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**CONSENT TO RESOLVE FEE DISPUTE BY ARBITRATION PURSUANT TO PART 137.2(b) OF THE RULES OF THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATOR**

*[The language below may be incorporated into a retainer agreement between the parties]*

The parties to this agreement, \_\_\_\_\_ (“Client”), and \_\_\_\_\_, Esq. (“Attorney”), agree that in the event a dispute should arise as to the attorney’s fee for legal services, they will resolve the fee dispute by arbitration pursuant to part 137 of the Rules of the Chief Administrator of the Courts (22 NYCRR), which provides for binding arbitration unless either party rejects the arbitration award by commencing an action on the merits of the fee dispute in a court of law (trial *de novo*) within 30 days after the arbitrator’s decision has been mailed.

By signing this agreement, attorney and client indicate that they have received and read the official written instructions, rules and procedures for both Part 137 and the Onondaga County Bar Association (“OCBA”) Attorney-Client Fee Dispute Resolution Program (“Local Program”). Attorney and Client understand that they are not required to sign this agreement. Client understands that, in the absence of this agreement, (s)he would have the right to choose whether or not to participate in this program. This agreement does not foreclose the parties’ attempting to resolve this fee dispute at any time through voluntary mediation.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
, Attorney

(Please print name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
, Client

(Please print name)