

ATTORNEY-CLIENT AGREEMENT

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

1. **SCOPE AND DUTIES:** Client retains Attorney to provide legal services in connection with the filing of an application for change of status from J-1 to F-1 (I-539). Client represents to Attorney that he/she is not subject to the two-year home country residence requirement under his/her J-1 status. Attorney will be responsible for preparing and submission of I-539 forms. This Agreement does not obligate Attorney to provide services in connection with any appeal to any administrative board or any judicial court or any interview to USCIS' local office.
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:** Client agrees to pay Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) for legal services. The legal fees shall be paid as follows: Upon the execution of the Agreement, Client must pay non-refundable One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) to Attorney as initial fee. Once the I-539 petition is approved by the USCIS, Client must immediately pay the remaining One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) to Attorney. These cover all legal fees and costs Attorney may have in connection with this representation for Client, except as is otherwise provided herein.
4. **COSTS AND EXPENSES:** Attorney is authorized to incur reasonable costs and expenses in express mails to expedite the preparation of the F-1 petition, for which Client shall be responsible and payable to Attorney upon receipt of invoices from Attorney.
5. **WITHDRAWAL AND TERMINATION:** If Client withdraws the I-539 application 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 One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00).
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:** In addition to attorney's fees, Client agrees to pay all government filing fees to Zhang & Attorneys, L.P. at the time of filing.
I-539 application: \$290.00.
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: _____

Contacted Attorney 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 & Attorneys, L.P., and mail it with a copy of the signed agreement to:

Zhang & Attorneys, L.P.
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