



**RHODE
ISLAND
BAR
ASSOCIATION**

RHODE ISLAND BAR ASSOCIATION PROCEDURE FOR ARBITRATION OF FEE DISPUTES

Attached are three documents needed to begin the Fee Arbitration process. These documents are:

1. Arbitration of Fee Disputes Agreement
2. Arbitration of Fee Disputes Petition
3. The Rhode Island Bar Association Rules Concerning Fee Arbitrations.

The Arbitration of Fee Disputes Agreement and Petition are to be filled out by you and returned to this office (you are the “Petitioner” and the attorney is the “Respondent”). We will then forward them to the attorney for his/her signature.

The Rules are enclosed for your information. Please read the rules carefully before returning the Agreement and Petition.

The petitioner must submit the forms to the Association. We will contact the Respondent directly. If both parties agree to arbitrate (by signing and returning the Agreement), we will forward it and the Petition to a Fee Dispute Panel.

If the amount in dispute is more than \$1,500 a three-member panel of attorneys will arbitrate. If the amount in dispute is \$1,500 or less a single arbitrator will make the determination. No disputes under \$1,000 will be considered.

Please complete and sign the attached Agreement and Petition and return them to our office if you wish to begin the fee arbitration process.

If you have any questions, please contact our office at 421-5740.

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**BEFORE THE FEE ARBITRATION COMMITTEE
OF THE RHODE ISLAND BAR ASSOCIATION**

IN THE MATTER OF THE ARBITRATION)
BETWEEN)
)
)
_____)
) Petitioner)
and)
)
)
_____)
) Respondent)

PETITION FOR ARBITRATION

TO THE RHODE ISLAND BAR ASSOCIATION:

I, _____ whose address is

phone no.: _____, hereby request arbitration of the fee dispute between
myself and _____ whose address
is _____

The amount in dispute is \$ _____

I request that the hearing be held before three arbitrators. (NOTE: This request may be made only when the amount in controversy exceeds \$1,500. If the amount in controversy exceeds \$1,500, but you are willing to proceed before one arbitrator only, on written submission only, you may cross out this sentence.)

A brief statement of the facts giving rise to the dispute is as follows:

(An additional page may be attached if more space is needed. Copies of any agreement, correspondence, receipts, etc. may also be attached.)

I have received and read the Rules of the Fee Arbitration Committee of the Rhode Island Bar Association and I have signed the Agreement to Submit Controversy to Arbitration.

Date

Signature of Petitioner

BEFORE THE FEE ARBITRATION COMMITTEE OF THE RHODE ISLAND BAR ASSOCIATION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ARBITRATION)
BETWEEN)
)
_____)
) Petitioner)
and)
)
_____)
) Respondent)

AGREEMENT TO SUBMIT
CONTROVERSY TO
ARBITRATION

The undersigned hereby agree to submit to arbitration under the Rules of the Fee Arbitration Committee of the Rhode Island Bar Association on certain controversy between us concerning fees and costs, if any.

1. The arbitration shall be held in accordance with the Rules of the Fee Arbitration Committee of the Rhode Island Bar Association, a copy of which has been received and read by each of the undersigned.
2. Any arbitration award rendered pursuant to this Agreement shall be final and binding upon the parties and may be confirmed and enforced by any court of competent jurisdiction.

Date

Petitioner

Date

Respondent