

FAX, EMAIL, OR MAIL FORM TO OFFICE. CLIENT SIGNATURE ON PAGE 2 IS REQUIRED.

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TRAFFIC INFRACTION CLIENT INFORMATION

Full Name: _____

Birth date: _____ / _____ / _____

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone Number: (____) _____

Fax Number: (____) _____

Email address: _____

Do you have an intermediate driver's license? Yes No
Do you have a commercial driver's license? Yes No
Are you on probation or subject to court conditions for any matter? Yes No

Provide a copy of the infraction or fill in the information below as best you can:

Court: _____ Hearing Date: _____

Date of Violation: _____ Case Number: _____

Send the notice of infraction you received from the officer directly to the court (not me) within 15 days of the stop. Request a contested hearing (third box). Send me this infraction agreement. I don't need a copy of the notice of infraction.

PAYMENT

Call my office to determine the fee. Checks, money orders, and cash are accepted. Provide the following information if paying by credit card:

Fee Stated by Office: \$_____

Credit Card Number: _____

Expiration Date: _____ Three-Digit Security Code on Back: _____

Name on Card: _____

Billing Address for Card: _____

TERMS OF SERVICE

CLIENT REQUESTS A CONTESTED HEARING IMMEDIATELY. Client is required to return the Notice of Infraction directly to the court by the deadline stated on the ticket. Request a CONTESTED HEARING. If Client fails to timely request a contested hearing, Attorney may decline the case.

PAYMENT IS A FLAT FEE. The fee collected for representation in a traffic infraction case is a flat attorney fee that covers the legal work required to represent Client at a traffic infraction contested hearing in district or municipal court. This agreement does not retain Attorney for appeals, reviews, revocations, Department of Licensing hearings, personal injury actions, or any other matter. Additional services require a separate written representation agreement. The flat fee does not cover any fines, court costs, or settlement costs that may be imposed.

Upon receipt of all or any portion of the flat fee, the funds are the property of Attorney and will not be placed in a trust account. The fact that Client has paid a flat fee in advance does not affect either Attorney's or Client's right to terminate the attorney-client relationship. In the event the attorney-client relationship is terminated before the agreed-upon legal services have been completed, Client may, or may not, have a right to a refund of a portion of the fee.

CLIENT GRANTS ATTORNEY FULL POWER OF ATTORNEY & CLIENT IS NOT REQUIRED TO APPEAR IN COURT. The law permits Attorney to appear at traffic infraction hearings on Client's behalf. Client is not legally required to be present unless formally subpoenaed. Ordinary hearing notices are not formal subpoenas. Because clients have generally preferred not to come to court, Attorney will expect to appear without Client. At some hearings, an associating attorney will appear at Attorney's direction. If Client wishes to appear personally in court, Client must inform Attorney in advance of Client's intent to appear at the hearing.

If Client chooses not to be present, Client is authorizing Attorney to make a judgment about the strengths and weaknesses of the case. Client grants Attorney full authority to contest, mitigate, defer, settle, waive speedy trial, and to otherwise litigate and resolve the case. Cases may be dismissed, found not committed, found committed, amended to a different charge, deferred, or resolved with negotiated terms. Terms of settlements may include Client's obligation to pay additional money to the court, maintenance of a period of good behavior, and to take traffic classes. Because roughly 40 jurisdictions prosecute infractions in this area, results will vary. The resolution of the case will reflect the legal issues involved, the officer's testimony, the nature of the prosecutor, and the nature of the judge. In prosecuted cases, it is much more likely that client will be required to pay additional costs to the court because of the necessity of making settlements to get beneficial results. A specific result cannot be guaranteed in the practice of law.

SUSPENSIONS. If Client has received a DOL suspension notice and the deadline nears, Client agrees to either cease driving or pay the sum demanded to avoid the suspension. Attorney will still litigate and resolve the underlying infraction.

HEARING RESULTS ARE MAILED OR EMAILED TO CLIENT. If Client does not attend the hearing, Attorney will mail or email the result of the hearing. Client agrees to keep track of the hearing date and CALL WITHIN FIVE DAYS of the hearing if no letter or email is received because payment or appeal deadlines may apply.

ACKNOWLEDGED AND AGREED:

DATED: _____

Client Signature: _____