

FINANCIAL INVESTIGATION RETAINER AGREEMENT

This Financial Investigation Retainer Agreement (the "Agreement") is entered into and made effective as of _____, by and between:

Forensic Accountant: _____, with a principal place of business at _____ (hereinafter referred to as the "Consultant"),

And

Client: _____, residing at or with a principal place of business at _____ (hereinafter referred to as the "Client").

1. SCOPE OF SERVICES

The Client hereby retains the Consultant to perform professional forensic accounting and financial investigation services, which may include, but are not limited to:

1. Analysis of financial records, bank statements, tax returns, and corporate transactions.
2. Tracing of funds, assets, and identifying potential financial discrepancies or irregularities.
3. Preparation of forensic reports, summaries, and exhibits detailing findings.
4. Provision of litigation support and expert witness testimony, if required and mutually agreed upon.
5. Other related financial investigation procedures as mutually directed and agreed upon in writing.

2. RETAINER AND COMPENSATION

As consideration for the services to be rendered, the Client agrees to the following financial terms:

1. **Retainer Fee:** The Client shall pay to the Consultant an initial, non-refundable retainer fee of \$_____ upon execution of this Agreement. This retainer shall be applied against services rendered and expenses incurred.
2. **Hourly Rate:** Services shall be billed at the rate of \$_____ per hour for the primary investigator, and \$_____ per hour for support personnel.
3. **Replenishment:** If the initial retainer falls below \$_____, the Client agrees to replenish the retainer within _____ days of notification.

3. CLIENT COOPERATION AND INFORMATION

The Client agrees to provide the Consultant with timely, accurate, and complete access to all financial records, documents, accounts, and information necessary for the completion of the investigation. The Consultant is entitled to rely on the accuracy and completeness of all information provided by the Client and third parties without independent verification, unless specifically contracted to do so.

4. CONFIDENTIALITY

The Consultant agrees to maintain the strict confidentiality of all proprietary, sensitive, and personal financial information acquired during the course of the investigation, and shall not disclose such information to any third party except as required by law, court order, or as authorized in writing by the Client.

5. TERM AND TERMINATION

This Agreement shall commence on the date first written above and shall continue until the services are completed, unless terminated earlier by either party. Either party may terminate this Agreement upon _____ days written notice to the other party. Upon termination, the Client shall pay the Consultant for all services rendered and expenses incurred up to the date of termination.

6. GOVERNING LAW

This Agreement shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State/Jurisdiction of _____, without regard to its conflict of law principles.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Financial Investigation Retainer Agreement as of the date first written above.

CONSULTANT:

CLIENT:

Signature

Signature

Printed Name

Printed Name

Title

Title (if applicable)

Date

Date