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Dual Representation Supplement – Public Charge Simplified

This contract is provided to you to clarify our dual representation of both the Petitioner and the Applicant with respect to applying for U.S. immigration benefits via an immediate relative petition and adjustment of status application. We are providing this letter because applicable ethics rules prohibit lawyers from engaging in representation of clients who have potentially adverse interests without the clients' prior written consent. We also want to reduce the likelihood that there might be a misunderstanding about the significance of our representation and the effect it may have on the ongoing relationship between the Petitioner and the Applicant.

There is a possibility that our dual representation may involve a conflict of your interests that would prevent us from adequately representing both of you. Although such a conflict may arise, we do not presently anticipate that it will, and we are willing to represent you both because it appears that we can do so to your mutual advantage.

However, if either of you is at all concerned about our law firm's joint representation of the Petitioner and the Applicant, you should let the Firm know *immediately* before we have any further discussions. Of course, you may raise concerns at any time in the future as well, but it is *much* easier for you to raise them now, so that the Firm can determine whether we can competently represent you both at the same time.

Also, before signing this contract, each of you must understand that the information you provide to the Firm for this matter will be kept confidential with respect to others, but we may share such information between you or your representatives. Therefore, you should not provide the Firm with any information you are not willing to share with each other. Finally, you should know that the joint representation contemplated by this contract is not the only option for representation. For example, each of you could hire separate immigration counsel.

Procedurally, if a conflict between the two of you does happen to arise which is of such a nature that our law firm believes that we can no longer adequately carry out our obligations to both of you, we will withdraw from further representation of both of you at that time and will advise both of you to obtain independent counsel.

With a full understanding of the right that each of you has to independent counsel, and the advantages that such counsel would provide, each of you has asked us to represent you in connection with an immediate relative petition and adjustment of status application.

You have each agreed that there will be complete and full disclosure and exchange of all information that we receive from either or both of you in the course of our representation of you. That agreement applies regardless of whether we obtain such information in conferences with both of you or in private conferences with only one of you, including conferences that may have taken place before the date of this contract. This agreement has been incorporated by reference in the Legal Services Agreement – Public Charge Simplified.