification/vital statistic documents and any other evidence necessary for Attorney to properly represent Client. Client understands that it is not Attorney's responsibility to obtain any of the above items. If Client requests assistance for obtaining evidence or documents related to his/her case, Attorney may provide these for an additional fee separate from this Attorney-Client Agreement.

d) In addition to the aforementioned, Client is responsible for attending all scheduled appointments and hearings; and informing Attorney of any future changes in contact information or developments that can affect his/her case. Client also agrees to contact Attorney at the email address, fax number and telephone number listed on Attorney's business stationery, business cards, website and any other promotional materials with any updates or questions about this matter at reasonable intervals.

6. **EFFECTIVE DATE**: This Agreement shall become effective upon Attorney's receipt of the retainer fee as listed in Paragraph 2 above.
7. **DISCHARGE OF ATTORNEY**: Client reserves the right to discharge Attorney at any time. If Client discharges attorney, Client agrees to compensate him for his services rendered through the date of discharge at an hourly rate of \$250.00, as well as reimburse him for the costs expended in handling my case.
8. **WITHDRAWAL OF ATTORNEY**: Client recognizes and acknowledges that the attorney has the right to investigate the matter and may withdraw from the case if he feels that client's claim is fraudulent or frivolous, client fails to follow attorney's advice, non-payment of legal fees or for other good cause.
9. **MODIFICATIONS**: Any modification of the Agreement must be in writing and may be stated below:

10. **ASYLUM CLOCK**: If client is being represented in a political asylum, withholding, or relief under the convention against torture claim; client acknowledges that he he/she is subject to the rules of the asylum clock under applicable law. Client understands that the asylum clock may be stopped if client does not take the next available hearing date offered by the Judge, requests a

continuance or change of venue, misses a court date, interview/fingerprint appointment date, or if his/her claim is denied. Client is aware that the clock may be permanently stopped in these situations and that this will have an effect on eligibility for work authorization.

11. **FINGERPRINTS**: Client has been informed that when an application with USCIS or the court is filed, a fingerprint appointment may be scheduled. Client understands that failure to attend **any** appointment within the time established by the Immigration Court or USCIS may result in the application being deemed abandoned, unless the applicant demonstrates that such failure was the result of good cause or requests a rescheduled date.
12. **LIMITS OF REPRESENTATION**: Client understands that Attorney’s representation is limited to what is stated as the “Scope and Duties” in paragraph 1.
 - a) Any additional services beyond what is stated as the “Scope and Duties” in paragraph 1 may incur additional charges as agreed upon between Attorney and Client. Such additional work **may consist of but are not limited to** motions to reopen/reconsider, FOIA applications, responses to requests for evidence, subsequent immigration applications; and related court, infopass and interview appearances when necessary. A new Attorney-Client Agreement may also be necessary for such additional services.
 - b) In the event that Attorney is retained to appear before the Immigration Court, Board of Immigration of Appeals of any other court jurisdiction as specified in the “Scope and Duties” in Paragraph 1, this Attorney-Client Agreement is limited to the hearings and filings necessary to allow representation as described in Paragraph 1. Any additional services beyond what is stated in Paragraph 1 may incur additional charges as agreed upon between Attorney and Client. Such additional work **may consist of but are not limited to** appeals, bond hearings, motions to reopen/reconsider, work permit applications and additional forms of relief. A new Attorney-Client Agreement may also be necessary for such additional services.
13. **STATEMENT OF CLIENT UNDERSTANDING**: The undersigned Client has, before signing this contract, read the preceding paragraphs, and understands each of the rights set forth therein. The undersigned Client has signed the statement and received a signed copy for reference while being represented by the undersigned attorney. Client also acknowledges signing any G-28 forms necessary to allow Attorney representation.

Client: _____ Date: _____
Attorney: _____ Date: _____