

ZHANG & ASSOCIATES, P.C.
U.S. IMMIGRATION ATTORNEYS & COUNSELORS

ATTORNEY-CLIENT AGREEMENT

This ATTORNEY-CLIENT AGREEMENT ("Agreement") is entered into by and between _____ (Client) and ZHANG & ASSOCIATES, P.C. (Attorney).

1. **SCOPE AND DUTIES:** Client retains Attorney to provide legal services in connection with the filing of an original immigration petition under the employment-based 1st Preference of Outstanding Researcher/Professor (I-140), and an original immigration petition under the employment-based 2nd preference with a request for National Interest Waiver (I-140) ONLY. This Agreement does not obligate Attorney to provide services in connection with any appeal to any administrative board or any judicial courts.
2. **GUARANTEE OF PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCE:** Attorney agrees to use due diligence in furthering Client's best interests under the laws. Attorney is liable to Client for Attorney's negligence or incompetence. However, Attorney makes no guarantee of the outcome of the case.
3. **LEGAL FEES:** The legal fees shall be paid as follows: Upon the execution of the Agreement, Client shall pay Three Thousand and Five Hundred Dollars (\$3,500.00) flat attorney fees to Attorney as initial fee. If either one of the two immigration petitions (I-140) is approved directly by the USCIS, Client must immediately pay approval fee of Three Thousand and Five Hundred Dollars (\$3,500.00) to Attorney. These cover all legal fees and costs Attorney may have in connection with the original petition for Client, except as is otherwise provided herein.

If the USCIS makes a request for additional evidence (RFE) and Client decides to continue to use Attorney's service for responding to that request, Client must pay a non-refundable Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) in advance to cover the attorneys' fees and other costs before Attorney will be required to do any work on the request for additional evidence by the USCIS. If the petition (I-140) is eventually approved by the USCIS after RFE response, Client must immediately pay the remaining balance of Three Thousand and Five Hundred Dollars (\$3,500.00). The \$500 RFE response fee for each case is extra service fee, beyond the balance as provided above.

4. **COSTS AND EXPENSES:** Attorney is authorized to incur reasonable costs and expenses in express mails to expedite the preparation of the I-140 petition, for which Client shall be responsible and payable to Attorney upon receipt of invoices from Attorney.
5. **WITHDRAWAL AND TERMINATION:**

- a. In situations where the case is terminated before the immigrant petition is submitted to the USCIS, the firm will charge a flat administration cost of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500), in addition to Two Hundred Dollars (\$200) for each consultation via email or phone, and Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars per hour (\$250/hour) for other services. Each letter revised will be charged as at least one hour of work.
 - b. If Client withdraws the immigrant petition from the USCIS or withdraws Attorney's representation at any time after Attorney has submitted the same to the USCIS, Attorney's representation on this matter is complete, and Client must immediately, without demand, pay Attorney the remaining balance due of Three Thousand and Five Hundred Dollars (\$3,500.00).
6. **MODIFICATIONS:** Any modification of the Agreement must be in writing and signed by Client and Attorney.
 7. **PRIOR AGREEMENTS:** This Agreement incorporates all prior agreements and understandings between Client and Attorney.
 8. **EFFECTIVE DATE:** This Agreement shall become effective when both Attorney and Client sign it and upon Attorney's receipt of the fees as listed in clause 3 above.
 9. **GOVERNING LAW AND JURISDICTION:** This Agreement shall be governed and construed under the laws of the State of Texas. Client consents to the jurisdiction of the State of Texas and the venue of Harris County, Texas for any litigation regarding this Agreement.
 10. **FILING FEES:** Client agrees to pay all government filing fees to Zhang & Associates, P.C. at the time of filing, including, but not limited to:
I-140 petition: \$700.00/application.
We usually do not accept filing fee payments via credit card except in extreme situations.

NOTE: All USCIS fees are subject to change without notice.

Client acknowledges that Client has fully read and understood Agreement. By signing Agreement, Client hereby agrees to the terms and conditions set forth herein.

Client Contact Information

Client Name: _____

Client Day Time Phone Number: _____

Client Home Phone Number: _____

Client Email Address: _____

Client Alternative Email Address: _____

Client Signature: _____ Date: _____

Attorney Signature: _____ Date: _____

Credit Card Payment

For credit card payment form for attorney fee [click here](#).

Mail-in Payment

Please kindly make your check payable to Zhang & Associates, P.C., and mail it with a copy of the signed agreement to:

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Houston, TX 77036