



Attorney's Reply to Client's Request for Arbitration

Client

Attorney

Send this form to:

Santa Monica Bar Association
Mandatory Fee Arbitration
2309 Santa Monica Blvd., #529
Santa Monica, CA 90404
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If the fee dispute is for less than \$10,000, it is heard by one (1) arbitrator. If it is for \$10,000 or more, it is heard by three (3) arbitrators, one who shall be a non-lawyer. If both you and the client agree, you can have the dispute heard by one (1) arbitrator even if the dispute is for \$10,000 or more.

Do you agree to one arbitrator? Yes No

Unless both you and the client agree in writing to **BINDING ARBITRATION**, this arbitration is **NON-BINDING**. This means that if you or the client are not satisfied with the award, 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 ask for a new trial in 30 days, the award **automatically becomes final and binding**.

If you and the client both agree in writing to make the arbitration **BINDING**, a new trial **MAY NOT BE REQUESTED** and the award **will immediately become final and binding on both of you**.

Do you agree to binding arbitration? Yes No

This program provides a Mediation Service to resolve this matter. **You are entitled to up to four hours of mediation time for no additional fees.** If the matter does not resolve, or partially resolves, it will proceed to arbitration. Please refer to the RULES FOR VOLUNTARY FEE MEDIATION.

Indicate your desire:

I would like to mediate this dispute.

I do not want to mediate this dispute.

Date _____

Attorney's Signature