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## ATTORNEY-CLIENT AGREEMENT

This Attorney-Client Agreement (the “Agreement”) is by and between **Seven Hills Law Firm** and the **Hills Law Firm** (collectively, the “Attorney”) and **Eric Jones as Trustee of the Judy Brakebill Jones 2008 Revocable Trust** (the “Client”), and entered into by the Parties in accordance with the following terms:

1. **CONDITIONS.** This agreement will not take effect, and the Attorney will have no obligation to provide legal services until the Client returns a signed copy of this agreement and pays the initial deposit called for under Paragraph 5.
2. **SCOPE OF SERVICES.**
  - a. The Attorney will represent **Eric Jones in his capacity as Trustee of the Judy Brakebill Jones 2008 Revocable Trust in connection with a dispute involving his two sisters, Heidi and Gretchen, who are also Trust beneficiaries. The dispute involves the unauthorized possession or disposition of Trust assets,** and the Attorney’s services may include correspondence, negotiation, preparation of demand letters, review of relevant financial and legal documents, and initiating or responding to petitions or motions under the California Probate Code, including but not limited to a Heggstad Petition under Probate Code § 850. This representation is strictly limited to trust administration and enforcement matters and does not involve probate administration of the decedent’s estate.
  - b. The Attorney may also assist the Trustee in securing the return of Trust property, enforcing fiduciary rights, or seeking injunctive or other equitable relief where appropriate. This may include drafting pleadings, preparing exhibits, attending court appearances, and facilitating settlement discussions. It is understood that this list is not exhaustive and may include other related trust litigation or enforcement tasks necessary to protect the Trust’s assets and beneficiaries’ interests. Appeals, will contests, or unrelated estate planning matters are not included in this engagement and will require a separate agreement and fee arrangement.
3. **ATTORNEY’S DUTIES ATTORNEY’S DUTIES.** The Attorney agrees to perform all legal duties in accordance with California attorney professional standards and to adhere to the requirements set forth by the California Rules of Professional Conduct. Client understands that the Attorney has other pending matters and cannot respond to all of Client’s inquiries or questions, but the Attorney will keep the Client reasonably informed about the status of any pending matter and respond to all reasonable inquiries.

4. **CLIENT'S DUTIES.** The Client agrees to be truthful and cooperative, to keep the Attorney informed of material developments relating to the matter, to abide by this agreement, and to timely pay bills on time.
5. **LEGAL FEES AND BILLING PRACTICES.** Client agrees to pay the Attorney a retainer of **\$3,500**, which reflects the anticipated time to complete the first phase of the services outlined in Paragraph 2. **The fee will be paid half at signing and half in thirty (30) days.** If legal representation is terminated, any unearned fees will be promptly refunded to the Client. Should the services described in Paragraph 2 exceed the expected time, the Attorney will notify the Client of the need for an additional retainer, based on the Attorney's prevailing hourly rate of \$455. The Client agrees to pay the Attorney at this hourly rate for all time spent on legal and organizational matters. The Attorney bills in 6-minute increments (1/10 hour) and will not bill for more time than actually spent, except to round up to the nearest increment. When the remaining balance of the Client's retainer falls below \$1,000, the Attorney may request an additional deposit of \$3,500, which must be paid within 10 days of the request.
6. **COSTS AND OTHER CHARGES.** Attorney will not advance any mediation or litigation costs. Client will pay all costs and fees of the mediator and the mediator's service provider, if any. Client will deposit the necessary sum with the Attorney, payable to the Attorney's Trust Account, for purposes of paying an advance against mediator's fees.
7. **BILLING STATEMENTS.** The Attorney will provide the Client with accounting statements for fees and costs incurred upon written request. The Attorney will provide an accounting statement within a reasonable time of the written request, not to exceed 10 days.
8. **DISCHARGE AND WITHDRAWAL.** The Client may discharge the Attorney at any time. The Attorney may withdraw with the Client's consent or for good cause. Good cause includes a breach of this agreement, the Client's refusal to reasonably cooperate with the Attorney, or any circumstance that would render continuing legal representation unlawful, unethical, or unreasonably difficult to carry out effectively. In the event this client-attorney relationship is terminated, whether by discharge or withdrawal, all unpaid fees and charges will immediately become due and payable. the Attorney will release any client files or property in its possession to the Client.
9. **ENTIRE AGREEMENT.** This Agreement sets forth the entire agreement of the parties in connection with the services described in Paragraph 2, and supersedes any and all prior agreements, discussions, understandings, promises and expectations with respect to the subject matter thereof. This Agreement may be modified only by a written instrument signed by the Parties.
10. **CONTRACT EXECUTION IN PARTS.** This Agreement may be executed in any number of actual or electronic copies of counterparts and by each of the different Parties on several counterparts, each of which when so executed and delivered will be an original. The executed signature page(s) from each actual or electronic copy of a

counterpart may be joined together and attached and will constitute one and the same instrument. True photocopies of signatures shall be deemed as effective as original signatures. Except as to bona fide disputes over the authenticity of any signature, with respect to this Agreement, the Parties stipulate to the application of Evidence Code section 1550.

**11. DISCLAIMER OF GUARANTEE.** Nothing in this Agreement and nothing in Firm's statements to the Client will be construed as a promise or guarantee about the outcome of the matter. Attorney makes no such promises or guarantees. Attorney's comments about the outcome of the matter are expressions of opinion only, are neither promises nor guarantees, and will not be construed as promises or guarantees. Any deposits made by the Client, or estimate of fees given by any Attorney of the Firm, are not a representation of a flat fee and will not be a limitation on fees or a guarantee that fees and costs will not exceed the amount of the deposit or estimate. Actual fees may vary significantly from estimates given.

**12. ATTORNEY'S AUTHORITY.** In connection with the claims covered by this Agreement, the Client hereby give the Firm the power and authority to execute any and all claims, deposits, orders, and other papers that The Client could properly execute, and to receive on the Client's behalf any monies or other things of value to which the Client may be entitled because of any judgment recovered or any settlement received.

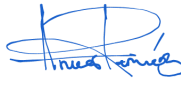
\_\_\_\_\_ (Eric Jones)

**13. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This agreement will take effect when both the Attorney and the Client sign this agreement.

We have read and understood the foregoing terms and agree to perform our respective duties in good faith.

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**Eric Jones as Trustee of  
the Judy Brakebill Jones  
2008 Revocable Trust**  
5634 Noel Drive  
Temple City, CA 91780

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**Date**

  
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**Anuar Ramirez-Medina**  
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11 / 22 / 2025  
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**Date**