

April 15, 2024

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RE: Engagement

Dear Joyce, Greg, Ruth, and Scott:

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I am writing to confirm the terms of Stacey L. Johnson, PLLC's representation of you in connection with the Alice L. Leonhardt Revocable Trust dated February 26, 2017. We appreciate the opportunity to work with you.

We will be providing you legal advice and counsel regarding your interests as beneficiaries of the Trust.

My current hourly rate is \$450. Certain tasks may be assigned to other attorneys or paralegals at hourly rates that currently range from \$95-\$450. Our rates may change periodically. We ordinarily bill monthly. We request that you review any billing statements promptly upon receipt to determine if you have any questions or comments. Our billing statements are due and payable upon receipt. We bill for all costs advanced for items such as filing fees, expert witness fees, and travel expenses. Bills will also include charges for other costs, such as document reproduction costs (outside vendor), and messenger charges. Any changes in these routine charges will be reflected in our monthly billing statements.

Our office requires an advanced fee of \$2,000 to begin work on this matter, which advanced fee we will bill against according to the terms herein. Any fees for additional services rendered beyond the initial scope will be subject to your prior approval and our hourly rates. We will bill monthly, and payment is due upon receipt. You may be asked to replenish the advance fee as needed. Any unused funds at the end of the representation will be refunded.

We are representing the four (4) of you in the same matter. At this time, such representation is permitted because there does not appear to be a conflict of interest between you. This may change and a conflict may arise at some later point in the representation. We will continue to evaluate the case and the existence of any possible conflicts of interest. Should a conflict arise, we will advise all affected clients and comply with the requirements of Ethical Rule 1.7, which may

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include withdrawal as counsel for all of you. In addition, all parties agree and provide their consent that we may disclose the case with one or all of you, together or apart, and that we will not keep information confidential between you while jointly representing you.

To help the environment and facilitate access to client files, I maintain client files in an electronically stored format only. Once the documents are scanned and stored electronically, **THE PAPER DOCUMENT WILL BE DESTROYED** unless I, in my sole discretion, decide otherwise. Original client documents (as opposed to photocopies, and documents transmitted electronically or via facsimile), will be returned upon request or if I decide I no longer need the original document. At the end of the representation, the firm will provide a complete electronic copy of your file if requested.

It is our goal to maintain a secure and confidential relationship with you. We follow industry best practices to maintain privacy and security. Everyone is exposed to the risk of cyberterrorism and criminals attempting to reach our private information. You understand, that based on our security considerations, methods, and practices, we may not receive email communication intended for us for a variety of reasons, including a perceived threat to our firm. You agree that you will communicate through another method if you do not receive a response to your email within seventy-two (72) hours from your transmission. You agree to tell us should you learn you are the victim of a cyberattack in any capacity. You agree and understand that cyber-terrorism is a risk in working with any business today and agree to hold our firm harmless from any potential breaches that may occur.

If by this fee agreement, I represent you as a fiduciary for a person, estate, or trust, I may have an obligation to disclose otherwise confidential or privileged information and communications if I learn you are acting in a manner that is not in the best interests of the person, estate, or trust.

If the client files a petition for appointment of a guardian and/or conservator and that petition is withdrawn or dismissed by the court for failure to prosecute, the client may be ordered to pay the following fees and costs: court investigator; accountant; other attorneys; and/or the court-appointed guardian and/or conservator.

Please call if you have any questions. If the terms and conditions of the engagement are satisfactory, please sign and date below and return a copy of the completed engagement to me. We appreciate the opportunity to provide you with legal services and look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

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ACCEPTANCE

We have reviewed this letter and we agree to the terms and conditions of representation by Stacey L. Johnson, PLLC in the matter of The Alice L. Leonhardt Revocable Trust.

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