

**ATTORNEY'S REQUEST FOR FEE ARBITRATION**

Mail this form and filing fee to:

Fee Arbitration Committee Chair  
Tulare County Bar Association  
Post Office Box 1711  
Visalia, CA 93279-1711

1. **Client's Name** \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_  
County \_\_\_\_\_
2. **Attorney's Name** \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_  
County \_\_\_\_\_
3. Have you filed a lawsuit against the client to collect the fees?  
 Yes (*If so, please attach a copy of the Complaint*)  
 No
4. If you have filed a lawsuit, has the client answered it?  
 Yes (*If so, please attach a copy of the Answer*)  
 No
5. Do you have a written fee agreement with the client?  
 Yes (*If so, please attach a copy of the Fee Agreement*)  
 No



11. Filing fees (*only applicable if you are the party requesting fee arbitration*):

- \$50.00 for disputes up to \$1,000.00
- \$100.00 for disputes up to \$5,000.00
- \$150.00 for disputes up to \$15,000.00
- \$250.00 for disputes up to \$25,000.00
- \$500.00 for disputes over \$25,000.00

Enter amount of filing fee enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

12. If the fee dispute is less than \$25,000.00, it is heard by one (1) arbitrator. If it is more than \$25,000.00, the dispute is heard by three (3) arbitrators. However, if both you and the client agree, you can have the dispute heard by one (1) arbitrator.

Do you agree to one (1) arbitrator?

- Yes
- No

13. Unless both you and the client agree **in writing** to **BINDING ARBITRATION**, this arbitration is **NON-BINDING**. This means either of you has the right to ask for a new trial in a civil court within 30 days from the date the award is mailed to you. If neither of you asks for a new trial in 30 days, the award automatically comes final and binding.

14. **May a client be compelled to arbitration?** A client **may not** be compelled to arbitrate any fee dispute with his or her attorney. In the event that any attorney requests arbitration of a fee dispute with his or her client, the arbitration committee shall obtain jurisdiction only if the client executes an agreement to arbitrate.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that my statements on this request and any attachments are true and correct.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Attorney's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

*If you have any questions regarding this form, please email the Tulare County Bar Association at [tularecobar@gmail.com](mailto:tularecobar@gmail.com) or leave a detailed message at (559) 697-5503.*