

**PLACER COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
NOTICE OF CLIENT'S RIGHT TO ARBITRATE**

CLIENT'S NAME

CLIENT'S ADDRESS

_____ I have filed a lawsuit against you in the _____.
_____ I have filed arbitration proceeding against you with the _____.
_____ I intend to file a lawsuit or arbitration against you regarding your failure to pay my fees and/or costs for professional services in the amount of \$_____ charged to you in the matter of
In Re _____.

As an alternative to the above, you may have the right under Sections 6200-6206 of the California Business and Professions Code to request arbitration of this fee dispute by an independent, impartial arbitrator or panel of arbitrators through a bar association program created solely to resolve fee disputes between lawyers and clients.

You will LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO FEE ARBITRATION UNDER THIS PROGRAM if:

1. YOU DO NOT FILE A WRITTEN APPLICATION FOR ARBITRATION WITH THE BAR ASSOCIATION WITHIN 30 DAYS FROM RECEIPT OF THIS NOTICE; OR
2. YOU RECEIVE THIS NOTICE AND THEN EITHER (A) ANSWER A COMPLAINT I HAVE FILED IN COURT OR (B) FILE A RESPONSE TO ANY ARBITRATION PROCEEDING THAT I HAVE INITIATED FOR COLLECTION OF FEES, AND/OR COSTS, WITHOUT FIRST HAVING SERVED AND FILED A REQUEST FOR ARBITRATION UNDER THIS PROGRAM; OR
3. YOU FILE AN ACTION OR PLEADING IN ANY LAWSUIT WHICH SEEKS A COURT DECISION OF THIS DISPUTE OR WHICH SEEKS DAMAGES FOR ANY ALLEGED MALPRACTICE OF PROFESSIONAL MISCONDUCT.

If I have already filed a lawsuit or arbitration, you may have the lawsuit or arbitration postponed after you have filed an application for arbitration under this program. You can obtain a form to request arbitration from the local bar association if they have an approved fee arbitration program. The address of the arbitration program is:

F. Patrick Keegan, Chair
Placer County Bar Association
Fee Arbitration Committee
2130 Professional Drive, Suite 230
Roseville, CA 95661

The State Bar of California will conduct fee arbitration where there is no approved local program or if you believe you cannot receive a fair hearing before the local bar named above. If you need assistance, please contact: Mandatory Fee Arbitration, State Bar of California, 180 Howard Street, San Francisco, CA 94105-1639, (415) 538-2020.

Dated _____

ATTORNEY