

7. Avoid communication with opposing parties about the Legal Problem and all communication with opposing counsel without prior consultation with the Lawyer.

AS THE LAWYER, I PROMISE TO DO THE FOLLOWING:

1. Continue my representation of the Client until the goals or procedures are accomplished or until I am permitted to terminate the representation as set out below;
2. Keep the Client informed of what is being done in the Legal Problem and to consult with the Client before any significant decision is made on his/her behalf; and
3. Not charge the Client any lawyer fees for service and representation in the Legal Problem, although the Client will be responsible for paying my disbursements, court fees and fees for obtaining documents as they become due, unless those fees can be waived or covered otherwise.

TERMINATION OF REPRESENTATION:

1. The Client is free to end the Lawyer's representation of him/her for any reason, subject to court approval if required. The Program does not guarantee that another lawyer will be found to represent the Client.
2. The Lawyer may cease representing the Client if:
 - a. insufficient legal grounds exist to initiate or continue a court action or appeal, if further representation would be unreasonable, or if further representation would not advance the Client's objectives;
 - b. the Client is no longer financially eligible for representation through the Program;
 - c. the Client has failed to cooperate with the Lawyer, misrepresented or concealed facts concerning the Legal Problem, or failed to follow the Lawyer's reasonable advice;
 - d. the Client has failed to pay all disbursements, court fees or fees for obtaining necessary documents that have not been waived by the Lawyer or covered otherwise;
 - e. the Client has refused to obey a court order; or
 - f. it is otherwise allowed by British Columbia law, the rules of the Law Society of British Columbia or the rules of court.

COMPLAINTS PROCESS:

The Client is entitled to use the Client Complaint Process received with his/her initial Program acceptance package for any complaint regarding the services provided by the Lawyer or the Program.

The Client will receive a copy of this Agreement.

By signing this Agreement, we certify that we have received, read, understood and agreed to all the terms in this Agreement.

Signature of the Client

Date

Signature of the Lawyer

Date

cc: Pro Bono Law of BC
Program Coordinator, _____ Program