

**ATTORNEY REPLY TO PETITION FOR ARBITRATION OF FEE DISPUTES  
BY THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION  
ATTORNEY CLIENT MEDIATION AND ARBITRATION SERVICES**

**PETITIONER:** Taylor Client

and

**CASE NO.:** M-999-21-JB

**RESPONDENT:** Alex Lawyer, Esq. | Law Offices of Alex Lawyer, LLC

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This is a **MANDATORY ARBITRATION** (legal services performed after 12/31/78) proceeding under authority of section 6200 et seq. of the Business and Professions Code.

ACMAS Rules for Conduct of Mandatory Arbitration of Fee Disputes will govern the arbitration. Pursuant to Rule 28, and at the discretion of the sole arbitrator, or the panel by majority vote, all LACBA arbitration hearings may take place in face to face sessions, by online videoconferencing, or by telephone.

**MARK THE APPROPRIATE BOX(ES) BELOW:**

- I may want to submit to fee mediation, but I need more information.
  - I agree to submit my dispute to fee mediation under the Mediation of Fee Disputes program rules.
  - I agree to binding arbitration and will be present at the hearing and/or agree to submit additional information.
  - I agree to binding arbitration, but will not be present at the hearing or submit additional information.
  - I decline binding arbitration, but will be present at the hearing and/or agree to submit additional information.
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**ATTORNEY'S REPLY AND STATEMENT OF FACTS:**

Use additional sheets as necessary. **Please indicate whether you had an oral or written fee agreement with the client.**

I entered into a written fee agreement with Client.

I am requesting that Client be required to pay me Fourteen Thousand Four Hundred Twenty Dollars Fifty Cents (\$14,420.50), which represents the outstanding balance of the fees and costs incurred in connection with my representation of Client. Client's dissolution of marriage was anything but basic, but rather was incredibly complex and terribly acrimonious, which led to additional pleadings, appearances and time expended in representing Client's interests and those of the small children of the marriage. In addition, Client was sent monthly billing statements and by signing a Declaration in May, was aware of the costs associated with my representation.

Please be aware the sole arbitrator or panel may decline to determine any issues not set forth in the Response (Rule 16). This includes a demand for additional fees not placed in the pleadings. If you plan to request an award for additional fees and/or costs different from what has been set forth in the paperwork previously submitted to staff pursuant to this matter, you are advised that you should discuss with arbitration staff the proper filing fees that may be required.

Pursuant to the ACMAS Rules for Conduct of Mandatory Arbitration of Fee Disputes, notices may be served electronically to the email addresses of record. You must ensure that your email client accepts service from arbitration staff using lacba.org and your assigned solo arbitrator, arbitration panel chair, or mediator, and are responsible for frequently checking your junk or spam mail for all notices. **IF YOU DO NOT CONSENT TO SERVICE OF DOCUMENTS ELECTRONICALLY, CHECK HERE:**

By checking this box, I understand and agree that should the hearing exceed four hours, compensation of each arbitrator(s) at the rate of \$175 per hour shall be shared equally by the parties (Rule 42 (a)).

I understand that arbitration will be conducted by the Los Angeles County Bar Association's Attorney Client Mediation and Arbitration Services (ACMAS) in accordance to the ACMAS Committee's Rules for Conduct of Mandatory Arbitration of Fee Disputes Pursuant to Business and Professions Code 6200 et. seq.

Alex Lawyer, Esq.  
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SIGNATURE

July 30, 2021  
DATE

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