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## **Engagement Letter for Preparation & Execution of Simple Will**

Dear Prospective Client:

A simple will is one that lacks any trust provisions or other complicated estate planning devices. It is designed to simply and effectively dispose of your property in accordance with your wishes upon your death.

Simple wills are important to have for a variety of reasons. They nominate the person you would like to serve as executor of your estate upon your passing. They also nominate a guardian for any minor children. They also can effectively dispose of your property in the manner that you wish, which may be different than existing law would provide if you die without a will. Simple wills also ensure that your burial wishes are clearly articulated and explained to your personal representative and can serve as a helpful springboard for you to further organize your financial affairs. This process helps ensure that you are aware of all of your Beneficiary Designations on those assets that pass outside your will, and can help ease the burden on your personal representative.

I charge a flat fee of \$300.00, plus sales tax, to draft and oversee the execution of a simple will. My flat fee includes the following:

- 1) Drafting and revision of your simple will;
- 2) Overseeing the effective execution of your will;
- 3) Two durable powers of attorney;
- 4) Heavy cotton stationery;
- 5) Will appendix permitting changes / additions to your will upon acquiring or disposing of personal property;
- 6) Heavy will cover;

If you and your spouse both seek wills, you will each need to fill out a will questionnaire. I charge a flat fee of \$600.00, plus tax, for execution of wills for spouses or partners. Please be advised that joint representation can lead to conflicts of interest that may require my withdrawal from representation. Before drafting wills for spouses or partners, I ask each person

to sign a waiver of confidentiality and ask for your consent to the joint representation with the understanding that I will not keep secrets from anyone. I will need to share information openly with the other spouse or partner in order to effectuate your testamentary wishes. There is a place to give this on the Will Questionnaire form available on my website.

If you wish to hire me to draft your will(s), please fill out the Will Questionnaire, available on my website, and submit it to my office with any additional explanations you feel are required to clearly inform me as to your wishes. My assistant will notify you of our receipt of the questionnaire. Please understand that we do not have an attorney-client relationship until my assistant has confirmed receipt of your will questionnaire. Upon confirmation of receipt, we will set to work drafting your will(s).

My schedule is sometimes quite busy, and may result in delays in getting a draft to you following receipt of your will questionnaire. I estimate that I can get you a draft within 30-days. If you are going on a trip or wish to finalize your will sooner, please call to notify us of your concerns and to see if I can accommodate your schedule. I will then get a draft to you for your review and approval. After making any necessary revisions, we will schedule a will execution ceremony. Alaska law allows witnesses to the signing of your will to be interested parties (beneficiaries); but it is preferable to have disinterested parties witness the signing of your will. I look forward to working with you.

Very truly yours,

/s/

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